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Where South Carolina Law Enforcement Training is Defined

SOUTH CAROLINA
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY



First Twelve-Week Basic Class Graduates

By: Monica Yarborough



On September 30 2011, Basic Law Enforcement Class #573, a class of thirty-nine, was the first graduating class to complete the new twelve-week program. Mark A. Keel, Chief, State Law Enforcement Division was the guest speaker. During the graduation ceremony several individuals from the class were recognized for their achievements. The Class Leader Award was given to Daniel F. Baker, Jr. of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. The Class Leader is chosen on the first day of training and acts as the liaison between students and staff. The Clifford A Moyer Award, more

commonly known as the "top shooter", was awarded to John R. VanSwearingen of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. This award is named after the first Director of the Academy and is awarded to the student who has the highest score during the handgun training. The last award given was the Director's Physical Fitness Award and it was awarded to William A. Watkins of the

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Director's Message Hubert F. Harrell

I want to begin by thanking our staff for the wonderful job they have been doing in getting our Basic Training Village opened and implementing our 12 week Basic Training Curriculum. It has truly been an all hands effort and in spite of the difficulties encountered,

we managed to get Basic 573 graduated. It is heartwarming to see all aspects of our operation come together and coordinate activities in spite of the continuing disruption of repaving parking lots, putting on a new roof, rebuilding the cafeteria, repairing heating

systems and all of the other distractions which ordinarily would have taken us off our stride. It is obvious to me that we have an uncommon group of people who work here and for that I am truly thankful.

I want to thank Bill Floyd and the Standards Division for



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William A. Watkins, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Director's Physical Fitness Award Recipient

Greenville County Sheriff's Office. This award is given to the student who has the fastest time on the Physical Abilities Test and completes the challenge run on Tuesday of the twelfth week. The challenge run consist of a timed three mile run and must be completed within twenty five minutes or less. There were six other students who completed the run and were recognized. These students received a Challenge Run Ribbon for their accomplishments.

After the awards ceremony the students prepared for the moment they had anticipated for twelve weeks, the awarding of certificates. A reception was held after graduation for the new officers and their family and friends.

Congratulations Basic 573 on a job well done and for being the first to complete the new twelve week training program.

Director's Message Continued

putting up with the constant relocation and falling ceiling tiles they have had to suffer through. Even through all of that they managed to keep testing in order and maintained a constant flow of information between training and the field. Not an easy task considering all of the distractions they have had to deal with.

I want to mention a couple of groups who have really distinguished themselves over the past three months. Let me begin by thanking Champ McGee and his crew of talented professionals for keeping our students fed. They have had to adjust to a totally new cooking environment and coordinate their efforts with the new schedule. They have done a superb job, but one, we have come to expect. Bruce Clonts, Vernon Counts, Arnold Corne and all of the other personnel assigned to facilities have kept the lights on and continue to address the day-to-day problems associated with a forty year old building and a brand new

untested facility which has had its share of problems. The Academy has never looked better and continues to improve because of their efforts.

Thanks to the training division, particularly the Defensive Tactics unit which has gone from approximately 26 contact hours per class to over 80 hours per class, for the superb work that they are doing. We have had to make some adjustments and I'm sure there are more to come but they have handled it like the true professionals they are. The same can be said for the Range Crew. They continue to distinguish themselves by providing a safe and effective platform to teach driving and firearms.

Police Sciences and Basic Law continues to provide the exceptional programs we have come to expect from that highly professional group of instructors who always receive high marks from the field and now from our basic students who are fortunate enough

to have them for training as part of our new curriculum.

Acadis is up and running thanks to Mike Wingard, Mark Thomas, Laura Pace, Angela Graham, Jeff Finch, Marie Pound, Theresa Clark, Donna Dowd, Katherine Gunter, Michelle Miller, and Darlene Simmons. It was a daunting task to say the least, but their hard work has paid off.

Hal Volin and Monica Yarborough have been working their magic and getting our training out to the field via the internet. That has been quite an undertaking, but it continues to improve and the field is the beneficiaries of their genius.

