



Chiefs and Sheriffs (or designees):

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We would like to thank you for choosing us for your law enforcement officer training needs. Your recruits have been approved to attend Recruit Class (RC) 18-01 at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center (MCLETC). Our basic law enforcement academy begins January 8, 2018 with graduation scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2018. Check-in for RC18-01 is Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., January 7, 2018. For those of you who have not heard much about our academy, I wanted to send you a little information about us, as well as introduce myself.

The concept of building a premier training facility in central Illinois began in the summer of 2016. Through the initiative and generosity of the Howard G. Buffett (HGB) Foundation, this concept became a reality. Once the facility was completed and opened, the HGB Foundation gifted the training campus to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board (ILETSB), who immediately took ownership. The ILETSB then signed an intergovernmental agreement with Richland Community College (RCC) to operate the MCLETC. The MCLETC opened its doors on September 20, 2017 and started our first training course on October 2, 2017. The ILETSB and the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office partnered to move their 200 hour/5 week Basic Corrections Academy to our facility, graduating November 3, 2017.

We have been working non-stop to ensure your personnel receive the highest quality of instruction you are accustomed too. Our philosophy is geared towards a suitable learning environment, while maintaining a disciplinary atmosphere. Your recruits will be challenged inside and outside the classroom. There are a few differences than some of the other academies, in that the cadets live and eat on campus. Check-in for all academy classes (Basic Law Enforcement and Basic Corrections) will occur the Sunday night before classes begin. We have a residential hall on the property, which includes two person dormitory style rooms, restrooms and showers, a community lounge area, and shared kitchenette. We launder linens and towels on site and provide them to the recruits. We also have a cafeteria in the administration/training building where the recruits will dine according to their issued time slot. All meals are prepared and served by the RCC Culinary School. The administration/training building houses our padded physical skills room with small gym, indoor range, classrooms and three scenario rooms. Our range is a 20 lane, 25 yard small arms indoor facility. We have two classrooms, A and B, which seat 60 and 40 students, respectively. We can also open up the wall separating the classrooms to provide one large classroom. The scenario rooms consist of a mock courtroom, jail intake/processing area, and typical apartment. We also have a multi-purpose room, which can be set up as a smaller classroom, large conference area, or other scenarios. We are confident you will be pleased with our campus and training.

Now about me, I recently retired from the Illinois State Police after nearly 29 years in law enforcement. My last position was Deputy Director (Colonel) of the Division of Operations. It was a great career, but time for me to move on. I was looking for a challenge and wanted to stay within the criminal justice system. Fortunately, I was given a tremendous opportunity and named as the new Academy Commander of the MCLETC. I went through the hiring process at RCC before being confirmed by their Board of Trustees and Executive Director Brent Fischer of the ILETSB. I am pleased to announce we have recently brought on retired Macon County Sheriff Thomas Schneider as Deputy Commander. Sheriff Schneider served with Macon County for almost 29 years as a corrections officer, deputy, detective, command officer and Sheriff.

Again thank you. We will send additional information to you via email as the check-in date approaches.

Respectfully,

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