



West Virginia State Police Professional Development Center

*"Education breeds confidence.
Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace."*

2022 (July - December) Training Schedule



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Introduction

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

~ John F. Kennedy ~

Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.

~ Albert Einstein ~

We are committed to provide local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies low-cost education and training that will produce highly skilled and professional police officers.

Classes are taught by subject matter experts with extensive education, training, experience, and proven success in their areas of expertise. These subject matter experts teach courses that are relevant and current to your needs. The world of law enforcement is an ever-changing environment that demands training be tailored to what is taking place in your community, your county, your state, and our Nation today. We can assure you this is happening at the Professional Development Center and continues to be an ongoing priority for our Staff.

It is an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity to provide every Police Officer who attends the Academy the best training in the country.

Introduction

About Our Facility

The Professional Development Center offers approximately 12,000 square feet of office and classroom space. The PDC has four classrooms, the largest of which can accommodate 75 students and another that includes a 42-station computer lab. Each of the four classrooms are equipped with large screen televisions, computers, a public address system and a white glass board. There is also a centralized break room offering coffee, soda, water and various snacks. Free Wi-Fi and public computer access are available to all students.



Mission Statement

The West Virginia State Police Academy Professional Development Center will provide police officers of West Virginia with the most current methods of training and instruction in law enforcement to promote efficiency and effectiveness in order to increase the professional skills of all law enforcement professionals to better serve the citizens of West Virginia.

The West Virginia State Police Academy has been providing the highest quality law enforcement training and education since 1949. There are many new methods of instruction and technological advances in the field of police training. However, our goal remains the same, to increase the professional skills of West Virginia law enforcement professionals at all levels of government.

Procedures

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Registration Procedures

Attendance and enrollment in the classes within this catalog are restricted to certified police officers, chiefs of police and sheriffs. The Director of Professional Development may grant exemptions to this rule on a case-by-case basis.

Registration must be received no later than two weeks prior to the course start date. Agencies and/or individuals with outstanding debts to the Academy will not be permitted to register for courses.

Complete registration information can be found on page 8. The course registration form can be located on the last page.

Cancellation Policy

Individuals who cancel their registration for a course must do so at least two weeks in advance of the start of the course. Failure to give adequate notice of cancellation will result in forfeiture of tuition and prevents others on a waiting list from attending the course. Your cooperation in reducing the number of "no shows" is appreciated. The intent and purpose of this policy is to encourage enrollees to attend courses for which they have registered.

Some courses are subject to cancellation by the Professional Development Center due to inadequate enrollment.

Special Note: Any instances regarding the spread of COVID-19 may force an immediate cancellation of a class or classes. If that is the case, all students and instructors will be notified and arrangements will be made for the issuance of any monetary refunds, if applicable.

In-Service Credit

In-service accreditation will be awarded for all applicable courses through the Law Enforcement Professional Standards Committee (LEPSC) of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction.

Procedures

Classroom Presentation and Management

Generally, classes will begin between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. and may conclude as late as 5:00 p.m. daily, unless otherwise noted. Certain courses may require additional evening training hours. Instructional breaks and lunch periods will be set by the course instructor or supervisor. Smoking is not allowed within the buildings located on the academy complex. All students are expected to display a professional demeanor at all times and are required to adhere to the rules and regulations governing the West Virginia State Police Academy.

Dress Code

The West Virginia State Police Academy Professional Development Center strives to provide and maintain the highest standards of training. Students are requested to **dress in department uniform or casual business attire**. **No shorts, tank- tops, sweats or athletic attire or other clothing considered unprofessional will be worn on academy grounds, outside of the privacy of the dormitories. Jeans are permissible; however, they will be clean, not faded, frayed, have holes or patches. T-shirts with obscene logos will not be permitted.** Those courses that may require specific clothing such as fatigues or physical training apparel are exceptions to the dress code.

