



# **Iowa Law Enforcement Academy**

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### History

The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) was legislatively created in 1967 with its purpose being to upgrade law enforcement to professional status. The specific goals were to maximize training opportunities for law enforcement officers, to coordinate training and to set standards for the law enforcement services. Due to the large number of officers to be certified training was initially conducted at the Academy and community colleges across the state. The basic training was approximately six weeks at that time.

As time went by there was concern about the standardization and quality of training at the various community colleges. All programs were eliminated except the short course at the Hawkeye Technical Community College.

The Academy provides residential training sessions varying in length from the 13-week basic training schools to one-day specialty and in-service seminars. The Academy can provide housing for 112 persons at any one time. The physical facility consists of dormitory rooms, classrooms, a cafeteria providing meals three times a day, physical fitness center, photography and video production studio, and administrative offices. The Academy is located on Camp Dodge in Johnston Iowa. ILEA shares firearm ranges and tactical facilities with the Iowa National Guard.

The ILEA, in addition to maximizing training opportunities for all Iowa's peace officers, is responsible for providing basic and in-service training for all county and city jailers and Iowa telecommunication specialists. ILEA provides psychological testing service including the POST and MMPI. ILEA also establish standards and training requirements for the reserve peace officers in Iowa.

### Current Training Programs

There are currently four approved full basic academy training programs overseen by the ILEA. These programs are located at the Cedar Rapids Police Department, Des Moines Police Department, Department of Public Safety and Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. The Cedar Rapids and Des Moines Police Department Academies are used primarily to train the employees of these police departments. The two academies will allow others to attend if approved by the ILEA. The Academy usually receives one or two requests from agencies to attend. The Department of Public Safety Academy is used only for DPS sworn employees. No other persons are allowed to attend. Over 50% of the officers attending the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy have 2- or 4-year degrees

There are two approved short basic academy training programs located at Hawkeye Technical Community College in Waterloo and Western Iowa Technical Community College in Sioux City. Persons who attend the short program must have a two-year degree in Police Science or Criminal Justice.

### Training Costs

The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy is currently charging \$3,500 for thirteen weeks of training (61% of the total basic training costs). This is approximately \$6.50 per hour. This includes room and board. The Academy contracts with Hy-Vee to provide all

three meals at a total cost of \$12.05 per day. Training manuals are provided in CD format at no additional charge. Printed manuals can be bought by the agency at a cost of \$155 for five volumes. There are currently ten full time instructors and one full time psychologist on staff. These full time instructors teach the majority of classes. Many of these instructors are recognized nationally and even internationally as experts within their field. For example, two of the instructors went to New York City to assist after 9-11.

The academy relies heavily upon volunteer instructors who assist in training. For example, the firearms training and qualification requires eight to ten volunteer certified instructors from law enforcement agencies to assist the two full time ILEA instructors. This makes the teaching ratio approximately 1 instructor to every 4 students. The Academy received over one thousand hours of volunteer instructor assistance from approximately 180 agencies during FY 2006.

The short basic training programs at Hawkeye Technical Community College and Western Iowa Technical Community College currently costs approximately \$2,500 for eight weeks of training (\$approximately \$7.00 per hour). Room, board and meals are in addition to this cost. Book charges are unknown. The community college programs rely heavily upon part-time paid instructors from outside the community college.

Law enforcement training requires specialized training equipment. The facility must have a shooting range. Normally the students bring their own handgun. The Academy, however, has several shotguns that can be used by students. The Academy uses the Iowa National Guard shooting range. The facility must have driving facilities and vehicles. The academy currently works with DMACC truck driver training facility to provide a driving area with several stages of training (including Dutton's weave, skid car, and evasive.) The academy has seven cars that are used by the students in driving training. The training also includes building searches and vehicle stops. The building search requires actual buildings to conduct searches in. The vehicle stops are conducted on the Camp Dodge roads. There must also be areas to conduct defensive tactics and chemical munitions training. This is all in addition to normal classroom and living areas.

