



ILEA NEWS

A NOTE FROM DIRECTOR CARNEY

With March Madness right around the corner, the ILEA Basic Academy rolls on with 98 recruits working hard in week 9 of 16.

The construction bid has been awarded for Phase 1 of the EVOC facility on Camp Dodge, so dirt will be moving in the coming weeks. Additionally, we have received the initial design for a law enforcement dedicated firearms range and range support building on Camp Dodge. Exciting times ahead for new and improved training facilities!

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 the professional stakeholders doing the work daily. **In the coming weeks, please watch for correspondence about participation opportunities.** Your expertise is vital to shaping the future of Iowa law enforcement training.

IN-SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR LEO'S

Please remember that pursuant to HF856, Implicit Bias is no longer an in-service requirement even though it remains listed in the administrative rules [501 IAC Chapter 8 In-Service](#). This will be addressed in the impending rules rewrite.

CHAPTER 8 MANDATORY IN-SERVICE AND SPECIALTY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

501—8.1(80B) Mandatory in-service training requirements. All regular law enforcement officers shall meet the following in-service training requirements. The elected or appointed official designated as the head of the agency employing the regular law enforcement officer shall ensure compliance with the training requirements listed.

8.1(1) Mandatory training and certification requirements. A regular law enforcement officer must receive in-service training from a course of study approved by the Iowa law enforcement academy.

- a. Annual firearms qualification
- b. National crime information center (NCIC) certification (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
- c. Hazard communications (OSHA Standard 1910.1200(h))
- d. Hazardous materials (OSHA Standard 1910.120(q)(8)(i))
- e. Bloodborne pathogens (OSHA Standard 1910.1030(g)(2)) 1 hour per year
- f. Implicit bias/de-escalation training (Iowa Code section 80B.11G) 4 hours per year
- g. Mental health training (Iowa Code section 80B.11(1)“c”(3)) 1 hour per year
- h. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), AED and foreign body airway obstruction for all age groups. (Standards defined by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation)
- i. Mandatory reporter training for child and dependent adult abuse provided by the department of human services (Iowa Code sections 232.69(1)“b”(11), 232.69(3)“b,” 235B.3(2)“b” and 235B.16(5)“b”). A child abuse or dependent adult abuse training certificate relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse or dependent adult abuse issued prior to July 1, 2019, remains effective and continues in effect as issued for the five-year period following its issuance.

8.1(2) General training. In addition to the requirements of subrule 8.1(1), a regular law enforcement officer must receive a minimum of 12 hours per year of law enforcement-related in-service training. Whether training is law enforcement-related shall be determined by the employing agency administrator.

[ARC 6264C, IAB 3/23/22, effective 4/27/22]

ISSDA PROMOTIONAL TESTING UPGRADE - ONLINE FORMAT

ISSDA promotional testing for first-line supervisors, hosted by ILEA, is now available in an online format via Acadis. The Polk County and Story County Sheriff's Offices have administered this test online with positive feedback. If you are interested in learning more about this online testing method, please reach out to Donna Hallstrom by phone at 515-331-5772 or by email at Donna.Hallstrom@iowa.gov.

Donna Hallstrom can provide screenshots of what your test takers will see once they are assigned the test, but here's an overview of how the online method works:

- On the day of testing, testers sign into Acadis on their devices (in Google Chrome).
- The Sheriff's Office designee informs the ILEA to assign the ISSDA exam, and the online course drops into their dashboard.
- At the direction of the in-person proctor, test takers will launch the ISSDA Promotional Exam Guidelines.
- After reading the exam guidelines, the ISSDA exam will become accessible on the Acadis dashboard.
- Testers will launch the exam in the locked-down browser.
- The test takers will see their score at the end of the exam.

****Note:** *You may need an IT team member present to enter a network passkey so your testers can enter the locked-down browser OR have IT create a temporary network passkey that you can use (Story County did this).*

Regarding the lockdown browser, here's some advice offered from Polk County:

"We were able to conduct all of our testing groups without needing our IT department for assistance the day of testing. Unless an agency is only testing a couple of candidates, I would strongly encourage them to go the route we did with ensuring everything was set up prior to testing day. Our IT department downloaded the locked browser from my ACADIS login, then changed the admin permissions prior to testing to ensure the locked browser would open without having to have IT personnel login to each browser when the test launched. The computers were all logged into a special testing user name as well. This will allow us to easily conduct any testing in the future."

Reminder →

UPCOMING ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING
April 2, 2026 at 9:00 am
Join Zoom Meeting: April 2026 Academy Council Meeting
Meeting ID: 871 2715 7500
Passcode: April2026

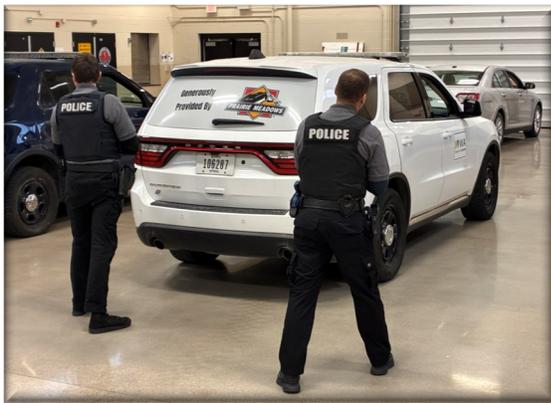
PRAIRIE MEADOWS PARTNERSHIP

Throughout 2025, the Academy partnered with Prairie Meadows on a transformative project. Prairie Meadows graciously awarded ILEA \$160,000 to enhance recruit dorm rooms and help modernize our training fleet.