Directions

The Professional Development Center is located west of Charleston, WV along Interstate 64. Take exit number 50, Institute, to WV Route 25. Proceed east on Route 25 for approximately 3/4 of a mile and then turn left onto Academy Drive. The Professional Development Center is located approximately 3/10 mile past the main complex on Academy Drive. Parking is available at the Professional Development Center.

Procedures

Lodging and Meals

Requests for lodging at the Academy facilities shall be made on the course registration form. Academy lodging is not guaranteed if the request is not made in advance at the time of registration. Lodging will be invoiced to the student's agency at a rate of \$35.50 per day and includes all meals. (Please see below for rate breakdown). Invoices will be sent upon completion of the course.

Rate Breakdown

****Lodging.....\$12.50**

Meals

Breakfast.....	\$5.50
Lunch.....	\$6.00
Dinner.....	\$11.50

Meals are available to all students attending training. Each student's meals will be determined on the first day of each course. Meals will be invoiced to the student's agency based on the above rates. Invoices will be sent upon completion of the course.

Other lodging is available locally for law enforcement officers attending training at the West Virginia State Police Professional Development Center.

This information is provided for the convenience of our students. The West Virginia State Police Professional Development Center does not endorse, sponsor and are not affiliated with the following:

Ramada Plaza Hotel - South Charleston (304) 744-4641

Wingate Inn - South Charleston (304) 744-4444

Sleep Inn - Cross Lanes (304) 776-7711

Wyndham Garden Hotel - Cross Lanes (304) 776-8070

Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Cross Lanes (304) 769-5818

**** Availability of the PDC dorms for lodging will be contingent on the current COVID-19 protocol at the time of the scheduled class. All students and instructors will be advised if lodging will be available.**

Procedures

Registration

All courses are filled on a “***first come, first serve***” basis. Registration (using the form located on the last page) for each class must be received in writing by fax, mail or email. To register for any of the classes listed in this catalog, unless otherwise noted, contact:

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A faxed letter or email of confirmation will be sent upon receipt of each request. This confirmation letter will advise the individual that they are registered for the course or that the course is full, and their name has been placed on a waiting list.

West Virginia State Police members must submit a request through channels to attend the courses listed.

Course Schedule

Course Schedule (July – December 2022)

Month	Date	Course
July	11-15	Body Recovery
July	11-15	Handgun Instructor Course
July	27	Leadership Concepts
August	3	Generating Investigative Leads and Getting the Most out of CODIS
August	8-9	Forensic & Evidentiary Photography Techniques
August	15-19	Long Gun Instructor Course
August	22	Criminal Patrol and Hidden Compartments
September	7	Railroad Investigation Safety Course
September	12-16	Body Recovery
September	26-30	Instructor Development
October	3-14	Advanced Crash Investigation Level II
November	2-4	Tactical Response to Active Shooter
November	14-15	Forensic & Evidentiary Photography Techniques
December	5	Criminal Patrol and Hidden Compartments
December	5-9	Instructor Development
December	7	Generating Investigative Leads and Getting the Most out of CODIS
December	14	Railroad Investigation Safety Course

Course Descriptions

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Advanced Crash Investigation Level II (80 Hours)

Building upon the theories and techniques learned in the Level I Crash Investigation course at the West Virginia State Police Academy, this class will delve into the advanced concepts of traffic crash investigations.

More complex vehicle dynamics like acceleration/deceleration, factor, rate, and airborne situations will be explored. You will learn to estimate speeds from falls, vaults, and flips, and the calculation of kinetic energy and linear momentum. You will also learn to evaluate vehicle lamps, tires, and damage to help determine vehicle behaviors during the collision.

This school will be taught by experienced Crash Reconstructionist and is aimed at patrol and traffic officers wishing to expand their traffic crash investigation skills. This is the second step of three toward becoming a Crash Reconstructionist.

