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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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## Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

### Purpose and History

The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) was created by the Iowa General Assembly in 1967. The intent of the General Assembly was to maximize training opportunities for law enforcement personnel, to coordinate training, and to set standards in order to upgrade law enforcement to a professional status.

The ILEA provides training for law enforcement officers, reserve officers, jailers, and telecommunicators in the State. The Academy also administers a program of psychological testing for applicants for law enforcement positions, approves regional training programs, establishes minimum hiring standards, and provides audiovisual resources for law enforcement training and educational institutions. The Academy is also responsible for decertifying or suspending an officer's certification.

Basic Training provided at the ILEA is a 16-week course offered up to six times per year. In addition, the ILEA offers certifying and recertifying instructor schools for law enforcement personnel across Iowa. The ILEA facility is located at Camp Dodge and includes dormitory rooms with capacity for 126 people, classrooms, a cafeteria, a physical fitness center, photography and video production studios, and administrative offices. The Academy shares firing ranges and tactical facilities with the Iowa National Guard. Additionally, the Department of Public Safety, the Cedar Rapids Police Department, and the Des Moines Police Department offer training courses certified by the ILEA. Training is also offered at Hawkeye Community College and Western Iowa Tech Community College for individuals with a two-year or four-year degree.

### Funding

Funding for the ILEA is approximately 73.0% fees, 21.0% General Fund appropriation, and 6.0% grant reimbursements. Fees are charged to local law enforcement agencies for the training of their new officers attending the Basic Training and for continuing education programs. Pursuant to Iowa Code section [80B.11.B](#), the Academy must bill one-third of the cost to the local (employing) agency and one-third of the cost to the individual officer, with one-third of the cost paid by funds appropriated to the ILEA. The local (employing) agency can elect to pay the individual officer's share.

Currently, the full cost of attending the Basic Training is \$10,000. Local law enforcement pays \$7,000 of this cost. Officers of tribal governments and State agencies pay the full cost to attend.

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### More Information

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**Related Statutes and Administrative Rules**

Iowa Code chapter [80B](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [501](#)

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