

FLETC State and Local Law Enforcement Training is Critical to Protecting the Homeland

Training America's Finest – A FLETC instructor presents training on Crime Scene Investigations to state and local officers in Helena, Montana.



The mission of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) is to “train those who protect the homeland.” Over the past 29 years the FLETC state and local law enforcement training programs have provided advanced and specialized training to a multitude of state, local, rural, tribal, territorial and campus law enforcement officers and agents across the United States and its territories.

The FLETC Office of State, Local, Rural, Tribal and Territorial training (SLRTT) is responsible for researching, designing, developing, implementing and delivering law enforcement training programs in consultation with various law enforcement agencies and subject matter experts. To ensure that the SLRTT provides world-class law enforcement training, the SLRTT staff, in collaboration with other FLETC instructors, law enforcement officers, and subject matter experts, participate in curriculum development and curriculum review conferences to ensure the SLRTT training curriculum and resources are accurate and relevant.

The SLRTT offers a wide variety of law enforcement training programs, varying in length from one to five days, that are exported to individual departments/agencies as well as regional and state law enforcement academies. Law enforcement agencies can work with a SLRTT Senior Instructor/Regional Coordinator to customize advanced and in-service training in order to meet specific training needs. Programs are delivered on a wide range of topics such as anti-terrorism awareness, drug law enforcement, first responder, active shooter, intelligence-led policing, drug endangered children, advanced interviewing, and digital photography. A full listing of training programs,

dates and locations is available on the FLETC web site at www.fletc.gov.

Historical and recent events have illustrated the criticality of all levels of government working together to protect the United States. The FLETC has committed the resources to ensure that state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers are well-prepared to meet current and emerging challenges associated with protecting the homeland. The FLETC recognizes the critical importance that state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement officers across America perform as part of the homeland security team. The FLETC Director, Connie Patrick stated that, “The FLETC’s state and local law enforcement training program provides a nexus between the Department of Homeland Security and the training needs of thousands of law enforcement officers who serve communities throughout the United States.”

While export training provides tremendous benefits to the law enforcement community, the SLRTT also provides opportunities for its partners to attend advanced training programs that are hosted at all four of the FLETC’s domestic training Centers located in Artesia, NM, Charleston, SC, Cheltenham, MD and Glynco, GA. This provides the opportunity for federal, state and local officers to train on different topical areas such as firearms, driving, digital evidence acquisition, covert electronic surveillance, active-shooter, critical incident response, advanced interviewing, and more. This training environment supports the Department’s philosophy of collaboration and shared resources across all levels of government to maintain the nation’s homeland security capabilities.

Additionally, the SLRTT contributes to national law enforcement priorities to include the White House Office of National Drug Policy's Drug Endangered Children Initiative and the 2010 Tribal Law and Order Act. The FLETC works closely with the DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement to collaborate with our nation's law enforcement agencies to prevent acts of terrorism and to ensure the security of the homeland.

As the nation's largest provider of federal law enforcement training, the FLETC is well-positioned to serve as a conduit between national and DHS-level priorities. The SLRTT helps DHS serve this purpose by providing training and resources in areas of importance to DHS, such as the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative, the Blue Campaign to end human trafficking, and the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

The FLETC enhances security and preparedness across the U.S. by providing training to state and local law enforcement officers in the areas that are most impacting to our nation's security and preparedness. For more information on the FLETC's SLRTT programs please email stateandlocaltraining@dhs.gov or call (800) 743-5382 or (912) 267-2345. ★



United We Stand: Together We Train – A local honor guard performs at the opening ceremony for a SLETTs training program.



Serving Those Who Guard America – FLETC instructors greet participants on the first day of a State and Local Law Enforcement Training Symposium (SLETTs) in Miami Beach, Florida.



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