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2023 Law Enforcement Training State Grant Frequently Asked Questions

To Accompany:
FY 2023 Law Enforcement Training Program Competitive Request for Applications
(<https://cjcc.georgia.gov/grants/funding-opportunities/current-grant-opportunities>)

Q: Are Public School Campus Police Departments eligible to receive funding?

A: Yes, any POST recognized Law Enforcement agency is eligible.

Q: Is a school system who has its own law enforcement unit still required to apply through the City and/or County?

A: No, the school district can apply on their own.

Q: What classes are currently available related to school safety?

A: Both Georgia Public Safety and Training Center (GPSTC) and Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) have free courses available for law enforcement and school officials. Below is a list of the current trainings available.

Q: Within the school safety category, can applicant include request for equipment or just training?

A: Yes, training and equipment related to training are allowable. There's a distinction between equipment for training versus equipment issued to an officer to utilize in day to day activities.

Q: Can funds be used to purchase supplies and equipment?

A: Yes, if the items are directly related to the proposed trainings. Other allowable expenses include, but are not limited to travel, registrations, trainer fees, printing, etc. Please ask if you have any questions.

Q: Can funds be used to purchase a simulator?

A: Yes, though you may want to include a sustainability plan for maintenance.

Q: Can extended warranties be purchased for the simulators if those warranty periods will extend beyond the grant period?

A: While extended warranties are an allowable expense, due to the competitive nature of the grant program, this cost may or may not be funded in its entirety. Please be sure to detail the cost of the warranty in the narrative portion of the detailed budget worksheet.

Q: Are we able to use grant funds to purchase refreshments for the trainings?

A: Unfortunately, food is not an allowable expense under this grant award.

Q: Can a District Attorney's Office with sworn investigators apply?

A: Yes, any state or local agency with POST certified Law Enforcement is eligible.

Q: Is it possible that a grant would be awarded at a lower amount than the agency originally requested – i.e. partial funding?

A: Yes, depending what is requested, all or a portion may be funded. In addition, awarded funds will depend on the number of applications received and funding requests.

Q: Can we apply in partnership with other jurisdictions?

A: Absolutely, due to the competitive nature of the grant program and the number of eligible candidates, we recommend collaboration. To demonstrate support, please include letters of support and/or MOUs.

Q: Was the Information Session Recorded?

A: The recording is posted here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnQKOpQ06HA&t=205s>

Free State Trainings Related to School Safety

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Interested in a GEMA/HS training below for your jurisdiction? Find out more and how to request the free training by emailing gema-schoolsafety@gema.ga.gov.

Agency	Eligibility	Course	Description
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	Bomb Threat Management	This course examines how to develop a Bomb Threat Management Plan to handle the many types of threats that may occur. This class discusses the types of threats, how and when to evacuate, as well as how to conduct searches for suspicious packages.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	Bus Safety Awareness	This course identifies laws associated with school buses, special considerations for school buses, and additional safety factors that may need to be considered when developing a school safety plan. It also discusses several incidents that bus drivers may be faced with and identifying potential problems with the use of school buses in exigent circumstances.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	Civilian Response to Active Shooter (CRASE)	This course teaches how to identify a true active shooter, examine the history of active shooter incidents and discuss the possible responses to various active shooter situations. We will also explore pro-active steps that can be taken to possibly reduce the likelihood of an incident occurring.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	De-Escalation for Schools	This course discusses violence in schools, human behavior, and human interaction. This class is designed to give helpful tips in many situations when de-escalation is necessary. Our goal is to provide training that will make your school a safer place to learn and work.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	Emergency Operations Planning for Schools	This program examines the planning process and what aspects should be covered in the Emergency Operations Plan according to the law. This class also discusses self-assessment tips for reviewing a schools plan.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	FEMA Training	EMI works in collaboration with the whole community to provide training in support of the NIMS Training Program. The Preparedness Branch coordinates EMI's NIMS training efforts with the National Integration Center (NIC) to integrate NIMS doctrine and training with whole community needs.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	School Safety Assessment	The purpose of the site assessment is to conduct a basic multi discipline evaluation of the site to gauge existing or potential hazards, conditions or practices that may impact the safety and wellbeing of the property and those that are present. The site assessment takes an all-hazard approach and is based on CPTED principles, best practices, and local response protocols. Assessments are non-regulatory.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	Severe Weather	This course examines the weather-related dangers that pose specific risks to schools. This program also discusses the types of watches and warnings issued by the National Weather Service, proper response procedures, and proper safe-sheltering areas within the school facility.

GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	Site Threat Access & Response (STAR) Audit	This program helps schools identify vulnerabilities at their facilities and improve their level of safety. The STAR Audit is designed to give requesting entities a fair and unbiased evaluation of physical security measures and threat response protocols.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	Stop the Bleed	Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action. This course is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	Suspicious Activity Reporting	Recent events highlight the need to have an easy, consistent method of reporting suspicious activity. This course is designed to give participants a greater understanding of what suspicious activity is and how to properly report it. They will be taught that suspicious activity focuses on behaviors and incidents, not on race, ethnicity, national origin, or religious affiliation. Situational awareness will be emphasized.
GEMA/HS	A local agency or school	Visual Weapons Screening	This course discusses concealment techniques and the indicators that a person may be carrying a weapon. It also discusses different screening techniques, how to apply those techniques, and what procedures should be followed if a weapon is suspected. Laws concerning weapons in school are also examined in this course.

Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Interested in a GPSTC training below for your officers? Find out more and how to attend a free training by emailing drosa@gpstc.org.

Agency	Eligibility	Course	Description
GPSTC	SROs/ LE	School Resource Officer	<p>40 hours: This foundational course is for officers assigned to a school and/or campus in the state of Georgia. This course will equip officers with the baseline knowledge, skills, and techniques to engage students, work with supportive staff, and protect school grounds. The course will provide information on the roles and responsibilities of SROs, legal frameworks, and trending concerns for the future of our youth. Through an understanding of obstacles that may affect our youth, officers will apply learned techniques throughout the 40 - hour week course to better prepare them for successful service in our schools across Georgia.</p> <p>This includes: History and Role of the School Resource Officer, Legal Application in Schools (Search/seizure, juvenile law, FERPA, MOUs), Issues in Schools (social media, bullying, drugs, gangs, CSEC), Youth Crisis Intervention (teen brain, ACEs, effective communication), & School Threat Assessments.</p>
GPSTC	SROs/ LE	Active Shooter	<p>16 hours: The Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (A.L.E.R.R.T.) Level 1 course created by Texas State University - San Marcos is promoted by the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The target audience for this course includes state and local law enforcement officers who will respond to an active shooter event. Not only must our first responders be trained and prepared for a single gunman in a school, mall, or public gathering, but they must also be prepared to fight well-trained, committed terrorists simultaneously attacking their community on multiple fronts. The A.L.E.R.R.T. Program was created and developed with the basic goal of providing proven tactical training to first responders in order to better protect their communities and save lives. The training encompasses realistic force on force scenarios to prepare first responders to act to these clear and present threats.</p>
GPSTC	SROs/ LE	Use of Force	<p>6 hours: This independent online course is designed to provide law enforcement officers a review of relevant statutory and case law related to the law enforcement use of force. Special emphasis is place on officer safety from both a physical and legal perspective. Specific cases are highlighted to illustrate lessons learned, in order to prepare officers to apply the concepts discussed in the course.</p>

Be on the lookout for the following upcoming SRO specific trainings:

- Single Officer Response to an Active Threat - 16 Hours/Two-Days: This course is designed to train SROs in handling incidents on school grounds involving weapons and/or threats of violence. This course also includes strategies involving school bus incidents.
- SRO Presentation Strategies - 16 Hours/Two-Days: This course is designed to train SROs in presentation techniques for professional briefings and presentations used for all grade levels (elementary, middle, and high school). SROs are at times tasked with providing informational presentations for students in subjects such as, drug awareness, gang awareness, and intervention for suicide or bullying incidents.

- Interdiction in the Hallways - 4 Hours: This course is designed to educate SRO's in identifying youth who may be exposed or under the influence of drugs in a school setting to possession of drugs in a school setting. SRO's will be able to identify signs and symptoms of drug impairment for proper intervention and/or immediate medical assistance.
- Gang Intervention Strategies - 4 Hours: This course is designed to train SROs on techniques to help youth who are exposed to gangs and provide resources for youth intervention.
- Student Threat Assessments - 24 Hours: This course is designed to educate SROs on investigative strategies to intervene and effectively respond to any threats made from someone to another, including oneself. SRO's will be able to work with administration and staff to complete a student threat assessment and implement an intervention plan.
- Facility School Threat Assessments - 24 Hours: This course is designed to equip SROs with the knowledge and skills in developing a facility threat assessment plan for maintaining a safe school environment.
- Poly-victimization - 4 hours: This course is in partnership with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to educate and train SRO's in identifying and providing intervention for youth who are exposed to multiple forms of adverse childhood experiences.
- Restorative Practices for SRO's - 4 Hours: This course is in partnership with Atlanta Public Schools Systems to provide information for SRO's who are a part of restorative practices procedures used in schools.
- Youth in Crisis – 16 hours: This course is crisis intervention program targeting all youth.