The recruit dorm room project is still underway and includes:

- Full restoration of shower flooring and new bathroom fixtures.
- Procuring new, high-grade mattresses and blackout roller shades to improve privacy and sleep conditions.
- Custom retrofitted storage solutions featuring integrated power strips for electronic equipment.
- New energy-efficient lighting fixtures, fresh paint, and protective wall surfacing.
- Upgraded laundry facilities with high-capacity washers and dryers, new ergonomic classroom seating, and a fully refreshed suite of professional-grade gym equipment.



Prairie Meadows funded the acquisition of three new training vehicles to ensure an upgraded Emergency Vehicle Operations training fleet. One Dodge Durango has already been added to our fleet, and we are procuring a second Durango and a Tahoe.

ILEA is grateful for the partnership with Prairie Meadows and looks forward to completing these two projects to enhance recruit living conditions and provide top-notch training for Basic Academy recruits.



The Summer 2026 Basic Academy begins on May 4, 2026. Deadline for **Reports for Hire is April 6, 2026**. Physical Testing for this Basic Academy session is on **April 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM**. It will be held at:

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

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU (GTSB) TRAINING

Each state is required to have a highway safety program directed by guidelines of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is a subdivision of the Iowa Department of Public Safety and fulfills this requirement.

Although GTSB is embedded within the Iowa Department of Public Safety, it takes many agencies and organizations working together to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries caused by crashes on Iowa roads. Only through on-going collaborative partnerships can a difference be made. GTSB works with various partners such as law enforcement agencies, educators, engineers, emergency services, media and more to lower the rate of death and injury on Iowa roads. [DPS-GTSB](#)

GTSB would like to make you aware of various traffic safety training opportunities:

Pedestrian Safety

- a. Pedestrian Safety for Law Enforcement – NHTSA Transportation Safety Institute e-learning [Highway Traffic Safety | US Department of Transportation](#)

Child Passenger Safety

- a. [Car Seat Basics – National Safety Council](#)
- b. [Car Seat Basics for Law Enforcement – National Safety Council](#)
- c. Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies (TOPS) - NHTSA Transportation Safety Institute e-learning [Highway Traffic Safety | US Department of Transportation](#).

Ignition Interlock Devices

- a. [FirstForward - Ignition Interlock Course for Law Enforcement](#)
- b. [Ignition Interlock Training for Law Enforcement AAMVA](#)
- c. [Ignition Interlock Law Enforcement Training Video – Washington State Patrol](#)

Courtroom Testimony

- a. [Avoid costly mistakes: Police officers' guide to strong courtroom testimony](#)
- b. Cops in Court - NHTSA Transportation Safety Institute [Highway Traffic Safety | US Department of Transportation](#)

Strategies to Reduce Speed Related Crashes

- a. History of Speed Program Management - NHTSA Transportation Safety Institute e-learning [Highway Traffic Safety | US Department of Transportation](#)
- b. [NHTSA High Visibility Enforcement Toolkit](#)

Work Zone Enforcement Safety

- a. [Safe and Effective Use of Law Enforcement Personnel in Work Zones – WEB-BASED](#)

Traffic Stop Safety

- a. [FHWA Traffic Incident Management \(TIM\) Responder](#)

ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement)

- a. GTSB coordinates [ARIDE](#) trainings

UPCOMING COURSES & TRAINING

AT ILEA (unless noted):

- Mar. 19: Chemical Spray Instructor Course & Instructor Renewal
- Mar. 24: Defensive Tactics Instructor Renewal
- Apr. 1: OWI/Implied Consent & SFST Refresher and SFST Instructor Renewal
(at SW Iowa Law Enforcement Training Facility)
- Apr. 2: Expandable Baton Instructor Course & Instructor Renewal
- Apr. 7: Defensive Tactics Instructor Renewal
- Apr. 23: Radar Instructor Renewal

FIREARM TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- Mar. 16: Firearms Instructor Renewal *(at Altoona Police Department)*
- Apr. 1: Firearms Night Vision Pistol & Rifle Operator Course *(at Altoona Police Department)*
- Apr. 3: Patrol Rifle Instructor Renewal *(at Camp Dodge)*
- Apr. 7: Firearms Instructor Renewal *(at Mason City Police Department)*
- Apr. 8: Patrol Rifle Instructor Renewal *(at Mason City Police Department)*

TELECOMMUNICATOR DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- Mar. 9 - 13: Telecommunicator Basic 40 Hour Course *(at Scott County Emergency Communications Center)*
- Mar. 18: Telecommunicator 8-Hr In-Service *(at ILEA)*

JAIL TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- Mar. 23 - 27: Jail Basic 40 hour Course & Temporary Holding Facility Basic Course *(at Clinton County Sheriff's Office)*
- Apr. 13 - 17: Jail Basic 40 hour Course & Temporary Holding Facility Basic Course *(at Prairie Hills Training Center, Sergeant Bluff)*

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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