



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

2026 Course Catalog

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Who We Are

The Wisconsin State Patrol Academy is the state's premier law enforcement training facility, serving as both the foundation for new troopers and inspectors and a trusted provider of continuing education for police professionals across Wisconsin.

As an extension of the Wisconsin State Patrol, our work is guided by its mission, vision, and values:

Wisconsin State Patrol: Mission, Vision, Values



The Academy is located on Ft. McCoy and offers a comprehensive range of amenities designed to enhance your learning experience. These amenities include:

- An indoor, multi-lane firearms range
- Access to numerous outdoor firearms ranges
- Six full-sized classrooms with multimedia display and remote-learning capabilities
- On-site lodging
- A full-service cafeteria
- An Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) track

The Academy's course offerings — including LESB-certified programs and specialized training in leadership, investigations, traffic safety, and more — are designed to meet the evolving needs of modern policing. Whether you are a new recruit or a veteran officer, we are here to support your development, strengthen your skills, and reinforce the values that define professional law enforcement in Wisconsin.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor

DATES:

March 02, 2026 to

March 03, 2026

TIME:

8:00 am to 4:30 pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

16 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 145.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 170.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 270.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request. ***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

15

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Sgt. Allan Platt

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

February 9, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This LESB course prepares law enforcement professionals to effectively administer and teach the Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (OMVWI)/Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) training program. Emphasizes teaching and learning techniques that promote active learning, support learners with a variety of learning preferences and needs and generate continuous improvement in teaching and learning. This course will certify you to teach LESB SFST curriculum.

OBJECTIVES:

The first part of this course will focus on the basic principles and techniques of teaching OMVWI/SFST, and on the specific application of those principles and techniques to the curriculum employed for classroom training in SFSTs. During this day the student-instructors become able to:

- Describe the documents that make up the standard curriculum packages for OMVWI/SFST;
- Describe the content and format of the lesson plans for OMVWI/SFST;
- Describe the characteristics of a good OMVWI/SFST instructor;
- Carry out the instructor preparation tasks for any session of the OMVWI/SFST course;
- Describe how to plan and manage an alcohol workshop;
- Administer the use of NHTSA-approved video tapes for optional SFST training.
- During the second part of the course, the student-instructor will have opportunities to apply what they have learned by teaching selected portions of the OMVWI/SFST course. The instructor candidates will be told their practice teaching assignments on the first day of the course, and they will have time in class on the first day to begin preparing for the assignments.

PREREQUISITES:

- Satisfactorily completed either the 32-hour Wisconsin Criminal Justice Instructor Development Course (CJIDC) or the Teaching Methods Course put on by the Wisconsin Technical College System;
- Satisfactorily completed SFST training, based on the NHTSA SFST curriculum or its equivalent;
- Participated in two "live" volunteer drinking subject practice sessions (alcohol workshops) during which they personally administered the horizontal gaze nystagmus, walk and turn, and one-leg-stand test to persons who have consumed alcohol; or
- Participated in one "live" volunteer drinking subject practice session (alcohol workshop) during which they personally administered the horizontal gaze nystagmus, walk and turn, and one-leg-stand test to persons who have consumed alcohol, and participated in one NHTSA approved video-taped session of drinking subjects; or
- Participated in two NHTSA approved video-taped sessions of drinking subjects; and
- Demonstrated continued proficiency with the SFSTs, either in actual enforcement operations or in alcohol workshops, or both, since the completion of their training.
- **NOTE: Anyone enrolling in this course is expected to know SFST skills prior to attending the course. This is an instructor course. A practical and written pre-test will be administered at the start of the course. If you do not pass these tests you will not be allowed to continue in the course.**

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Instructor Development & Scenario Instructor

DATES:

April 20, 2026 to
April 24, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

40 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 340.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 400.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 795.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

24

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Sgt. Brian LaValley
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

March 30, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This hybrid Criminal Justice Instructor Development Course – (IDC) & Scenario Instructor Course is designed to provide instructors the knowledge, tools and understanding of the safety and administrative needs associated with scenario training and testing activities. It will also prepare Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) certified officers to effectively administer and teach LESB approved curricula. This course will certify you for both LESB courses.