It has been a team effort with the entire staff pitching in to do their part to make our Academy what it should be, the best in the nation. The Law Enforcement Community should be as proud of your diligence and hard work as I am. Well Done Staff!!

OC Live Exposure Training

Written By: Michelles Collins

Photos By: Florence McCants



With the beginning of the new 12-week Basic Law Enforcement Training program, the ability to add new Defensive Tactics programs was made possible. One of these new certifications is the OC program.

On Wednesday afternoon of the third week of the curriculum is the basic students' OC Live Exposure training. The students bring in the OC spray that their agency carries for the Defensive Tactics Unit to spray them with. If the student's agency does not issue OC spray to their officers, then the student is exposed to the type of OC that the

Academy issues to their certified personnel.

The OC Live Exposure Training has proven to be a tremendous enhancement for the students. They not only get to experience getting sprayed themselves, they get to watch fellow students getting sprayed with various types of OC. In addition to this, the students are trained in field decontamination procedures as well as full decontamination procedures.

The OC exposure/decontamination procedure is not a pretty sight; however, it has proven to be an extremely positive training experience for the students. They definitely have a better understanding of the usage of OC in law enforcement. The students understandably approach being sprayed with much trepidation, but they leave the decontamination area with a much better understanding of when and how to use OC on the street.



SC Criminal Justice Academy Range Supervisor Competes in the World Police and Fire Games

By: Florence McCants

The World Police and Fire Games were held in New York City from August 26 through September 05, 2011. The New York City Police Department, the New York City Fire Department, the Port Authority Police Department, and the New York City Department of Corrections were the sponsors of the event. As many as 20,000 full time firefighters and law enforcement personnel from 70 different countries were a part of the competition in over 60 sports.

This international competition is held every two years in locales around the world. This year the games coincided with the ten year remembrance of September 11, 2001. The 2011 World Police and Fire Games had two themes:

Remembrance (we will always remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001) and Gratitude (an opportunity for all New Yorkers to thank the world for the support that flooded into New York City after September 11, 2001).

Lieutenant John McMahan, Range Supervisor for the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, participated in the Olympics. McMahan entered in the

shotgun skeet competition which consisted of 100 targets of singles (Day 1) and 100 targets of doubles (Day 2) and concluded with a high overall event of the two combined scores. At the conclusion of these events, Lt. McMahan finished with a silver medal in the doubles, silver

International Police/Fire Olympics, and World Police/Fire Olympics) Lt. McMahan has now won 33 gold medals, 9 silver medals, and 4 bronze medals for a total of 46 medals.

“To participate in events such as these and represent the Academy and the police/fire community of this state was an honor beyond belief. There were in excess of 100 shooters and teams from all over the United States, Canada, Ireland, United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland, Italy, Poland, Russia, Australia, and New South Wales which made this a truly international match,” said McMahan.

McMahan was the only American on the podium for the three top shooters. The gold went to Andrea Filippetti of Italy and the bronze went to Robert Clarke of the United Kingdom.



In photo from left to right:
Robert Clarke from the United Kingdom, Andrea Filippetti from Italy, John McMahan from South Carolina

medal in the high overall, and a bronze in the 5 man team event.

Since representing the SC Criminal Justice Academy in this type competition (Florida Police/Fire Olympics,

A Note From: The SCCJA Traffic Safety Unit

With the addition of SFST and DataMaster DMT classes in the new 12 week basic training curriculum, it will be necessary to ask the field to assist us with volunteer drinkers. I believe this training will assist officers in not only DUI detection, but also help officers to recognize when subjects are impaired. This can make a huge difference in what approach an officer will take when handling various situations. We need approximately 250 volunteers per year. I know this sounds like a lot but that is less than one percent of South Carolina's police population. If you can be of assistance or have any questions please contact Keely Zike of the SCCJA Traffic Unit at (803) 896-7749 kzike@sccja.sc.gov or Dale Smith at (803) 896-5556 desmith@sccja.sc.gov.

