

Response to Questions on the FY 2010 County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

Request By: Chairman Connolly

Question: Please provide the cost every two years of State certification requirements on a per police officer basis.

Response: Every two years the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) requires sworn officers to obtain 40 hours of in-service training. The training mandates include the following core areas:

- Professionalism
- Legal
- Communication
- Patrol
- Investigations
- Defensive Tactics/Use of Force
- Weapons Use
- Driver Training
- Physical Training (optional)
- Field Training

Examples of other required certifications which require training at the Academy include:

- First Aid/CPR
- VCIN Levels A, B & C
- Cultural Diversity
- Basic Court Security
- Basic Jailor
- Basic Dispatcher (Training also provided for DPSC per the Code of Virginia).

DCJS certification training is accomplished by utilizing a combination of contractual and in house instructors within a class-based format at the Criminal Justice Academy. The current structure of providing training to meet DCJS mandates allows the Academy to provide a broad range of training in the most cost efficient manner. The following table depicts the methodology to determine the cost per officer:

DCJS Core Biennial Mandated Certification Formula	
Average Cost for 40 hours class (instructor & materials)	\$5,000.00
Maximum classroom student capacity	28
Cost ÷ student capacity	\$178.57 per student – every two years