This course emphasizes teaching and learning techniques that promote active learning, support learners with a variety of learning preferences and needs, and generate continuous improvements in teaching and learning. It will also prepare instructor personnel to provide realistic, safe, and effective preparatory level training and assessments, as well as to serve as a safety protocol aid (although not mandatory) for active law enforcement/jail, in-service and law enforcement/jail community training programs. The scenario portion of the course objectives are established through the roles and functions of the Safety Coordinator (SO) and the Exercise Control Officer (ECO) and common safety practices, as outlined in the scenario instructor training manual. Covered skills include coaching techniques, debriefing techniques, scenario evaluations, directing of role players, and ensuring compliance with established safety protocols.

OBJECTIVES:

To successfully complete the CJ-IDC & Scenario course, instructor candidates must:

- Present two teaching assignments to the class
- Present one scenario teaching assignment
- Pass a written/achievement examination with a grade of 80% or higher
- Demonstrate proficiency in adult learning and teaching techniques taught throughout the course
- Demonstrate administration of scenario-based training in safe and effective manner throughout the course

PREREQUISITES:

- Registration limited to: Law enforcement applicants who have acquired a
- minimum of 2 ½ years of full-time or at least 5,000 hours of certified
- occupational experience as a law enforcement or tribal law enforcement
- officer and have attained an associate degree or a minimum of 60-accredited
- semester credits or 90-accredited quarter credits.
- Applicants must submit form DJ-LE-335, the *32-hour Criminal Justice*
- *Instructor Development Course Application* (paper form available on
- WILENET), to the training provider along with a copy of their Acadis Training
- History Report to verify occupational experience to enroll in the CJIDC, as
- well as form DJ-LE-310, *Student Release of Information* (paper form available
- on WILENET).

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Motor Carrier Enforcement (Truck Law)

DATES:

May 4, 2026 to
May 8, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

36 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 320.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 380.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 770.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

15

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

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608-487-0188

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

April 10, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide the law enforcement officer an A-to-Z format in dealing with Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV) during traffic stops. This course is designed primarily to train officers in skills necessary to recognize size/weight violations and the enforcement of Chapters 347 and 348. Officers will be provided concentrated instruction in motor carriers laws and their enforcement; specifically, Chapters 194, 341, 343 (CDL), 346 (CMV OWI), 347 and 348.

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify traffic law violations that pertain specifically to commercial motor vehicles.
- Identify what vehicles are subject to IFTA and IRP and requirements for credentials.
- Identify Commercial Driver's License classes, endorsements and restrictions.
- Identify different types of operation- private or for-hire.
- Identify equipment violations.
- Demonstrate the ability to determine a vehicle's axle groups and overweight violation.
- Identify requirements for oversize/overweight permits and the credential requirements.
- Identify legal size, weight and load requirements.

PREREQUISITES:

- Student must be an LESB certified law Enforcement officer and an interest in CMV enforcement.
- Items to bring: laptop, laptop charger, notebook, writing utensil, calculator.
- Business casual attire is acceptable for all days except for Thursday.
 - WSP personnel should wear BDU's on Thursday.
 - County/Municipal officers should wear something they may be comfortable with getting dirty as we will be utilizing the inspection bays at the Sparta SWEF.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Technical Crash Investigation I

DATES:

May 18, 2026 to
May 22, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

36 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 285.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 345.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 735.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

24

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Sgt. Benjamin Hamilton

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608-716-1724

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

April 27, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Topics of instruction include:

- Hand measurements & Scale Diagramming (pre-requisite for Forensic Mapping)
- Residual Crash Evidence
- Interviewing drivers, passengers, and witnesses
- Human factors
- Evidence collection overview
- Forensic lamp examinations
- Introduction to Vehicle Dynamics

OBJECTIVES:

The goal of this course is to expand the knowledge of DOJ basic crash investigation and to introduce the concepts of Technical Crash Investigation. This course will assist officers to better understand crash investigation and will provide in-depth training on the topics listed above. This is a prerequisite course to Technical Crash Investigation II and Forensic Mapping w/ Trimble Total Stations.