Topics include:

- Speed estimates from kinetic energy, skid marks, scuffmarks and airborne situations
- Vehicle dynamics and motion
- Time, distance, and motion equations
- Linear and 360-degree momentum equations
- Center of mass calculations
- Vehicle lamp examinations
- Pedestrian crash investigation

Date: October 3 – 14, 2022

Cost: \$300.00

Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructors: First Sergeant Geoff Petsko, WVSP
Sergeant Alan Marsh, WVSP
Sergeant Nate Workman, WVSP

Course Descriptions

Body Recovery (40 hours)

The Body Recovery class is a 40-hour class designed to demonstrate and teach the proper way to excavate human remains. Students will take part in a mock excavation and will learn how to document and sketch human remains. A portion of the class will deal with the proper identification of human bones. All materials will be supplied.

Special Concern: It is recommended that each student provide a camera for the class.

NOTE: This class is offered for those persons involved with crime scene processing and evidence collection. The class should not be taken only as a way to fulfill in-service credits.

Dates: July 11 – 15, 2022
September 12 – 16, 2022

Cost: \$150.00
Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructor: Dave Castle, WVSP
Mike Kief, WVSP (Lt, Retired)

Course Descriptions

Criminal Patrol and Hidden Compartments (8 hours)

This course will focus on detecting all criminal behaviors while conducting road patrol. This course will not focus solely on highway drug interdiction. This course will provide instruction on how to detect all types of criminals on traffic stops to include drug and contraband smuggling. This course will not focus solely on interstate highway systems as some officers do not have the opportunity or availability to strictly work interstates.

Topics covered will include:

- Indicators and Detection Methods
- Roadside Interviews
- Professionalism/Legal Issues
- Passenger Vehicle Concealment Locations

Dates: August 22, 2022
December 5, 2022

Cost: \$95.00
Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructor: Corporal Eric McFarland, WVSP

Course Descriptions

Forensic & Evidentiary Photography Techniques (16 hours)

This course is specifically designed for anyone who is tasked with the responsibility of having to document crime scenes, accident scenes, evidentiary items, and latent print evidence.

This class will cover using manual settings on digital SLR cameras (aperture, shutter speed, and ISO) for taking pictures in any situation, image compression (lossy vs lossless) and storage solutions, image composition, and evidentiary needs for photographs submitted to the laboratory for evaluation. Examination photography of evidence, impression photography, flash photography, night and low light photography, as well as situations with Luminol for blood stain documentation will be covered.

Special Concerns: Each student will need to provide an SLR digital camera and tripod.

Dates: August 8 – 9, 2022
November 14 – 15, 2022

Cost: \$125.00
Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructor: Lara D'agostin, WVSP Forensic Laboratory

Course Descriptions

Generating Investigative Leads and Getting the Most Out of CODIS

(8 hours)

A short primer on the WV DNA Database as well as its impact, importance, and benefits to law enforcement. This class will feature the history and relevant legislation that pertains to the database. Likewise, proper sample collection and documentation for convicted offender and casework evidentiary samples will be highlighted. Common mistakes and best practices will be taught. Lastly, a discussion about generating CODIS Hits and notifications about forensic leads that the database provides will take place as well as other forensic DNA tools available to law enforcement.

Dates: August 3, 2022

December 7, 2022

Cost: \$95.00

Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructors: Melissa N. Runyon, WVSP Forensic Laboratory

Ian Perry, WVSP Forensic Laboratory

Course Descriptions

Handgun Instructor Course (40 hours Supervisory/Non-Supervisory)

The handgun instructor class is a 40-hour class designed for the officer that wishes to conduct firearms training in the state of WV. Prospective students are expected to be proficient with a handgun prior to arrival in the class. (This is not a basic operator class). Students will have to qualify on the first day with a minimum score of 90% on the prescribed course. This course meets the standard for certification through the WV Law Enforcement Training Committee.

The student will provide a duty type handgun, three magazines, duty gear and 1000 rounds of ammunition. Please do not bring reloaded ammunition to class. Only ammunition of reputable manufacture will be allowed.

