

RPC – POLICE TRAINING

Fund 075

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide high quality in-service training and career development opportunities for local law enforcement, corrections, and criminal justice professionals. Course development, selection, and associated activities are determined in concert with agency administrators, training officers and command staff.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Project revenue and expenditures remain relatively stable with the potential for expanded funding in FY17 due to an increased allocation from the state for direct training expenses.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Curriculum development and comprehensive programming to develop and maintain officer job skills and assist governmental entities and policymakers in limiting their exposure to civil liability.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The East Central Illinois Police Training Project is an in-service, regional training program serving law enforcement agencies in Champaign, Piatt and Vermilion counties, as well as select (member) jurisdictions outside the three-county area. The Training Project operates under the authority of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and is well established as the major delivery system for career development and advanced training in the region. This program serves a target population of 705 full-time law enforcement officers and 98 sworn part-time officers. Regional coverage has been expanded to 46 units of local government. Accurate needs assessment, innovative programming, and high quality instruction have resulted in stable levels of funding and a consistently high level of training attendance.

The length and subject matter of training courses vary according to the interests of local departments. Ranging from one day to two weeks in duration, courses are offered at various locations throughout the region to enable the maximum number of officers and departments to participate. Facilities currently available for regional training include the Danville Police Department training room with a capacity of 50 trainees, the Champaign Police Department training room with a capacity of 55 trainees, and Danville Area Community College with a capacity of 35 trainees. For larger conferences, excellent classroom facilities are available for temporary rental at various hotel establishments and convention centers, as well as the ILEAS training complex in Urbana. Firearms training may be conducted at the Rantoul Police Range or the Illinois State Police Range in Pesotum. Defensive driving courses have been conducted at the Rantoul Aviation Center/Airport. In addition, the Village of Rantoul has generously provided the mobile team with cost-free use of its shooting range for the IROCC certification program - if needed.

To identify the specific training needs of member agencies, training staff maintain close, ongoing contact with all levels of law enforcement personnel in the region. However, the interests of local departments are ultimately specified by the Regional Training Advisory Board, which is composed of police executives, training officers, and command staff. Advisory Board meetings are held quarterly to evaluate completed programs as well as to assess and prioritize the current training needs of the respective jurisdictions.

In keeping with the expressed interests of local law enforcement and the basic philosophy of regional training, the Project has adopted the following goals:

- To significantly improve the quality and quantity of in-service training for user agencies.
- To make training more accessible and flexible in meeting the needs of agencies and individuals.
- To enhance the cost effectiveness of training by encouraging multi-jurisdictional participation and sharing of local resources.
- To make specialized training available for upper and middle management as well as for operational level personnel and to provide training across these areas when appropriate.
- To increase the percentage of officers receiving a forty-hour minimum of in-service training annually.

In order to continue in-service training on a regional basis, local units of government make an annual contribution to the Training Project. Because there is an annual buy-in fee to participate in the Project and the fee is the same regardless of the number of officers enrolled, the efficiencies achieved by local departments are only limited by the number of personnel they send to various programs. This approach enables a department to expose each officer to a reasonable level of training rather than having only a small number of personnel who receive specialized instruction.

None of the local participating agencies is large enough to achieve cost effectiveness by sponsoring law enforcement training programs on its own initiative. However, by drawing a limited number of officers from each of the participating agencies, the Training Project has achieved class sizes large enough to reach significant economies of scale. The Training Project has been able to bring customized law enforcement training to the local agencies, rather than each agency sending individual officers to specialized courses which may not be custom designed to meet their particular needs. Consequently, the Training Project has been able to achieve higher levels of efficiency than would otherwise be found in the expenditure of local training funds.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide a minimum of 900 hours of training for law enforcement and corrections officers in the mobile team area.
- To achieve a minimum of 18,500 man-hours of in-service training through regional offerings
- To serve a total of 1,500 participants through in-service offerings.
- To provide a minimum of 40 hours in-service training on communication skills, public relations and citizen interaction.
- To provide a minimum of 80 hours of in-service training on subjects directly related to officer safety and deadly force encounters.
- To provide a minimum of 40 hours of in-service training specifically designed for supervisors, command staff and field training officers.

- To actively participate in supplemental training projects developed under the auspices of the Illinois Police Training Board; i.e., Police Traffic Services Training Project, Death Certificate Surcharge Fund, Police Executive Institute, Anti-Terrorism Training Program, CIT Officer Certification, Lead Homicide Investigator Certification, and Narcotics Detection K9 Certification.
- To participate in short-term training programs in collaboration with professional law enforcement associations (such as the Illinois Tactical Officers Association), the State Police Academy, and neighboring ASSIST Mobile Teams.
- To actively participate in training programs implemented on a statewide basis under the direction of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Indicator	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Projected
# of training courses delivered	61	75	75
# of course hours	952	984	985
# of training days	110	113	110
# of attendees at training courses	1,569	1,845	1,850
Total training man-hours	20,329	23,140	20,500
# of courses offered through supplemental grants	17	19	19
New training programs delivered	19	17	19

Note:

Performance indicators for 2017 will not be available until the end of July 2017.