ITEMS TO BRING:

- MDC (computer)
- Power cable for MDC
- Notebook
- Scientific calculator
- Ruler
- Pencil

PREREQUISITES:

- Student must be a LESB certified Law Enforcement Officer.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Police Motorcycle Operator Basic

DATES:

June 1-5, 2026, AND
June 8-12, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

80 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 725.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 845.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 1,625.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*
***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request. ***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

6

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

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Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 11, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 80-hour course taught by State Patrol Motorcycle Operator Instructors will:

- Orient class to the terminology, driving skills, and liability issues that relate to the operation of a police motorcycle.
- This training enhances an officer's ability to operate a police motorcycle in a variety of situations by teaching personal and vehicle control limitations.

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Helmet: United States Department of Transportation (DOT) approved motorcycle helmet in good condition and free of defects
- Eye Protection- Shatter resistant eyeglasses, sunglasses, safety glasses (for day use). Clear eyeglasses, clear safety glasses (nighttime or low light use)
- Gloves: Full finger
- Long Pants: Blue Jeans or BDU type pants, loose fitting while in the seated position
- Lace up boots: Cover above the ankle with good grip soles. (no leather soles)
- Long Sleeves (shirt or jacket) for higher speed exercises (optional)
- Rain Gear for inclement weather
- Optional Personal items: sunscreen, bug spray, refillable water bottle

PREREQUISITES:

- Certified LESB Law Enforcement Officer.
- VALID CLASS M Driver's License.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Introduction to Highway Criminal Interdiction

DATES:

June 02, 2026 to
June 04, 2026

TIME:

June 2-3 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
June 4 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

PROGRAM LENGTH:

20 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 295.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 330.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 560.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

12

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Sgt. Allan Platt

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 12, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide an introduction into highway criminal interdiction as it pertains to the role of a patrol officer. It will provide a basic knowledge of what an officer may observe/hear while on patrol during their regular duties, to included, but not limited to: drug identification, methods of concealment, and different methods of ingestion. The training will cover verbal and non-verbal indicators of criminal activity.

OBJECTIVES:

This class will cover the following topics:

- HCI Safety Considerations
- Verbal/Non-Verbal Indicators
- Effective Vehicle Searches/Areas of Concealment
- Identification of Illegal narcotics & Prescription Medications
- Asset Forfeiture
- Evidence Processing
- Criminal Activity Interpretation (Human Trafficking, Theft, Currency, Weapons, etc.)

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Computer
- Flashlight
- Water Bottle
- Search Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Note Taking Materials
- All Weather Gear

*****This is a classroom and scenario-based course. Upon completion of the classroom training the students will partake in a scenario-based training outdoors, searching vehicles for contraband. Please dress/plan accordingly.*****

PREREQUISITES:

- There are no prerequisites for this course.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Honor Guard-Basic

DATES:

June 08, 2026 to
June 10, 2026

TIME:

June 08 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm
June 09 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
June 10 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

PROGRAM LENGTH:

16 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 170.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 205.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 430.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

20

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 18, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Wisconsin State Patrol is offering a 16-hour law enforcement basic honor guard training. This training does not require any background knowledge and is designed for new honor guard members with little or no experience in honor guard disciplines. Training will offer both an informative classroom presentation and a repetition of practical application.

The basic honor guard course will begin in an entire-class training environment followed by several breakout training sessions. The breakout sessions include: Marching, Facing Movements, Saluting, and Handling Flags and Rifles. The training will conclude by completing a combined color team presentation in front of the class and instructors.

Honor: Treating someone special, doing more than is required and doing it with the right attitude.

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Flags (American, Wisconsin, and agency)
- Flag stanchions
- Ceremonial rifles
- Blank ceremonial rifle rounds
- Agency honor guard uniform
- Eye and ear protection.

PREREQUISITES:

- There are no prerequisites to attending this course.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Honor Guard-Advanced

DATES:

June 10, 2026 to
June 12, 2026

TIME:

June 10 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm
June 11 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
June 12 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

PROGRAM LENGTH:

16 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 165.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 200.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 375.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

20

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 20, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Wisconsin State Patrol is offering a 16-hour law enforcement advanced honor guard training. Although this training does not require completing the Wisconsin State Patrol Basic Course, honor guard experience is encouraged. This training will be a mix of informative classroom presentations and repetitions of practical applications.

The advanced honor guard course will begin in an entire-class training environment followed by several breakout training sessions. The breakout sessions include Marching, Facing Movements, Casket/Urn Movements, Flag Movements, Flag Folding, Casket/Urn Watch, and Rifle Team. The training will conclude by completing a combined Honor Guard Unit presentation in front of the class and instructors.

