



State of Iowa

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

JUDY A. BRADSHAW, DIRECTOR

COVID-19 ILEA Update

As the outbreak of the coronavirus evolves globally and within our state, the staff at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy have worked hard to develop a plan for the continuity of our operations.

As you are aware there is a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the virus, and conditions change daily.

Our first priority is the safety and health of our staff and students.

Our goal is to begin the April Basic Academy classes later this month on-line. With the approval of our Academy Council, we will move forward with PT testing and believe the measures we intend to follow will assure a safe testing environment.

Basic Academy practical exercises and face to face instruction will not occur until the Governor's restrictions are lifted and it is deemed safe for groups to gather.

We have postponed several of our Specialty Schools until the restrictions for gatherings are lifted. We are currently planning and preparing to provide on-line training when practical, for some of our Specialty Schools.

We recognize that several of our recertification schools have been postponed. The Governor's Proclamation will allow the Academy Council to provide guidelines for those impacted, and will be distributed in a separate notice to agencies and Instructors.

Although our staff is working remotely, we all have access to our State emails and phones and are available to answer your questions and assist you as necessary.

We are grateful and appreciative for our first responders who are on the front lines as always, and pray for your continued health and safety. Stay strong.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy A. Bradshaw".

Judy A. Bradshaw
Director
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy



**COVID-19
ILEA FAQ**

Q: How can I reach Academy staff during this time?

A: All Academy Staff are working remotely and operations are moving forward per usual. Staff can be contacted during regular business hours by phone and/or email. To find a detailed staff directory, please visit the “Contact Us” tab at ILEA’s website homepage.

Q: Our agency currently has personnel registered for an upcoming Specialty School, what is the status of Specialty Schools?

A: Specialty School dates and information are kept up-to-date on ILEA’s website. If you, or one of your agency’s personnel, are currently registered for a Specialty School, any changes to that school will be sent to the email used to register. You can view upcoming schools and information regarding those schools by visiting ILEA’s website and visiting the “Training Catalog” on the ILEA Website Home Menu.

Q: We have Psychological Testing, Physical Testing, and/or Certification Through Examination Testing scheduled for April and May, are those dates going to be rescheduled?

A: Psychological Testing, Physical Testing, and Certification Through Examination Testing will not be postponed at this time. All testing will continue to be held in small numbers by Academy staff members, to comply with regulations set forth by Governor Reynolds. To confirm testing dates, schedule a testing date, or for questions regarding recent testing results, please contact Nicole Stevens by phone at (515)725-9603 or by email at Nicole.Stevens@iowa.gov.

Q: Our agency has a recruit registered for an upcoming Regional Level I or Level II Academy, will they still be going forward with training as scheduled?

A: Please contact your Regional Level I or Level II Academy Coordinator for questions regarding Regional Academy start dates and operations changes. For any additional questions regarding Regional Level I or Level II Academies, please contact Lindsey Mosher by phone at (515)725-9622 or by email at Lindsey.Mosher2@iowa.gov.

Q: Our agency has a recruit in the Basic Academy that begins on April 27th, where do they need to check in for the first day of classes and what does their Basic Academy schedule look like?

A: Class for the 292nd and 293rd Basic Academy will begin training online 1 June 2020, with in-person instruction scheduled to begin July 2020 to comply with regulations set forth by Governor Reynolds.. Throughout the Academy, recruits will continue to utilize our online schedule. If your recruit is finding that they are not receiving email updates and invitations, please reach out to Bryan Michelsen at bryan.michelsen@iowa.gov.



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Q: Our agency has already paid for Basic Academy meals for a member of the 290th/291st Basic Academy class, or for a member of the upcoming 292nd/293rd Basic Academy class, how do we get a refund?

A: Academy staff are working closely with Management at Iowa Machine Shed to ensure refunds for 290th/291st Basic Academy meals from March 13th through April 17th. This is a process that goes through the Iowa Machine Shed accounting system and can take time to complete.. Meals for 292nd/293rd Basic Academy students should not be paid for until it is determined when students will be attending face-to-face instruction. If you have already sent in a check for meals for 292nd and 293rd Basic Academy Recruits, Iowa Machine Shed will be returning checks in full. If you have any questions regarding Meal Refunds please contact Katelyn Seiler by phone at (515)725-9637 or by email at Katelyn.Seiler@iowa.gov.

Q: My instructor certification expired in 2019 and I cannot attend a recertification due to COVID-19 postponements. Can I still instruct?

A: The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy has identified law enforcement personnel whose instructor certification expired in 2019, and per the Governor's Proclamation, those law enforcement personnel will be allowed to continue instructing for an additional twelve (12) months past the expiration date. To the extent possible, you are encouraged to attend web-based instruction through ILEA as available to meet recertification requirements in accordance with your renewal deadline.

Q: My instructor credentials will expire in 2020 and no instructor recertification courses are being held at this time. How does that affect me?

A: Per the Governor's Proclamation, law enforcement personnel who currently possess an instructor certification expiring in 2020 will have an additional twelve (12) months past the expiration date to take and obtain the required recertification training.

Q: Mandatory In-Service requirements are unable to be met due to COVID-19 constraints. What now?

A: Per the Governor's Proclamation, individuals and agencies whose in-service training requirements cannot be completed due to COVID-19 constraints will have an additional twelve (12) months to take and obtain the in-service training.

Q: How does the Proclamation affect other peace officer requirements?

A: Unless specifically waived by the Academy Council, all regulatory requirements in IAC 501 will continue to be enforced or administered.