



ILEA NEWS

A NOTE FROM DIRECTOR CARNEY

I'm not sure about you, but I'm thrilled fall is here. With cooler temps, football season and the start to harvest right around the corner, life is good. August was exciting with 6 law enforcement officers graduating from Indian Hills Community College and 77 law enforcement officers graduating from the ILEA Basic Academy. Congratulations to every one of them!

Classes 323 and 324 include 75 recruits in Week 1 of their Basic Academy journey. We're excited to have them in the building, and they have been working hard this week.

The legislative session is right around the corner, so we've been busy preparing FY27 financial projections. We're also hopeful for more essential training facility improvements. The ongoing conversations and collaborative efforts up to this point have been very helpful, so thank you.

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

COUNCIL CORNER

The Academy Council has determined the Screening Committee has authority to evaluate the following matters:

- Instructor waivers
- Extension requests
- CTE (reciprocity) applications
- Moral turpitude waivers that are serious misdemeanor or below and incidents that are 3 years or older.

UPCOMING ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2025 at 9:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

[October 2025 Council Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: **858 1780 7367**

Passcode: **October**

Reminder →

In-service requirements pursuant to HF856:

Implicit bias training is no longer an annual in-service requirement. However, four (4) hours of de-escalation training are still required annually for both law enforcement officers and reserve officers.



ILEA STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Elliott Patterson

What are your duties at ILEA?

My primary role at ILEA is to teach use of force topics including defensive tactics, chemical spray, expandable baton, and Taser. I also help out in other areas of the academy such as firearms and driving when I have the time.

How long have you worked at ILEA?

I have work at the law enforcement academy for three years. Prior to the Academy, I worked for the Linn County Sheriff's Office for seven years.

What is your favorite part of working at ILEA?

My favorite part of working at ILEA is watching the recruits become more confident and skilled over the course of their sixteen week training.

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

My main hobby outside of work is studying martial arts, which I have done since I was a child. My other hobbies include playing guitar, reading and painting.

Midwest Counterdrug Training Center (MCTC) has posted their Fall Training Schedule. MCTC is located on Camp Dodge, and all of their training is **tuition-free**. They can assist with reduced-cost lodging depending on availability. [MCTC Training Opportunities](#)

Dates to Remember

The January 2026 Basic Academy begins on January 5, 2025. Deadline for **Reports for Hire** is **December 3, 2025**. Physical Testing for this Basic Academy session is on **December 8th at 9:00 AM**. It will be held at:

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



Congratulations!

Graduation Day for Basic Academy Classes 321 and 322 was August 22, 2025. Good luck Officers!!



UPCOMING COURSES & TRAINING

AT ILEA (unless noted):

- Sept. 9: OWI/Implied Consent & SFST Refresher and Instructor Renewal *(at Cedar Rapids Police Dept.)*
- Sept. 10: Precision Driving Instructor Renewal *(at Newton Speedway)*
- Sept. 11: Radar Instructor Renewal
- Sept. 22: Defensive Tactics Instructor Course
- Sept. 29: Expandable Baton Instructor Course & Instructor Renewal
- Sept. 30: Bike Patrol Instructor Renewal
- Oct. 6: Technical Collision Investigation
- Oct. 10: Defensive Tactics Instructor Renewal

FIREARM TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- Oct. 1: Patrol Rifle Instructor Renewal *(at SW Iowa Law Enforcement Training Facility, Council Bluffs)*
- Oct. 21: Firearms Instructor Renewal *(at Sioux City Law Enforcement Facility, Sergeant Bluff)*
- Oct. 22: Patrol Rifle Instructor Renewal *(at Sioux City Law Enforcement Facility, Sergeant Bluff)*

TELECOMMUNICATOR DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- Sept. 15 - 19: Telecommunicator Basic 40-Hour Course *(at ISP, District 7, Fort Dodge)*
- Oct. 29: Telecommunicator 8 hour In-Service *(at Clear Lake City Hall)*
- Nov. 17 - 21: Telecommunicator Basic 40 Hour Course *(at Oelwein PD)*

JAIL TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- Sept. 8 - 12: Jail Basic 40 hour Course & Temporary Holding Facility Basic Course *(at Joint Emergency Communication Center—Iowa City)*
- Oct. 20 - 24: Jail Basic 40 hour Course & Temporary Holding Facility Basic Course *(at Dallas County Sheriff's Office)*
- Nov. 3 - 7: Jail Basic 40 hour Course & Temporary Holding Facility Basic Course *(at Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office)*

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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