NOTE: Class will be held at the WVSP Academy Range

Dates: July 11- 15, 2022

Cost: \$295.00

Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructors: Corporal Chip Donohoe, WVSP
Gary Martin, WVSP (Retired)

Course Descriptions

Instructor Development (40 hours Supervisory/Non-Supervisory)

This course of study is required prior to receiving certification as a law enforcement training instructor. The training is designed to improve and develop teaching skills. The course is designed as a “train-the-trainer” type course where an instructor teaches students how to be an instructor. Topics include adult classroom management, lesson planning and organizing and the use of visual aids. Instruction also includes aspects of classroom administration where the main instructor supervises fellow instructors in preparing students and the classroom for learning. Students will be required to give four (4) presentations during the course and will be tested at the end of the week.

Dates: September 26 – 30, 2022
December 5 – 9, 2022

Cost: \$200.00
Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructor: First Sergeant Jay Powers, WVSP

Course Descriptions

Leadership Concepts (8 hours Supervisory Level)

The course will introduce the student to the concept of leadership for law enforcement and examine the concept as a complex process with multiple dimensions. Emphasizing in-depth definitions, descriptions, theories and application, the student will learn how to incorporate these concepts into the practice of leadership.

Date: July 27, 2022

Cost: \$100.00

Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructors: First Sergeant Ken Murray, WVSP
First Sergeant Clinton Lantz, WVSP

Course Descriptions

Long Gun Instructor Course (40 hours Supervisory/Non-Supervisory)

Prerequisite: Must be a current certified handgun instructor

The long gun instructor course is a 40-hour class designed for the officer who is a currently certified handgun instructor. This class meets the WV Law Enforcement Training Committee standard and will add the long gun certification to the instructor's resume. The student will provide a duty type shotgun, a carbine/patrol rifle, duty pistol and gear as well as 250 rounds of low brass bird shot, 50 rounds of slug, 200 rounds of carbine/patrol rifle ammo and 50 rounds of pistol ammo. Please do not bring reloaded ammunition to class. Only ammunition of reputable manufacture will be allowed.

Dates: August 15 – 19, 2022

Cost: \$195.00

Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructors: Sergeant Josh Eldridge, WVSP
Gary Martin, WVSP (Retired)

Course Descriptions

Railroad Investigation Safety Course (8 hours)

The Railroad Investigation and Safety Course provides first responders with critical information allowing them to effectively respond to and safely investigate incidents involving the railroad.

Approximately every three hours a train collision occurs in the United States often requiring the assistance of first responders at the scene of an incident. The collision scene may be complex and consist of a variety of safety concerns for first responders.

Topics will include:

- Rail Safety 101
- On-Scene Safety and Situational Awareness
- Rail Resources and Initial Report Information
- Rail Incident Conclusion

Attendees will learn personal safety techniques while they are investigating a grade crossing collision or trespasser incident, in addition to maintaining on-scene safety unique to the railroad environment.

Dates: September 7, 2022
December 14, 2022

Cost: \$95.00
Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructors: Special Agent in Charge Christopher Bowens, CSX
Special Agent Clarence Nicely, CSX

Course Descriptions

Tactical Response to Active Shooter (24 hours)

This course is designed to help prepare Patrol Officers to quickly and efficiently respond to an active shooter situation. Students will receive instruction on how to tactically respond to and neutralize an active shooter threat. Students will be instructed in classroom, range drills and simulation scenarios to further their understanding and skill set in the chaotic environment of an active shooter incident.

Special Concerns: Students will need to bring: Body armor, duty pistol and belt, ammo carry bag or load bearing vest normally accessible on road patrol, department approved patrol rifle or long gun carried on patrol, 200 rounds for patrol rifle/long gun (minimum), boots, fatigue uniform, hearing and eye protection, First Aid kit, and Hydration System.

