Bringing theory to practice

A TRAINING PARADIGM SHIFT

Ignite your department’s performance while building skills, knowledge and endurance and readying your officers for unparalleled success in critical situations.
In this complex and ever-changing security environment, the key to preparedness is to keep training in order to naturally respond at the highest of levels. At the College of DuPage Homeland Security Training Institute (HSTI), we are creating tools and training critical to law enforcement. With relevant and timely programming, HSTI meets your ongoing needs allowing you to carry out your duty to protect our citizens and keep our nation safe.
Beginning with your recruits, the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) uses the highest of standards to develop a foundation of core skills, knowledge and methodologies. In compliance with the Illinois Police Training Act, SLEA manifests in your recruits the awareness and know-how as well as the mental and physical endurance required of highly qualified officers.

Classroom and tactical simulation training sets the starting point for participants to use forward-thinking approaches to the ever-changing societal needs and challenges inherent in public service. With a steady eye on regional, national and international developments, SLEA leads in developing new training curriculum stretching the skills of public safety professionals.

Regularly scheduled strength and aerobic programs enable your officers to dominate in the field and develop a success mindset. With sharper physical strength comes sharper focus and increased stamina, protecting your officers and enabling swifter response to critical situations.

**STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING**

**TACTICAL FIREARMS RANGE**
The 50-yard firearms range is fully tactical and is designed to hold up to 24 shooters at a time. It allows for vehicles to be placed down range and tactics to be added to the firearms qualifications. Gone are the days of standing in a stationary position and shooting at paper targets. You need to be able to get out of a vehicle, move, take cover and fire at targets. This new range allows for this type of dynamic training.

**STREET SCENE**
The 4-D immersive street scene provides the most realistic training experience possible. The street scene allows departments to conduct tactical, real-world training exercises in a simulated environment.

Features:
- A full-scale street with sidewalks and working fire hydrants
- Squad cars driven onto the street for tactical simulations
- An ambulance simulator
- Lighting system to simulate night or day
- Moveable walls for vertical and horizontal rescues
- A sophisticated video system providing live feeds to classrooms
- Observation spaces for students and instructors

**911 TELECOMMUNICATOR SIMULATIONS**
The 911 operator training program includes a Computer-Aided Design simulator for students to gain the experience of responding to and handling emergency calls.

**MAT ROOM**
The mat room in the Homeland Security Education Center (HEC) allows departments to reinforce defensive tactics, handcuffing and physical tactical maneuvers.

**VIRTRA V300 SIMULATOR**
This 300-degree simulator is uniquely equipped to train officers to avoid ambushes and handle the most difficult of real-world situations. Scenarios, often based on real-life incidents, are carefully crafted by subject matter experts to heavily test the trainee’s critical-thinking skills, firearms skills under pressure, and psychological preparation for close quarter combat.

**TI TRAINING SIMULATOR**
Ti Training prepares your department for split-second decisions. Use of force training puts your officers in the middle of the action providing a powerful and effective training experience. The practice and repetition prepares officers for the life and death situations they may encounter in the field.

**MILO RANGE PRO**
With 425 ready-to-train scenarios, MILO’s interactive use-of-force and firearms training put your officers in real-world scenarios such as active shooters, robberies, mentally disturbed individuals, burglaries and vehicle stops.

**MILES SYSTEM**
Adding realism to training exercises, the MILES System replicates both the actual firing capabilities and effects of weapons during training, detects hits from laser “bullets,” and performs damage and/or casualty assessments on targets.

**HON. WILLIAM J. BAUER MOCK COURTROOM**
The mock courtroom allows officers to experience taking the stand and testifying in courtroom situations.

**NIMS (NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SIMULATOR)**
An emergency operations command center designed to instruct protocols, execute simulations and to serve as a fully functional Midwest “home base” when required.

**LABS**
The HEC houses a forensics lab, cyber lab and Internet crime investigation lab.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

At the heart of our courses are exceptional instructors with equally impressive field credentials. Learn from the best—inside and outside the classroom. The broad range of relevant classes cover topics in investigation, Internet crimes, emergency management and response, patrol and operations, management, planning and administration.

HSTI Live is our classroom at your fingertips. The on-demand video trainings focus on specific law enforcement topics. Webinars are available for in-house training for large groups of employees. Sample workshop titles include “Sikh Temple Shooting,” “Prisoner Suicide Prevention,” “Workplace Violence” and “Preparing for Promotion.”

