



A NOTE FROM DIRECTOR CARNEY

November was a very busy month for Classes 311 & 312 and our staff! They've been hard at work and have made great strides as graduation approaches on December 15th. Please join us if you're able to! We have a full agenda for the upcoming Academy Council meeting on December 7th, and I will send out meeting details if you wish to attend virtually.

Many of you have corresponded with **Chris Bregar** over the years to secure seats in the Basic Academy, get information on your recruits and navigate all things ILEA. After 23 years of dedicated and remarkable service to ILEA and law enforcement agencies across Iowa, Chris will be retiring on December 29th. Chris has been hard at work getting everything ready for the January Basic Academy. Should you have any questions regarding future Basic Academies, please direct your questions to me or Sherry Poole.



ILEA Interim Study Committee - In accordance with Senate File 562, the study committee was tasked with the following:

- Review and evaluate minimum entrance requirements, the course of study, attendance requirements, and the sufficiency of current equipment and facilities.
- Review and evaluate minimum basic training requirements.
- Review and evaluate minimum standards of physical, mental, educational, and moral fitness.
- Consider additional locations for law enforcement training schools and current and future facility needs.

The committee met on November 8th and November 30th to discuss these issues. Representative Steven Holt and Senator Brad Zaun were elected as Co-chairs of the committee. Additionally, Representative Holt toured ILEA while the Basic Academy was in session to make his own observations.

Findings were as follows: "That the committee finds that the current physical fitness requirements, academic requirements for graduation, standards for firearm certification, vehicle operations training, standards of conduct and discipline, and background checks implemented by the ILEA meet the expectations of the committee."

Recommendations were as follows:

- The Judiciary Committee of the House and Senate work with County Attorneys and ILEA to improve education and dissemination of information pertaining to new laws and court rulings pertinent to performance of law enforcement duties.
- Legislature provides the necessary funding to address current shortfalls surrounding Basic Academy tuition that is codified in 80B.11B.
- Legislature provides the funding necessary to address shortfalls regarding the lack of adequate training facilities and training space.

A report, including detailed findings and recommendations, will be submitted to Governor Reynolds and the General Assembly no later than December 15th.

BASIC ACADEMY UPDATE

November was action-packed for recruits as they near graduation. The weeks in November brought more firearms, driving, defensive tactics, and plenty of scenario-based training. In addition, Family Day was held for both classes.

December 15, 2023 is Graduation day for Class 311 (11 AM) and Class 312 (2 PM) at the Freedom Center, Camp Dodge, in Johnston. Please join us to help celebrate our new peace officers.



Instructor Saadiq and recruit in defensive tactics training.

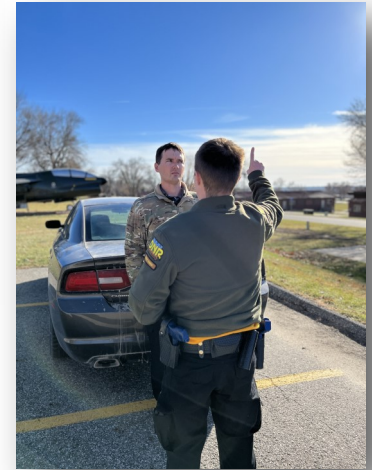


Instructor Lentsch addresses families on Family Day on importance of firearms safety in the home.



Above: Instructor Thayer role plays high risk stops with recruits.

Left: Emergency driving scenarios at Newton Speedway.



Above and right: OWI and high risk stop scenarios.

Community Service Project

A tradition of the academy is to have recruits participate in a broad range of service projects that can impact a variety of non-profit organizations, ministries, and outreach groups emphasizing bettering the lives of Iowans.



The ILEA recruit Classes of 311 & 312 raised over \$10,000 in a Holiday Toy Drive for immigrant and refugee students. The classes partnered with Zion Lutheran Church; the Zion Church Youth Program serves over 300 children from low socio-economic areas around the Des Moines Metro. On December 6, recruits will have the opportunity to interact with the children during mealtime and hand out gifts.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAINING

The new year will see an expansion in basic telecommunications training. In addition to off site training, (4 different locations), we have expanded from 4 to 6 classes in 2024 to better accommodate statewide training needs. January's class will be held at ILEA.

This year has seen increased training requests/needs from various agencies for continuing education for 911 telecommunicators (8 hours is required annually). If your agency is interested in scheduling CE training (multi-agency training has been beneficial), please contact Anna Voss at 515-331-5758 or anna.voss@iowa.gov.



UPCOMING SCHOOLS & TRAINING

<https://ileatraining.iowa.gov/>

AT ILEA:

December 5: OWI/Implied Consent & SFST Instructor Recertification
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December 14: Below 100 Course and Instructor Course
January 8 - 12: CTE Course Week (Long & Short Paths)
January 15 - 19: Telecommunicator Basic 40-Hour School

AT DALLAS COUNTY:

January 8 - 12: Jail Basic 40-Hour School & Temporary Holding Facility Basic School

ONLINE:

Implicit Bias & De-Escalation
Jail In-Service 20-Hour School
Temporary Holding Facility In-Service
Jail Medication Management
Officer Investigations (Back the Blue Legislation)
LEO In-Service Training (satisfies the mandatory annual in-service requirements: Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazardous Materials, Mental Health Training)

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ACADEMY COUNCIL NEWS

Waterloo Police Department Captain Aaron McClelland was recently appointed to serve on the Academy Council. Captain McClelland will represent the Iowa Peace Officers Association.

Academy Council meetings are held bi-monthly and the open session is public. To view Council meetings, agendas, or minutes, visit the ILEA website: <https://ilea.iowa.gov/academy-council>.

The next Council meeting is December 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