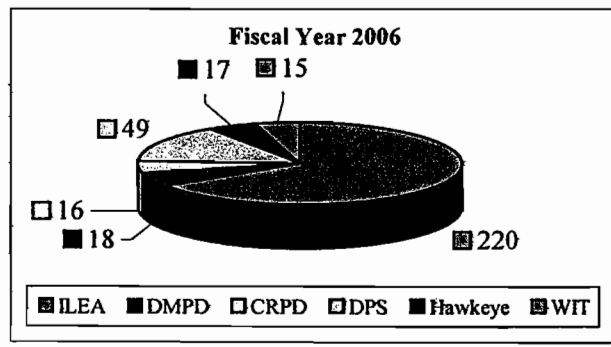
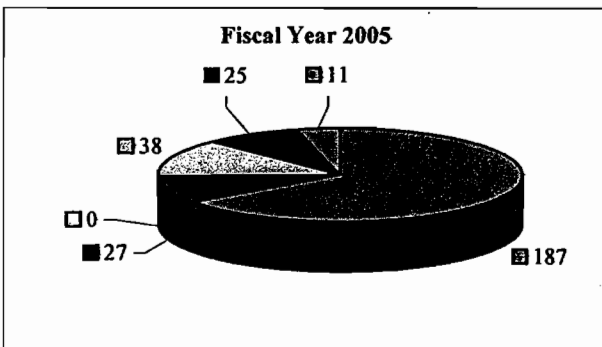
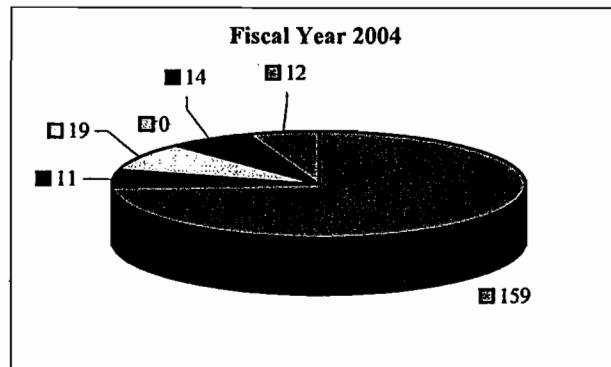
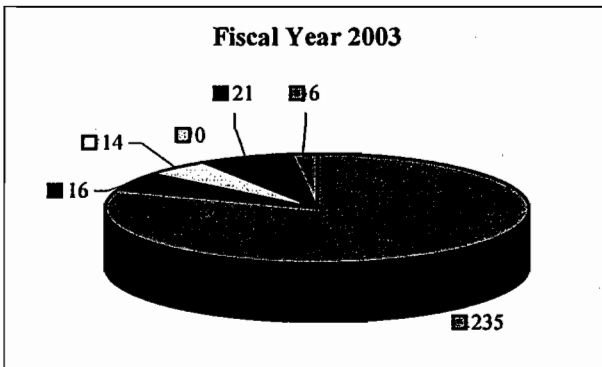
