

## "Georgia Public Safety Training Center offers an array of training options for Public Safety"

The Georgia Public Safety Training Center is a comprehensive training complex centrally located in Forsyth, Monroe County, Georgia dubbed the "Public Safety Capital of Georgia". With nearly 1,000 acres, the main campus features training props and models that help students to build skills that enhance job performance and gain real-world experience through scenario-based training courses. The center is for use by all state and local public safety related units of government within the State of Georgia. Georgia public safety personnel who are employed by a state, county or municipal agency may attend training classes at GPSTC tuition-free under the sponsorship of their employing agency. More than three decades ago, the Georgia General Assembly recognized the need to provide the state's citizens with highly skilled public safety professionals. GPSTC was established as a promise to provide the best training environment possible for those who risk their lives to keep the public safe. Since that time, Georgia's lawmakers have continued to honor this fundamental duty of government and GPSTC continues to provide free training to Georgia's qualified public safety personnel.

On campus, students will find firefighter training grounds, a mock village, a bomb range, a multi-track driving complex, and a comprehensive firearms center. In order to complete our students' training experience GPSTC offers an onsite cafeteria preparing three meals a day, a 248-room dormitory, a full gym and weight room, and an indoor swimming pool. GPSTC also operates regional academies throughout the state located in Athens, Bibb County, Cherokee County, Columbus, Dalton, Garden City, and Tifton.

GPSTC's focus is on developing the best public safety training possible and offers hundreds of top-notch courses for personnel of all levels, across multiple fields of expertise. The Georgia Police Academy, a division of GPSTC, handles courses such as Drug Enforcement, Arson, Forensics, Criminal Procedures, Gang Investigations, Terrorism, Supervision and Management, Traffic Accident Reconstruction, Drug Recognition, Active Shooter, S.W.A.T., Counter Sniper and Coroner training. The Georgia Fire Academy, also a division of GPSTC, focuses on training Basic Firefighting, Volunteer Firefighters, Georgia Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative, Fire Officer, Fire Inspector, and Hazmat training. The Basic Training Division operates out of GPSTC's regional academies and conducts the Basic Mandate Law Enforcement Training program, the Basic Jail Officer Training program, and selected specialized and advanced training courses. The Instructional Services Division develops and delivers online training courses, instructor certification training and performs research and curriculum development services for GPSTC.