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HSTI AND SLEA STAFF

THOMAS BRADY
Since April 2013, Thomas Brady has served as the Associate Dean for the Homeland Security Training Institute (HSTI) at College of DuPage. He previously served as the Inspector in Charge of the Chicago Division with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service from 2007 to 2013. During his 26 years with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Brady served in various leadership roles as Deputy Chief Inspector, Inspector in Charge, Assistant Inspector in Charge, Team Leader and Postal Inspector. He provided executive oversight for his former agency in two significant investigations: The Amerithrax (anthrax) investigation in Washington, D.C. and the former Governor Rod Blagojevich investigation in Chicago. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago and a Master of Science in Integrated Homeland Security Management from Towson University.

MICHAEL CASEY
Michael Casey has served as Director of the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at College of DuPage since June 2013. Previously, he was the Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Field Division with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Casey served in various ATF roles, such as Supervisory Special Agent with the Arson and Explosives Group, Supervisory Special Agent with Gang Enforcement Group IV, the Division Tactical Advisor and as an Investigative Special Agent. He oversaw several significant gang investigations in the Chicago area, including dismantling the Latin Kings street gang hierarchy, and had involvement during the siege in Waco, Texas, the search for the Atlanta Olympic bomber and the Beltway Snipers in Washington, D.C. Casey also served nine years as a Deputy Sheriff patrolman with the DuPage County Sheriff’s Office. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Lewis University.

PATRICK DALY
Patrick Daly is the Continuing Education Program Manager for the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage. Previously, he served as Security Manager for Edison Mission Energy (EME) and also held several local and federal law enforcement positions, starting in Illinois as an Oak Park police officer in 1977. Daly then moved to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1982, retiring in March 2004 as the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI’s San Juan field office, supervising operations in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As an independent contractor for the U.S. government, he instructed foreign police, military and intelligence organizations on intelligence-related topics in host countries. In 2008, he became Chief of the Chicago Police Department’s Counterterrorism and Intelligence Division (CTID). The CTID included the Deployment Operations Center, Fusion Center, Intelligence Section, Public Transportation Section, Airport Police and the Bomb and Arson Squad.

LAZARO “LAZ” PEREZ
Laz Perez currently serves as the Program Manager for the SLEA Basic Academy at College of DuPage. Prior to joining the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in 2014, Perez served as a law enforcement officer for more than 25 years, including 15 years of progressive supervisory responsibilities. Perez retired as the Chief of Police with the West Chicago Police Department. During his law enforcement career, he served on several not-for-profit boards throughout DuPage County. He is a founding member of the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force, serving as an Investigator, Team Leader, Investigation Commander and Assistant Task Force Commander. He is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command and earned a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice Management with Summa Cum Laude honors from Kaplan University.

BUILD YOUR OWN TRAINING PROGRAM

HSTI offers an annual membership program along with a variety of simulation programs, firearms training, courses and certificates which can be packaged to create a training program specific to your department’s needs.

For questions related to HSTI training memberships call Tom Brady, Associate Dean of the Homeland Security Training Institute at (630) 942-2190.
HOMELAND SECURITY EDUCATION CENTER

The Homeland Security Education Center (HEC) currently houses the Criminal Justice and Fire Science Technology programs, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) and the COD Police Department. The HEC includes forensics and cybercrime labs, an Internet crime investigation lab, an ambulance simulator, a mock courtroom/auditorium, a simulation hazmat/smoke room and the first non-military municipal 4-D immersive training lab.

The HEC features a life-size street scene with fire truck bays, ambulance simulator and working fire hydrants—and it’s the only one of its kind in the entire nation. This state-of-the-art facility is quickly adding to COD’s reputation as a national homeland security powerhouse.

HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING CENTER

The new Homeland Security Training Center (HTC) expands first responder instruction with advanced firearms training, interactive shoot/don’t shoot simulation and weapons cleaning/repair training. Included in this facility is a 50-yard, 25-position indoor firing range that provides first responders a unique indoor facility for training purposes. The indoor range will be safe and lead free, which will preserve the environment. Construction will be completed this summer.

Together, the HEC and HTC will propel HSTI to national prominence, combining our expert faculty with the best facilities and equipment in the nation.

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