Honor-Treating someone special, doing more than is required and doing it with the right attitude.

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Flags (American, Wisconsin, and agency)
- Flag stanchions
- Ceremonial rifles
- Blank ceremonial rifle rounds
- Agency honor guard uniform
- Eye and ear protection.

PREREQUISITES:

- Although there are no prerequisites for this course, completion of the basic course is encouraged.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Forensic Mapping/Trimble Total Stations

DATES:

June 15, 2026 to
June 19, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily,
Monday start time of 12:30pm

PROGRAM LENGTH:

32 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 250.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 295.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 630.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

24

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Sgt. Benjamin Hamilton
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 25, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Topics of instruction include:

- Fundamentals of forensic mapping with Trimble total stations
- Total station nomenclature
- Mathematics of coordinate geometry
- Practical exercise
 - Crash and crime scene scenarios
- Integration of taped and total station measurements
- Introduction to computer aided drawing (CAD)

OBJECTIVES:

The goal of this course is to familiarize the student with forensic mapping equipment. This course consists of classroom learning and practical exercises. The student will spend several hours setting up, mapping, and traversing with their equipment. The data will then be introduced to a Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) program where results can be observed and adjustments to the students mapping techniques can be made.

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Computer and notebook
- 32GB jump drive
- Trimble total station equipment
- If your agency uses a specific CAD program, bring that software

PREREQUISITES:

- Successful completion of Technical Crash Investigation I

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Tactical Response Instructor

DATES:

July 27, 2026 to
July 30, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

32 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 310.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 360.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 670.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

12

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Sgt. Brian LaValley
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608-387-5815

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

July 6, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This class will prepare instructor candidates for certification as a Tactical Response instructor. Graduates of this class will be able to instruct officers in building and room-clearing, response to violent incidents including active shooter incidents.

- Identify instructor responsibilities.
- Describe the components of the Tactical Response curriculum.
- Review decision-making and legal issues surrounding use of force decisions.
- Review tactics for everyday patrol including foot pursuits, small unit tactics, and perimeters; teaching and correcting student errors.
- Review active shooter response concepts and principles, teaching and correcting student errors.
- Present teaching assignments.
- Complete the Tactical Response Instructor course (exam, evaluation, review application process)

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Tactical or duty gear with holster
- Eye and ear protection
- Protective wear and appropriate civilian attire
- laptop computer and related supplies for note taking

PREREQUISITES:

- Must have completed the 32-hour CJ-IDC course before attending, OR be a currently certified LESB instructor, and have 3 years full-time experience.
- Bring completed form DJ-LE-336 to training.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Technical Crash Investigation I

DATES:

August 17, 2026 to
August 21, 2026

TIME:

Monday-Thursday:
8:00am to 4:30pm
Friday: 8am-12pm

PROGRAM LENGTH:

36 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 285.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 345.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 735.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

24

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Sgt. Benjamin Hamilton
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

April 27, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Topics of instruction include:

- Hand measurements & Scale Diagramming (pre-requisite for Forensic Mapping)
- Residual Crash Evidence
- Interviewing drivers, passengers, and witnesses
- Human factors
- Evidence collection overview
- Forensic lamp examinations
- Introduction to Vehicle Dynamics

OBJECTIVES OR ITEMS TO BRING:

The goal of this course is to expand the knowledge of DOJ basic crash investigation and to introduce the concepts of Technical Crash Investigation. This course will assist officers to better understand crash investigation and will provide in-depth training on the topics listed above. This is a prerequisite course to Technical Crash Investigation II and Forensic Mapping w/ Trimble Total Stations.

ITEMS TO BRING:

- MDC (computer)
- Power cable for MDC
- Notebook
- Scientific calculator
- Ruler
- Pencil

PREREQUISITES:

- Student must be a LESB certified Law Enforcement Officer.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Vehicle Contacts Instructor

DATES:

September 1, 2026 to
September 3, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

24 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 220.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 255.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 480.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request. ***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

24

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Sgt. Benjamin Hamilton
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

August 6, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course prepares Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) certified officers to effectively administer and teach the vehicle contacts training program. This course emphasizes teaching and learning techniques that promote active learning, support learners with a variety of learning preferences and needs and generate continuous improvements in teaching and learning.