Date: November 2 – 4, 2022

Cost: \$150.00

Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly

Instructor: Corporal Jamie Harris, WVSP

Instructor Biographies

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Dave Castle, WVSP (Retired Lt. – Huntington PD)

Lt. Castle is a Marshall University graduate with a BA degree in Criminal Justice (1991) and a 29-year veteran of the Huntington Police Department. His first four years were spent as a civilian forensic investigator. He became a sworn police officer in 1994 and worked midnight shift patrol in the Fairfield District for approximately five years. In 1999 he was transferred into the Forensic Investigations Unit as the supervisor.

Lt. Castle is a member of the International Association for Identification. He has over 1,000 hours of instruction in various aspects of crime scene investigation. He is adjunct faculty for the Marshall University Forensic Science Graduate program where he instructs the Advanced Crime Scene and Death Investigation FSC 615 and Bloodstain Pattern Analysis FSC 607 courses. Lt. Castle also instructs Crime Scene Investigation CJ 314-101 in the Marshall University undergraduate Criminal Justice program. He routinely testifies in court as an expert witness in the areas of fingerprint identification, crime scene reconstruction, bullet trajectory analysis, and bloodstain pattern analysis. He has testified as an expert in several WV county Circuit Courts, United States Federal Court, and the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Ohio. Additionally, he has lectured at numerous conferences on the state and national levels and is a private consultant (Castle Forensic Consulting, LLC) in the areas of latent fingerprints and bloodstain pattern analysis.

Instructor Biographies

Lara D'agostin, CLPE

Ms. D'agostin is employed as a forensic analyst and training coordinator in the Latent Print Section of the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory. She is trained to competency in all facets of the latent print discipline and fingerprint analysis and comparison. Ms. D'agostin has lectured on latent print and fingerprint topics at the West Virginia University Institute of Technology, and previously taught courses at Mountain State University for a total of six years. (Courses: Basics of Fingerprint Science, Advanced Fingerprint Comparisons, Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems, Indoor/Outdoor Crime Scenes, and Introduction to Forensic Science).

She has taught at the West Virginia State Police campus for Cadet, Basic, and in-service courses as well as local law enforcement in-service road shows on the topics of latent print development, preservation, and collection. She has been a presenter at the American Academy of Forensic Science's Conference on National Institute of Justice funded research results. She has been published in the Journal of Forensic Identification with regards to research (titled: Forced Condensation of Cyanoacrylate with Temperature Control of the Evidence Surface to Modify Polymer Formation and Improve Fingerprint Detection/ Visualization).

Instructor Biographies

First Sergeant Clinton Lantz, WVSP

First Sergeant Lantz is a 24-year veteran of the West Virginia State Police. He has served various positions within the Department to include Special Operations as a K-9 Handler working Explosives and Patrol dogs as well as a Detachment Commander and District Commander in the field. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from West Liberty State College and is also a Graduate of the FBI National Academy in 2014. First Sergeant Lantz served in the US military for over 20 years with both the United States Marine Corps and the West Virginia Army National Guard and retired in 2014.

First Sergeant Ken Murray, WVSP

First Sergeant Kenneth Murray is a 23-year veteran of the West Virginia State Police and is currently the Deputy Director of Training at the West Virginia State Police Academy. First Sergeant Murray has served as a WVSP Supervisor at the Paden City, Fairmont, and Morgantown Detachments. First Sergeant Murray has advanced training in Accident Investigation, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation, Advanced Course on The Reid Interviewing and Interrogation, United States Army Military Police School (USAMPS) Officer Basic Course, USAMPS Captains Career Course, USAMPS SRT Team Training Phase I, USAMPS Antiterrorism Officer Basic Course, Antiterrorism Level II, The Army Instructor Training Course, NIMS ICS 100,120, 300, 400, and 700, Pro Board Certified in Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, USAMPS Law Enforcement Senior Leader Course, Instructor Certified In Adult Mental Health First Aid USA, and WVSP Instructor Development.

