

MAY 2026



Iowa Law Enforcement Academy  
Professionalism Through Training

# ILEA NEWS

## A NOTE FROM DIRECTOR CARNEY

April 24th marked a significant milestone as we welcomed 96 new graduates into the law enforcement profession. The momentum continues today, as 79 recruits with Classes 327 and 328 begin their basic academy journey.

Our training infrastructure is also seeing historic progress. Construction is officially underway on the north end of Camp Dodge for Phase 1 of the new Emergency Vehicle Operations facility. After decades of planning and renderings, seeing the ground finally break on this project is a rewarding moment for all of us.

Additionally, the S-11 firearms range project remains on track. A comprehensive master plan for the dedicated firearms range and support building is scheduled for completion by mid-September, at which point we will move into the funding phase for construction.

Thank you for your ongoing dialogue and support in driving these essential projects forward. Your commitment to high-quality training makes these advancements possible.

Be well, be safe, and take care of each other.

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## **UPCOMING THRIVE RESILIENCE TRAINING**

Only a few seats remain for this fully sponsored, **no-cost** training (lunch provided). This session is open to Law Enforcement, Corrections, Dispatch, EMS, Fire, family members, and service providers.

**Date:** *Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

**Location:** *Polk County Sheriff's Office Headquarters (5995 NE 14th St, Des Moines)*

### **What You Will Gain:**

- Practical tools to manage stress and trauma.
- Strengthened coping skills and emotional well-being.
- Peer support strategies and a resilient mindset for long-term career success.

Register at: ***THRIVE 101 – Resilience Fundamentals***

## FORTHCOMING BASIC ACADEMY JOB TASK ANALYSIS (JTA):

*The ILEA is partnering with the Iowa Department of Management to conduct a comprehensive Job Task Analysis (JTA) for the Basic Academy curriculum. To ensure our training remains current, relevant, and legally defensible, we need direct feedback from those doing the work daily.*

*Please watch for correspondence in the coming weeks regarding participation opportunities. Your expertise is vital to shaping the future of Iowa law enforcement training.*



The Fall 2026 Basic Academy begins on August 31, 2026.

Deadline for **Reports for Hire is Monday, August 3, 2026**. Physical Testing for this Basic Academy session is on Monday **August 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM**. It will be held at:

***LIED Recreation Athletics Center  
Iowa State University  
518 Beach Road  
Ames, Iowa***

## ILEA INSTRUCTOR ENDORSEMENTS

Please keep in mind that ILEA Instructor Endorsements are valid for three years, expiring on December 31st of the third year.

- **Check your status:** Expiration dates are available anytime via **Acadis**
- **Renew Early:** Renewal sessions are held throughout the year. We encourage you to register early in the calendar year while slots are plentiful to avoid the year-end rush.

## **ACADEMY COUNCIL NEWS**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

David Schrock and Laura Roan: Appointed to represent Iowa residents.

Assistant Chief Aaron McClelland (Waterloo PD): Reappointed to represent the Iowa Peace Officers Association.

### **UPCOMING ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting: [June 2026 Academy Council Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 815 2466 2603

Passcode: june2026

**Graduation Day for Basic Academy Classes 325 and 326 was April 24, 2026. Good luck to them all!**



*Congratulations!*



*Congrats!*



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## UPCOMING COURSES & TRAINING

### AT ILEA (unless noted):

- May 19: SFST Instructor Renewal & In-Service Training *(at Davenport Police Department Range)*
- May 20: Rolling Roadblocks In-Service Training *(at Newton Speedway)*
- May 20: PIT In-Service Training *(at Newton Speedway)*
- May 20: Precision Driving Instructor Renewal *(at Newton Speedway)*
- Jun. 10: Precision Driving Instructor Renewal *(at Newton Speedway)*
- Jun. 10: Rolling Roadblocks in-Service Training *(at Newton Speedway)*
- Jun. 15: Defensive Tactics Instructor Course *(at ILEA)*

### FIREARM TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- May 7: Firearms Instructor Renewal *(at Black Hawk County Range)*
- May 7: Firearms Low Light Pistol & Rifle Operator Course *(at Altoona Police Department)*
- May 8: Patrol Rifle Instructor Renewal *(at Black Hawk County Range)*
- May 13: Patrol Rifle Instructor Renewal *(at Camp Dodge)*
- Jun. 1: Patrol Rifle Instructor Course *(at Camp Dodge)*
- Jun. 9: Patrol Rifle Instructor Renewal *(at Camp Dodge)*
- Jun. 10: Firearms Instructor Renewal *(at Cedar Rapids Police Department)*
- Jun. 11: Patrol Rifle Instructor Renewal *(at Cedar Rapids Police Department)*

### TELECOMMUNICATOR DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- May 11 - 15: Telecommunicator Basic 40 Hour Course *(at Clear Lake Police Department)*
- Jun. 15 - 19: Telecommunicator Basic 40 Hour Course *(at ILEA)*

### JAIL TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- May 11 - 15: Jail Basic 40 hour Course & Temporary Holding Facility Basic Course *(at Linn County Sheriff's Office)*
- Jun. 8 - 13: Jail Basic 40 hour Course & Temporary Holding Facility Basic Course *(at Upper Iowa University, Fayette)*

**ONLINE:** ILEA offers many online courses continuously, including courses for Jail and LEO in-service, De-Escalation & Use of Force, and Officer Investigations. **Note: Not all training is listed above. Go to the [Acadis Portal](#) to view and register for all training and courses, except where noted.**

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