The goal of this program is to prepare certified officers who are proficient in making vehicle contacts to deliver the LESB-approved vehicle contact curriculum.

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify instructor responsibilities
- Describe the components of the basic vehicle contacts curriculum packet (orientation to course materials).
- Prepare a vehicle contacts instructor candidate teaching assignment.
- Describe how to run a driving range during a Vehicle Contacts Course.
- Describe safety procedures for using weapons (simulated/mock weapons or real weapons) during vehicle contacts training.
- Review how to teach an approach, non-approach, and high-risk vehicle contact and how to correct student errors.
- Present your teaching assignment.
- Critique the Vehicle Contacts Instructor Course

PREREQUISITES:

- Completed Criminal Justice Instructor Development Course (CJ-IDC)
- Complete Instructor Training Course Application DJ-LE-336
 - State Patrol employees should bring the form completed and it will be signed at the Academy.
 - Personnel from outside of the DSP need to have the form signed by an administrator from their agency and submit a copy to the Academy in advance of admission to the course.

Directions to Instructor Candidates:

- This is an instructor course. Anyone attending the instructor course is expected to know the below skills prior to attending the course. You will be tested at the beginning of the course. If you do not pass these skills you will not be allowed to continue in the course.
 - Take the written pre-test to assess your knowledge of the basic vehicle contacts skills. You must pass with a minimum score of 80% to be admitted into the vehicle contacts instructor course.
 - Perform basic vehicle contacts skills on a driving range to assess your knowledge of the basic vehicle contacts skills.
 - If you do not pass the practical pre-test to the satisfaction of the MIT you will not be admitted into the vehicle contacts instructor course. You will be critiqued on the following basic skills on the driving range: Approach Contact, Non-Approach Contact, High-Risk Contact.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Handgun and Rifle Instructor (MRDS)

DATES:

September 30, 2026 to
October 9, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

64 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 660.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 755.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 1,370.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

18

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Sgt. Benjamin Hamilton

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608-716-1724

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

September 4, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 64-hour course, taught by DOJ Certified Master Instructor Trainers, prepares instructor candidates for certification as a LESB Handgun and Rifle instructor. The certification includes Miniaturized Red Dot Sight (MRDS).

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify the expectations of the Handgun and Rifle instructor training program.
- Students will review decision-making and legal issues surrounding use of force/weapons operation.
- Describe/demonstrate safety procedures for classroom and live fire ranges.
- Students will be able to properly demonstrate skill sessions using proper terminology and form from DOJ material.
- Students will successfully diagnose problem shooters, develop plans to improve and implement corrective training.
- Demonstrate how to properly administer safe, effective range sessions for all skill levels.
- Present multiple teaching presentations.
- 8 hours of Pistol Red Dot instruction.
- Complete exams, evaluations, and the application process

PREREQUISITES:

Must have completed the 32-hour CJ-IDC course before attending, or be a currently certified LESB instructor, and have 3 years full-time experience. To attend, must apply via form DJ-LE-336 (include completed Handgun and Rifle Skills Competency Checklist), proof of training hours on Acadis ®.

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Duty belt
- Holster
- Protective eyewear
- Hearing protection
- 800 rounds of handgun ammunition
- 500 rounds of rifle ammunition
- Laptop computer + charging cable
- Other protective gear
- Duty handgun with a red dot (preferred)
- Duty rifle

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Advanced Traffic Law

DATES:

October 19th, 2026 to
October 23rd, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

40 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 175.00

*Includes only attendance to class
(no meals or lodging)*

Commuter – \$ 235.00

*Includes tuition and noon meals
(no lodging)*

Resident – \$ 630.00

*Includes tuition; breakfast, lunch,
dinner (as applicable); and lodging*

*Additional night's lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.*

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

40

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Lieutenant James Sawyer

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

September 28th, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Elevate Your Enforcement. Expand Your Expertise.

This intensive course, delivered by the Wisconsin State Patrol, mirrors the advanced traffic law curriculum provided to sworn Troopers—and now it's available to qualified law enforcement professionals seeking the next level in traffic enforcement mastery.

