



ILEA NEWS

A NOTE FROM DIRECTOR CARNEY

As we head into summer, ILEA Basic Academy Classes 327 and 328 have 74 recruits who are finishing Week 5 of 16. They are constantly on the move and continue to work hard. Please remember that we encourage you to come see your recruit(s) and the ILEA in action.

Following the most recent legislative session, Governor Reynolds signed House File 2199 related to Level II basic training programs. This bill changes "short course of study" to "level II academy". In addition to meeting all other minimum standards, this bill clarifies three separate options for applying to attend a Level II academy:

1. Proof of successful completion of a two-year or four-year police science or criminal justice program at an accredited educational institution approved by the academy (Iowa Code 80B.11D);
2. Military veterans with specific active duty experience (Iowa Code 80B.11H); or
3. Federal law enforcement officers with specific experience (Iowa Code 80B.11H).



Progress continues with the driving facility on the north edge of Camp Dodge. Construction crews capitalized on nice weather and moved A LOT of dirt over the last couple of weeks. It's exciting to see this project move forward!

LEVEL II TRANSCRIPT CRITERIA

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 80B.11H as enacted by House File 901, the Academy Council has amended Chapter 3 with changes effective March, 25, 2026. Of significant note is the amendment to IAC [501] 3.4 (80B) which reads;

Qualifications for attendance at a level II academy. *Individuals meeting the requirements of Iowa Code section 80B.11.D (3) may apply for attendance at a level II academy. Approval may be granted when at least 20 credit hours dedicated to police science or criminal justice coursework in which a grade no lower than C- is reflected on the submitted transcript from which a degree is awarded within three years of applying or when approved by council after consideration of a reciprocity application.*

ILEA STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kyle Johnson



What are your duties at ILEA?

As a General Instructor, I cover use of force, tactical skills, and patrol procedures. My primary focus is supporting some of the most critical areas of law enforcement training, including defensive tactics, firearms, driver training, and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST).

How long have you worked at ILEA?

One year.

What is your favorite part of working at ILEA?

My favorite part of working at ILEA is twofold. First, I get to continue training and mentoring the next generation of law enforcement professionals across the state of Iowa. Second, I have the opportunity to continue my own growth, not only as a law enforcement officer, but as an instructor and teacher as well.

What is a hobby or interest that you enjoy outside of work?

I enjoy hunting, fishing, and attending sporting events with my wife and children.

Reminder

UPCOMING ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING	
Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 9:00 AM	
Join Zoom Meeting:	
August 2026 Academy Council Meeting	
Meeting ID:	869 9518 4682
Passcode:	august2026

REMEMBER

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

NATIONAL DECERTIFICATION INDEX

The purpose of the National Decertification Index (NDI) is to serve as a national registry of certificate or license revocation actions relating to officer misconduct. The records contained in the NDI are provided by participating state government agencies and should be verified with the contributing authority. Inclusion in the database does not necessarily preclude any individual from appointment as an officer.

If you are interested, you can request access here:

<https://www.iadlest.org/our-services/ndi/about-ndi>



BASIC ACADEMY SNAPSHOTS



Basic Academy Job Task Analysis (JTA) Next Steps

The ILEA, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Management, is launching a comprehensive Job Task Analysis (JTA) for the Basic Academy curriculum. Our goal is to ensure Iowa's basic training remains current, operationally relevant, and legally defensible. To achieve this, we need direct insights from those doing the work every day.

For this JTA, we will survey all law enforcement officers with 5 years or less of certified experience. **Additionally**, we will survey all Field Training Officers and Immediate Supervisors of newly certified officers (0-5 years). **So far, we have 236 responses for this portion of the JTA which is outstanding!**

Please access the link below to identify any Field Training Officers and Immediate supervisors so we can be sure to include them in the upcoming JTA survey.

[ILEA JTA Supervisor/FTO Form](#)

While the number of participants and ranks varies between agencies, every contribution helps standardize our statewide curriculum. We value your perspective and hope your agency will participate. **Please Respond by June 10.**

Thank you for your continued service and for helping shape the future of Iowa Law Enforcement training.

UPCOMING COURSES & TRAINING

AT ILEA (unless noted):

- June 15 - 19: Defensive Tactics Instructor Course
- June 23 - 26: RADAR Instructor Course
- June 29: SFST Instructor Renewal & In-Service Training *(at Polk County Sheriff's Office)*
- July 8: Defensive Tactics Instructor Renewal
- July 29: Chemical Spray Instructor Course & Instructor Renewal

FIREARM TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- July 7: Firearms Instructor Renewal *(at Altoona Police Department)*
- July 8: Firearms Instructor Renewal *(at Altoona Police Department)*
- August 17: Firearms Instructor Renewal *(at Altoona Police Department)*
- August 18: Firearms Instructor Renewal *(at Altoona Police Department)*

TELECOMMUNICATOR DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- June 15 - 19: Telecommunicator Basic 40 Hour Course *(at ILEA)*
- July 13 - 17: Telecommunicator Basic 40 Hour Course *(at Iowa State Patrol District 9, Cedar Falls)*
- July 22: Telecommunicator 8 Hr In-Service Training *(at ILEA)*

JAIL TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- July 13 - 17: Jail Basic 40 hour Course & Temporary Holding Facility Basic Course *(at Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office)*
- August 3 - 7: Jail Basic 40 hour Course & Temporary Holding Facility Basic Course *(at Iowa Lakes Community College, Emmetsburg)*

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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