Dates for BLE Drinking Labs

November 2-3, 2011
 November 30- December 1, 2011
 December 21-22, 2011
 January 18-19, 2012
 February 8-9, 2012
 February 29- March 1, 2012
 March 21-22, 2012
 April 11-12, 2012
 May 2-3, 2012
 May 23-24, 2012
 June 13-14, 2012



RADAR, LIDAR, and SFST Recertification Courses Now Available On-line

All SCCJA online recertification courses consist of a series of instructional videos that must be watched in their entirety before you can advance to the online test that is based on the content presented in the video segments. Test questions are taken from a large question bank and are randomized, along with each set of answers for each test. Your test is graded immediately upon completion.

If you receive a passing grade, you then have access to a recertification certificate for that course. You may print your certificate immediately or if you do not have access to a printer at that time the course management system will email a PDF copy of your certificate to the email address(es) you provided when setting up your online course account.

Once you have printed your certificate you must take it to the appropriate instructor for your course and complete a road proficiency within two weeks of this recertification. Failure to comply will result in your certification being revoked and you will be required to complete a full certification course in order to maintain your certification.

If you do not receive a passing score you must contact your training officer or SCCJA's Traffic Safety Unit at 803-896-7777 to schedule a training date for the full certification class.

If your agency does not have a pass code to access this site please call Monica Yarborough at 803-896-7729.

**JP Strom Award Winners
July—September 2011**



BLE 572

Gilbert C. Baldwin III
Charleston County Sheriff's Office

**Bert Friday Award Winners
July — September 2011**



BJ 307

Kyle J. Phinney
Dorchester County Detention Center

Basic Class Information

Basic Law Classes

B574 August 1—October 21, 2011
 B575 August 22—November 11, 2011
 B576 September 12—December 9, 2011
 B577 October 3, 2011— January 6, 2012
 B578 October 24, 2011—January 27, 2012
 B579 November 14, 2011—February 17, 2012
 B580 December 12, 2011—March 9, 2012

Basic Jail Classes

BJ 308 October 3—21, 2011
 BJ 309 October 31—November 18, 2011
 BJ 310 December 5- 23, 2011

Basic TCO (formerly E-911)

BTCO 161 November 7-18, 2011
 BTCO 162 December 12-23, 2011

Limited Duty October 10-20, 2011

Advanced Class Information

Registration for advanced classes will only be available on a quarterly basis. Registration for third quarter classes will open on November 1, 2011, and fourth quarter classes will open on February 1, 2011. Training Officers will register their personnel by name and by class via the website: www.sccja.sc.gov

If you are interested in registering for SCCJA classes please contact your Training Officer. Only registration requests submitted by the designated agency Training Officer will be accepted. A maximum of 2 slots per agency will be assigned per class. (Special arrangements must be preapproved). Confirmations will be sent to the Training Officer and the registered officer as classes are filled throughout the year; only those agencies receiving seats will receive an email confirmation a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the class start date.

We are asking agencies to please consider creating a generic email address that is assigned to the Training Section. The Academy can use this address for responses to ensure that agencies can retrieve slot allocation information in the event the Training Officer is out of the office, on vacation or replaced. This will help to standardize the Academy's response to agencies and ensure information on class assignments are not missed or lost. It will also provide a quick line of communication between the Academy and agency training sections/units.

For more information contact Misty Sorell at 803-896-8346 or at mbsorell@sccja.sc.gov.

Welcome Our New Employees



James Brantley
Instructor
Traffic Safety Unit



John Reynolds
Food Services

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



On October 8, 2011, Kendra Brown, a Firearms Instructor at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy participated in The Dam Tri. This event benefits Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome. The triathlon was a “sprinter national” distance of a 1000 meter (2/3 mile) swim in Lake Murray, a rolling 30k bike route (21 miles), and a 7k run (5 miles). This was Kendra’s first triathlon, and she placed first in her division. She hopes to continue participating in triathlons and if all goes well she will be participating in an ocean triathlon in a few weeks. Her goal is to participate in an Ironman competition next year which consists of a 1.2 open-water swim, 56 mile bike route, and a 13.1 mile run. Way to go Kendra!!!