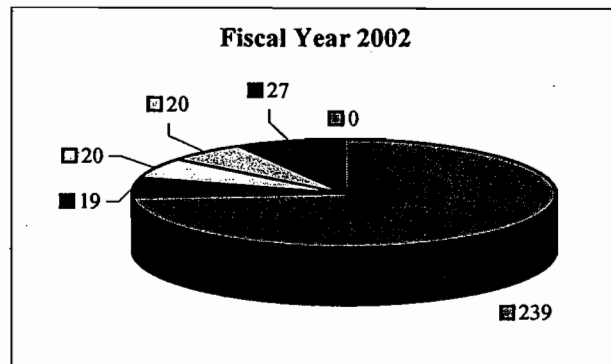
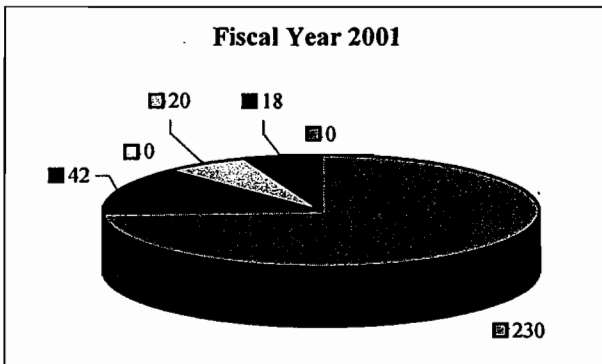
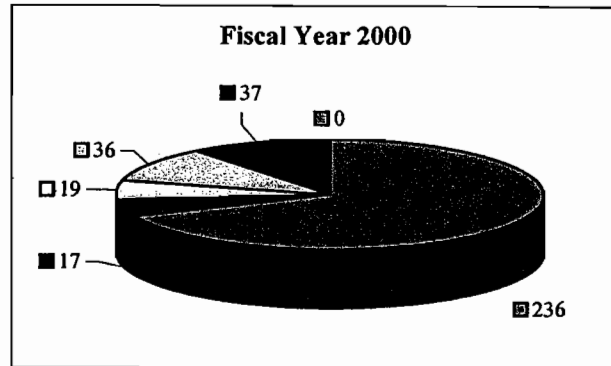
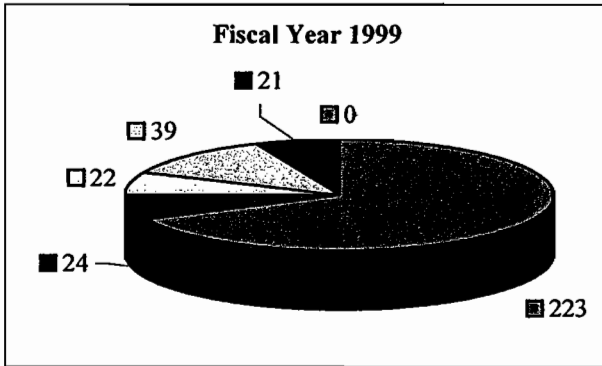
#### **The World Today**