First Sergeant Murray earned Associates Degree from Marshall University, Bachelor's Degree from West Liberty University, and Master's Degree from Mountain State University. First Sergeant Murray is currently an instructor for the West Virginia State Police Leadership Development Course, teaching Police Ethics and Mental Health.

First Sergeant Murray served 24 years in the West Virginia Army National Guard, deployments include Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom. First Sergeant Murray retired from the West Virginia Army National Guard as a Major.

Instructor Biographies

Special Agent in Charge Christopher Bowens, CSX

Chris joined the CSX Transportation Police Dept. as a Special Agent in 2003, was later promoted to Supervisory Special Agent-Huntington Division in 2012, and Special Agent in Charge-Huntington Division in 2014. Chris then became Special Agent in Charge of the larger Florence Unit in 2016. Chris is currently responsible for the Eastern portion of the Midwest Region where he continues to utilize his education and diversified law enforcement experience and training in his current role.

While with CSXPD, Chris has been involved with many significant investigations including two cases resulting in Federal prosecutions. One case involved a large diesel fuel theft ring resulting in three federal incarcerations (including two CSX contractors) and \$800,000 in court ordered restitution to CSX. Another involved the arson of a railroad tunnel resulting with two federal incarcerations and \$7,900,000 in court ordered restitution to CSX. Prior to joining CSXPD, Chris graduated from Marshall University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice in 1994.

Upon graduating from Marshall, Chris joined the Wayne, WV Police Dept. where he began his law enforcement career in 1995 as a Patrolman and was later appointed to the role of Chief of Police. Chris then joined the Wayne County, WV Sheriff's Department where he held the roles of Deputy Sheriff, School Resource Officer, Patrol Supervisor, and ultimately lead detective / major crimes in the Detective Bureau. While in the Detective Bureau, Chris was very fortunate to receive extensive training in Interview and Interrogation, Crime Scene Investigation, Crime Scene Processing, as well as Death and Homicide Investigation through the Marshall University School of Medicine and Forensic Science Program. Chris has also completed both the REID and the Advanced REID training schools of Interview and Interrogation.

Instructor Biographies

Special Agent Clarence Nicely, CSX

Clarence joined the CSX Transportation Police Dept. as a Special Agent in 2021. Prior to joining CSXPD, Clarence graduated from Liberty University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in 2008, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in 2011. Clarence began his law enforcement career in 2008 as a Patrolman for the Milton, WV Police Dept. In 2010, Clarence joined the Huntington, WV Police Dept. Clarence was hired as a WV Natural Resources Police Officer in 2011, and worked across southern WV in that capacity over the last 9-10 years. During his law enforcement career, Clarence was fortunate to be assigned to the WV State Police Academy as an Instructor for Firearms, Officer Survivability Training, and Natural Resource Law from 2014-2021. Clarence also served as the Academy Fellowship Officer (class instructor) for 6 different entry level basic officer classes during his career. During his time as a Natural Resources Police Officer, Clarence served as a member of the Honor/Color Guard, field training officer, background investigator and named as the Chaplain Director for the department in 2017. Clarence was also a task force officer with the U.S. Marshals CUFFED task force in the Southern District of WV from 2018-2020.

Instructor Biographies

Sergeant Robert A. Marsh, WVSP

Sergeant Marsh is a 15-year veteran, currently serving as the Detachment Commander at the Welch Detachment in McDowell County, WV. Prior to becoming a Trooper, Sergeant Marsh was a 10-year Master Certified Automotive Technician. Sergeant Marsh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Bluefield State College and an Associate's Degree in Police Science from Mountwest Community and Technical College.

