

Legislative Oversight Committee

SCCJA Response to Inquiry

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Advanced Training Courses:

1. Are advanced training courses only taught to those within the State or are there entities in other states that send their personnel to advanced training courses at the Academy?

Response: The Academy has had personnel from other states attend advanced training courses at the Academy. Sometimes this occurs when training is offered by Federal agencies or vendors contracted by the Academy other State agencies. We have also had other states contact the Academy to attend some of the instructional courses that we teach. This had occurred with the Academy's Driving Instructor Course, Firearms Instructor Courses. The Academy has also sent our instructors to other states and federal academies to receive training. The Academy is a member of The International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training which is an organization whose mission is to research, develop, and share information, ideas and innovations which assist states in establishing effective and defensible standards for employment and training of law enforcement officers, and, in those states where dual responsibility exists, correctional personnel. IADLEST is an association of standards and training managers and leaders. Its primary focus is criminal justice standards and training. To the extent that the focus and the values promoted thereby can be furthered and shared, all training professionals are welcome as members.

2. What does the Academy do to ensure it is teaching the most current techniques and classes?

Response: The Academy requires all lesson plans to be reviewed every 2 years for currency, accuracy and best practice. However, if something changes prior to the review process any and all lesson plans affected are updated immediately. Examples might be changes in the law or court decisions that impact the training material. Instructors are also encouraged to attend training seminars or classes that will improve their working knowledge of the subjects they teach. Instructors are given ample time to research and study areas within the criminal justice field to maintain currency. The librarian sends out constant periodicals and articles containing current law enforcement trends and issues for the instructional staff to read and study.