Violence often seems to be the norm in the world today. Approximately one hundred fifty-five officers were killed and hundreds of others injured in calendar year 2005 in the United States. Fortunately no officer in Iowa was killed during this same time. Quality training helps to protect our officers. There have been several officer-involved shootings in Iowa during the last few years. Each of these has been found to be justified shootings. Yet no officer or innocent bystander has been killed. Quality training helps to assure this.

Civil suits continue to be a big worry for law enforcement agencies. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy provides expert witness review of cases and testimony at no charge to Iowa law enforcement agencies that received their training at the academy. The academy has been involved in over fifty such cases over the last two years. In only one case, did the Academy find that it could not support the officer's actions. That particular agency settled the lawsuit.



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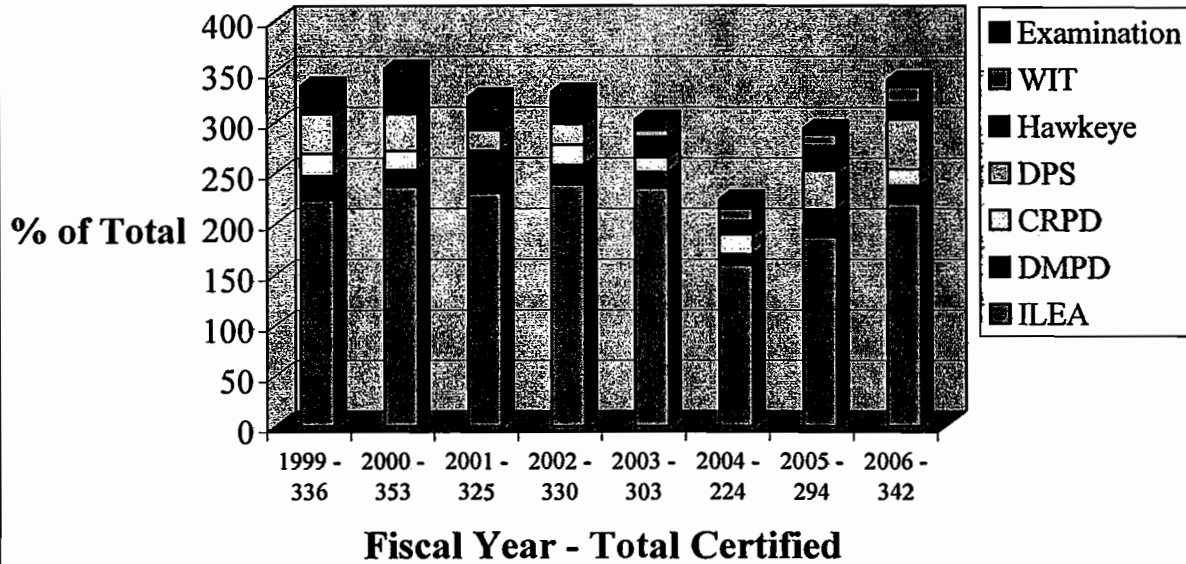
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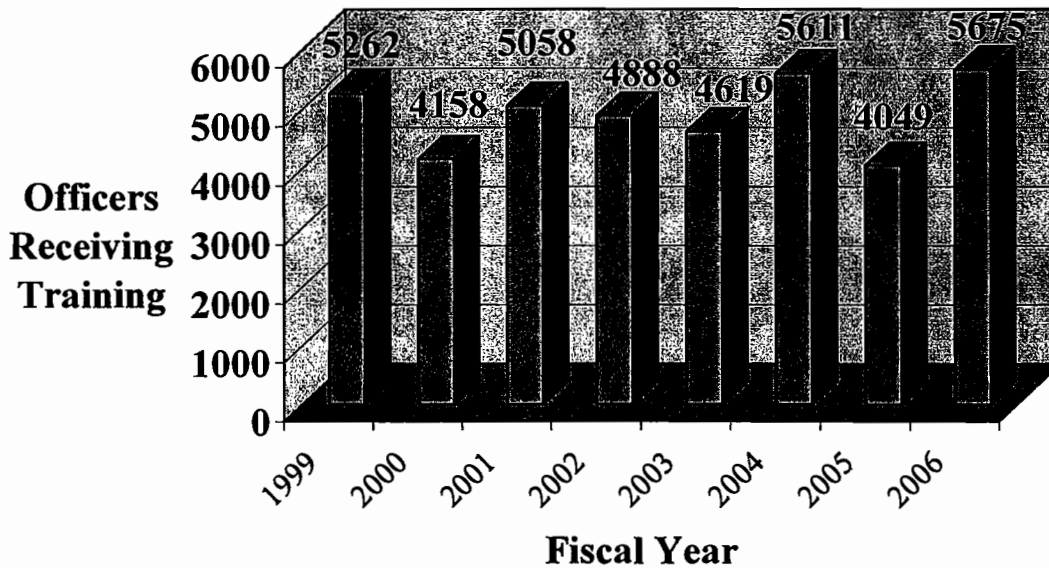
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### Officers Receiving Certification



### Total Officers Trained



Training includes: Officer Certification, Instructor Certification & Re-certification, Officer In-service, VAWA Grant, SFST Grant, Incident Command, Terrorism Awareness, Jailer, Medical and Telecommunication training.

## ILEA General Fund Appropriations

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Net Appropriation</u>
2000	\$1,365,029
2001	\$1,401,142
2002	\$1,358,062
2003	\$ 975,526
2004	\$1,069,586
2005	\$1,075,138
2006	\$1,134,189
2007	\$1,172,389