Sergeant Marsh has been involved with Crash Reconstructions for the past 10-years and has provided expert testimony in both magistrate and circuit court. Sergeant Marsh is a certified Level III Accident Reconstructionist through IPTM. Sergeant Marsh was the former Accident Reconstruction and Crime Scene Team Leader in Troop 6, he now provides assistant by sharing his experience, knowledge, and skills to current team members. Sergeant Marsh has attended many seminars specific to crash reconstruction and the evolving technology that aides reconstructionist during their investigations. Sergeant Marsh has applied various methods to reconstruct and analyze crashes to include crash data retrieval (CDR), kinetic energy, airborne, momentum, and critical speed yaw. Sergeant Marsh is also certified to operate the Faro 3D Scanner and its mapping software. Sergeant Marsh has investigated and assisted in investigations in Troops 4, 5, 6, and 7 related to pedestrian strikes/fatalities, vehicle fatalities with two or more vehicles, and other criminal related crashes.

Instructor Biographies

Sergeant Nate Workman, WVSP

Sergeant Workman is a court-certified expert professional collision reconstructionist specializing in the analysis of all types of vehicular accidents. He is a former member of the West Virginia State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit who actively reconstructed collisions in its southern operations. Sergeant Workman is certified to utilize a wide variety of methods to reconstruct collisions, including linear momentum analysis, perception and reaction analysis, crash data retrieval (CDR), scene mapping with a theodolite, and computer-aided diagramming and animation. He is an experienced investigator and has reconstructed a multitude of vehicle crashes including driver, passenger, pedestrian fatalities and other crashes which resulted in criminal prosecution. Sergeant Workman has been qualified as an expert in crash reconstruction and testified as such in magistrate and circuit court proceedings in West Virginia.

Sergeant Workman is a 16-year veteran of the West Virginia State Police and currently serves as the Detachment Commander of the Hinton Detachment located in Summers County. Sergeant Workman holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a Master's of Education Degree in Adult Training and Education from the University of Phoenix. Sergeant Workman also has an Associate's Degree in Police Science from the Community College of the Air Force.

Sergeant Workman is a decorated veteran of the United States Air Force having served for 10 year as a Security Forces Explosive Military Working Dog Handler, Trainer and Kennel Master. Sergeant Workman completed several deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Instructor Biographies

First Sergeant Geoffrey S. Petsko, WVSP

First Sergeant Geoffrey S. Petsko is a court-certified expert and practicing professional crash reconstructionist specializing in the analysis of all types of vehicular accidents. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1993 and was accepted into the West Virginia State Police in 1994. In 2003, he completed his Crash Reconstruction training and was certified by IPTM as a reconstructionist. Since 2003, First Sergeant Petsko has received training can certification in Crush Energy Analysis, Crash Data Retrieval (CDR), CAD Diagraming and Animation, Pedestrian Collisions, Human Factors, and in FARO Scanning. After obtaining his teaching certification in 2006, First Sergeant Petsko has instructed many officers in Advanced Accident Investigation and reconstruction techniques. He has also completed and/or assisted in the completion of many reconstructions across the tri-state region.

Instructor Biographies

First Sergeant Jay Powers, WVSP

First Sergeant Powers is currently the Director of the Professional Development Center at the West Virginia State Police Academy. He enlisted in the West Virginia State Police in 1995 and was stationed at the South Charleston Detachment. He later spent a few years as a Community Liaison Officer until he was transferred to the Office of Public Affairs in 2000.

In 2006, First Sergeant Powers was transferred to the position of Southern Coordinator for the Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention (CDDP), where he stayed until 2021. He is also a member of the WVSP Legislative Detail and serves as the WVSP Historian.

He is a Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Instructor and regularly trains new officers at the WVSP Academy. He also travels throughout the state and assists with the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training. As an instructor, he has had the opportunity to train over a thousand officers during his career.

He has experience in other specialties such as: crash reconstruction, child safety seat technician, community policing, traffic occupant protection strategies (TOPS), recruiting, suspect identification, school violence and cultural diversity. He served as the officer-in-charge of the WVSP Honor Guard for 16 years.

Instructor Biographies

Melissa N. Runyon, WVSP Forensic Science Supervisor Biology/Databasing, WV State CODIS Administrator

Ms. Runyon is originally from Nashville, TN. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 2002 from Trevecca Nazarene University and a Master of Science degree in Forensic Science with an emphasis in DNA Analysis in 2010 from Marshall University.

