Public Access Consideration: HTC Range and Tactical Training Facilities

Board of Trustees Meeting

December 15, 2016
Facility and Program Design

- HEC and HTC designed to serve credit and non-credit programs with state-of-the-art experiential learning laboratories following similar efforts in the Health Sciences, Technology and Culinary Arts
- HTC identified as facility for furthering workforce training and professional development, while building upon public safety training offered through the HEC
- Dozens of end-user meetings, two design charrettes
- Over 149 agencies responded to a needs assessment survey
- Input from 169 Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs and FTOs
- Responses represented over 22,000 first responders
- Research led to emphasis on tactical training facilities for professional first responders
- While the HTC is multi-use for both credit and non-credit programs, the range and simulators are available to professional first responders 24 hours per day, six days per week (Monday through Saturday)
Programs Offered, Professionals Served through the HTC Since Opening in September 2015:

- Five Basic Academy Classes (241 Recruits)
- Thirteen Founding Training Member Police Departments (570 Officers)
- Addison, Arlington Heights, Benedictine University, Berkley, Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Geneva, Glen Ellyn, Lombard, Northern Illinois University, Rolling Meadows, Western Springs and Winfield
- Other Local, Regional and Federal Agencies
- Private Sector Security Professionals and Associations
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Average Enrollment per Course

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Access to COD Resources

Facilities Usage

- **Board Policy No. 10-105**
  - *The primary purpose of the College facilities is to accommodate its educational programs.*
  - *Access to the College’s facilities is a privilege granted by the College to all provided that reasonable rules and regulations of the College are followed.*

- **Specialized Learning Laboratories:**
  - Healthcare Simulation Laboratories, Athletic Fields, CIT and CIS Labs, Art Studios, the HEC Street Scene and the Live Fire Range all require specialized user knowledge, supervision and instruction
  - COD does not provide open, drop-in access to such spaces
  - Even general use classrooms are locked when not in use
  - *The College course is the mechanism to ensure safety, to protect people and assets and to further our primary purpose of teaching and learning*
Law and Policy

- Illinois continues to expressly prohibit the carrying of firearms on college campuses (including those by concealed carry weapons permit holders). This prohibition was reinforced again in 2013 with Public Act 098-0063.
- Section 65. Prohibited areas
- HB 183
- 430 ILCS 66/70 Amendment to the Firearm Concealed Carry Act
- Board of Trustee Policy 15-40 and 15-41
Safety and Liability

Numerous College of DuPage specialized learning laboratories come with increased risk to people and property:

- Science labs
- Healthcare labs
- Culinary labs
- CDL instructional yard
- Manufacturing, Welding and Construction
- Fitness Center

- **Firing Range and Tactical Training Laboratories**
  - Safety Protocols based on U.S. State Department, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms
  - Risk increases when used by non-professionals
## Private Citizen Firearms Training Market

- 97% of applications approved
- FOID card valid for 10 years
- Illinois population: 12.88m
- Estimated 20% of Illinois residents own guns
- Some 186,000 likely own guns
- CE enrolls an estimated 2.4% of total DuPage County residents per year
- Applied to the estimated gun owner population, CE could expect to serve 4,480 students per year
- Current maximum capacity for citizen training slots is closer to 2,600 per year for drop-in slots, closer to 200 for course seats
- Current private citizen classes have had a run rate of about 39%
- Current facility capacity for private citizen training is estimated at $91k with a narrow profit margin before indirect expense (15%)

### Potential Market Size

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## Availability

**Most Sundays (48 per year)**

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Total Annual Max Gross Tuition: $91,638

Additional Students Served: 162
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## Environmental Scan

### All Ranges (Indoor and Outdoor)

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Outdoor range
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Indoor Ranges Serving Private Citizens:

- Offer hourly rates, memberships and classes
- Offer range time from $11 to $25 per hour
- Offer traditional (non-tactical) leaded ranges with stalls or fixed lanes
- Primarily offers unsupervised drop-in range time in half hour increments without instruction

College of DuPage HTC:

- Lead-free, tactical range without fixed lanes or stalls to allow vehicles on range, SWAT training, simulated hostage scenarios, etc.
- Offers non-lethal, state-of-the-art decision making simulator and Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES)
- Offers four-hour ad hoc training slots to local, State and Federal law enforcement agencies as well as 24-hour access for training program members
- Offers training at an hourly equivalent of $16 to $25 per hour with supervision and instruction for both professional first responders and private citizens
- Prioritizes professional law enforcement, security professionals and other first responders over private citizens
Factors for Consideration

• Promotes responsible gun ownership
• Brings additional regional residents to campus
• Provides additional revenue stream
• Promotes COD, HSTI and SLEA programming
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Drop-in Public Range Access: Pros

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Factors for Consideration

Drop-in Public Range Access: Cons

- Negative public opinion among some residents
- Increased liability to the College
- Use by private citizens could negatively impact access by professional first responders (mission creep, shut downs)
- Activity requires a considerable amount of supervision, logistics and staff support that could go toward serving professional first responders (opportunity cost)
- Profit margins are very narrow
- Drop-in range time is a service not within the College’s educational mission, outside of the class/course structure which is our primary purpose (teaching and learning)
- **SLEA Advisory Board (Chiefs, Mayors, Sheriffs do not support drop-in access by citizens)**
- SLEA Advisory Board does support limited classes for citizens
Recommendation

- Board of Trustees Announce Public Comment Period
- Board of Trustees Take Issue of Public Access Under Advisement