Building upon the foundational skills developed in the Department of Justice's 720-hour Police Academy, this advanced training is designed for officers actively engaged in traffic enforcement who are ready to enhance their operational efficiency and legal acumen.

What You'll Gain:

- **In-depth analysis of traffic-related statutes**
Dive deep into Wisconsin law with a comprehensive review of complex and commonly misunderstood statutes.
- **Strategic enforcement techniques**
Learn proven methods for maximizing safety and effectiveness during traffic stops, saturation patrols, and crash investigations.
- **Crash causation insights**
Explore real-world factors contributing to roadway incidents, identifying violations that frequently lead to collisions.
- **Peer-tested best practices**
Engage with instructors and fellow officers to discuss real-case applications and tactical lessons learned.

This course is not just an academic exercise—it's a boots-on-the-ground, scenario-driven, statute-rich experience developed to sharpen your decision-making, legal precision, and enforcement confidence.

This course deals only peripherally with Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) operations and Chapter 348 (Size, Weight, and Load). Those topics are covered more comprehensively in our sister program "Truck Law."

PREREQUISITES:

Students must be a currently certified law enforcement officer.

ITEMS TO BRING:

A computer is highly recommended as much of the material will be conveyed electronically (particularly Wisconsin Statutes).

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Professional Communication Skills Instructor (PCS)

DATES:

November 30, 2026 to
December 1, 2026

TIME:

8:00am to 4:30pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

16 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 160.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 185.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 325.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request. ***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

10

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

November 9, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The overall course goal is to provide instructor candidates (you) with the skills, abilities and techniques required to deliver effective PCS training. Instructor candidates will accomplish this by meeting the following learning objectives:

- Learn the roles and responsibilities of administrators and instructors in conducting a PCS basic course.
- Identify Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) certification requirements for instructors.
- Identify the components of the PCS basic course.
- Review the PCS curriculum package and updates to the training materials.
- Present one instructor course teaching assignment.

ITEMS TO BRING:

Appropriate civilian attire, laptop computer and related supplies for note taking.

PREREQUISITES:

You must complete the following requirements to receive a PCS instructor course completion certificate:

- Successfully complete the pre-test session.
- Attend and participate in all class sessions.
- Successfully present a practice teaching assignment.
- Score at least 80% on the final instructor course written exam.
- Complete the instructor application paperwork to be submitted for LESB certification.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.



Wisconsin State Patrol Academy

Defensive Tactics Instructor

DATES:

December 03, 2026 to
December 18, 2026

TIME:

8:00 am-4:30 pm Daily

PROGRAM LENGTH:

96 Hours

COST:

Class only – \$ 715.00

*Includes only attendance to class
No meals and No lodging.*

Commuter – \$ 860.00

*Includes tuition and noon (lunch)
meals. No lodging.*

Resident – \$ 1,830.00

*Includes Tuition, all three meals, and
lodging*

***Additional nights lodging and meals can
be obtained upon request.***

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

24

INSTRUCTOR/VENDOR:

Wisconsin State Patrol
Academy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

November 12, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course prepares Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) certified officers to effectively administer and teach the DAAT and POSC training programs. This course emphasizes teaching and learning techniques that promote active learning, supports learners with a variety of learning preferences and needs and generates continuous improvements in teaching and learning. The goal of this program is to prepare certified officers who are proficient in using DAAT and/or POSC techniques to deliver LESB-approved curriculum.

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify the expectations of the DAAT instructor training program.
- Describe the components of the DAAT curriculum packet (orientation to course materials).
- Review decision-making and legal issues surrounding use of force decisions.
- Prepare the DAAT instructor candidate teaching assignments.
- Describe safety procedures for classroom and the DAAT room.
- Demonstrate how to teach DAAT techniques and correct student errors.
- Present a teaching presentation.
- Complete DAAT Instructor Program (exam, evaluations, and application process)

PREREQUISITES:

- Instructor candidates must satisfactorily complete the 32-hour Wisconsin Criminal Justice Instructor Development Course (CJ-IDC) prior to attending this instructor course.
- Satisfactorily completed the preparatory training for certified law enforcement officers based on curriculum approved by the LESB.
- Demonstrated continued proficiency with DAAT or POSC techniques since the completion of their preparatory training for certified law enforcement officers.

Registration and Contact Information:

You can register for this course here: [Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Course Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the program director.