She began her career with the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory in May 2004 as a scientist in the Drug Identification Section. In October 2005, she transferred to the Biology/DNA section of the laboratory. She was promoted to the Biology/DNA and Databasing supervisor in June 2011. In this role, she was responsible for the day-to-day technical and administrative operations of the DNA and Databasing section, including but not limited to supervision of staff, scheduling workloads as well as grant management. In 2022, she transitioned to the Biology/Databasing supervisor where she continues the responsibility of the day-to-day technical and administrative operations of the Databasing section.

She served as the Alternate WV State CODIS Administrator from 2008-2010, 2013, and 2017-2019. In December 2019, she took on the role of the WV State CODIS Administrator. In this role, she is responsible for maintaining the WV DNA Database program ensuring all applicable laws and regulations are followed.

She is an active member of the Southern Association of Forensic Scientists (SAFS) organization, an ANAB ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and AR 3125 Technical Assessor as well as an auditor for the Quality Assurance Standards (QAS) for Forensic DNA testing and DNA Databasing laboratories.

Instructor Biographies

Ian T. Perry, Forensic Scientist II Biology/Databasing

Mr. Perry is originally from Belle, WV. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 2019 from Marshall University with Minors in Biology and Criminal Justice.

He began his career with the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory in June 2019 as a technician in the Biology/DNA section. In October 2019, he was promoted to being a scientist in the Biology/Databasing section. In this role, he is the primary scientist responsible for the day-to-day technical and routine operations of the Databasing section, including but not limited to sample reception, accessioning, processing, and testing as well as various bookkeeping tasks, as necessary.

He is an active member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and trained as an auditor for the Quality Assurance Standards (QAS) for Forensic DNA testing and DNA Databasing laboratories.

Instructor Biographies

Sergeant Josh Eldridge, WVSP

Sgt. Eldridge is a 17-year veteran of the West Virginia State Police and is currently assigned to the West Virginia State Police Academy. He currently is the instructor for Officer Survival Training, Patrol Concepts, Simulator Training, De-Escalation, Crash Investigation and the Master Firearms Instructor. Sgt. Eldridge has served as a member of the West Virginia State Police Crime Scene Response Team for six years and is a Crash Reconstructionist.

Corporal Chip Donohoe, WVSP

Cpl. Donohoe is a 17-year veteran of the West Virginia State Police and is currently assigned to the West Virginia State Police Academy. He currently is the Master Firearms Instructor and Cadet Class Supervisor. Cpl. Donohoe has served as a member of the West Virginia State Police Crime Scene Response Team for seven years and Crash Reconstructionist for eight years. Cpl. Donohoe is a certified armorer for Glock pistols, Smith and Wesson pistols and rifles, and Remington shotguns.

Instructor Biographies

Corporal Jamie Harris, WVSP

Corporal James K. Harris is a 15-year veteran of the West Virginia State Police and is currently assigned to the Logan Detachment. He is an instructor of Initial Response to Critical Incidents, Law Enforcement Response to Active Shooter Incidents, Civilian Response to Active Shooter Incidents, Tactical Emergency Casualty Care and ADD/IDD Awareness (Pathfinders for Autism). Corporal Harris also teaches Basic Principals of CQB (Structure/Room Clearing) on a regular basis to both Cadet and Basic Classes for entry level law enforcement officers. Corporal Harris has served as a member of the West Virginia State Police Special Response Team for 12 years and is currently the team leader for SRT Bravo Team.



West Virginia State Police Professional Development Center Course Application

Contact Information

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Course Information

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Course Date(s):

Will you require the following that is provided by the Professional Development Center/Academy?

Lodging:	Meals:			
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/>	Lunch <input type="checkbox"/>	Dinner <input type="checkbox"/>

Please note, lodging and meals are invoiced separately at the completion of the course.

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