



Investigations Committee

NEWSLETTER

October 2007

IG ACADEMY SPONSORS SEPTEMBER INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AT GLYNCO, GA

The IG Academy sponsored September's Investigations Committee meeting on September 26 and 27 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) location in Glynco, GA. The meeting was opened to all ECIE and PCIE IGs and 21 IG offices sent representatives. The conference opened with welcoming remarks from the FLETC Director, Connie Patrick, who gave an overview of current training programs and future challenges to address the overwhelming demand for FLETC training.

The remainder of the first day was spent with a FLETC Public Affairs representative who provided a guided tour of the training campus and related venues. Attendees toured raid houses and use of force practical exercise sites, a replica of a Port of Entry facility used to train Customs and Border Patrol officers, and the new counterterrorism practical application and operations training facility. Attendees also had the opportunity to have first-hand experience in using the Training and Innovation Division's newest driving simulators which provide trainees with the opportunity to drive in hazardous conditions and experience other driving dangers that cannot be replicated on FLETC's road courses.

On the second day of the meeting, attendees first heard from Joe Collins, Program Manager, Office of Accreditation. He spoke about the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation (FLETA) program and provided an update on FLETA's accomplishments and the ongoing accreditation efforts in Federal law enforcement. By the end of the program, it was clear that there is a need for the IG Academy to

obtain this standard. There are several benefits to securing accreditation:

- Public confidence in the integrity, professionalism, and accountability of the law enforcement agencies is enhanced and maintained.
- Organizations that have FLETA-accredited training are more successful.
- Lawsuits and liability pertaining to training and/or failure to train can be minimized.
- Accreditation ensures a disciplined and systematic approach to training. The right Federal law enforcement training is provided at the right time in the right way.
- Training program and course content and associated performance and evaluation criteria are subjected to on-going review to ensure they are current and timely.
- Federal law enforcement officers trained in comparable programs are better able to work together across agency and departmental lines, to share common terms and techniques, and to cooperate more fully to fight crime.

Representatives from FLETC's Computer and Financial Investigations Division also provided an overview of their training programs. In particular, they briefed the attendees on the development of the procurement and grant fraud training programs in response to the National Procurement Fraud Task Force Initiatives.

Finally, IG Academy Director Angela Hrdlicka introduced IG Academy staff, provided an overview of the progress of the IG Academy, and discussed future challenges.

Investigations Committee Members

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Upcoming Meeting:
Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007
at 10:00 a.m. (tentative)



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CALL FOR IG ACADEMY PROGRAM MANAGER

At the September Investigations Committee Meeting, Angela Hrdlicka requested that the participating IGs consider detailing an investigator to the IG Academy to fill another program manager position. The expansion of programs at the request of the various IGs and the new FLETC 6-day training week will have a significant impact on Academy operations with only one program manager.

To ensure that IG Academy programs are of the highest quality and that sufficient attention is paid to curriculum development, more support is needed from the IG Community. Detailee salaries are reimbursed by the IG Academy. Investigations Committee Chair Pat O'Carroll will be sending out a request for IGs to support the IG Academy in this regard.

CURRICULUM REVIEW REPORT

In September, the IG Academy held a curriculum review conference on the Public Corruption and Integrity Investigations Training Program in Arlington, VA. It was a productive session that will result in a more focused and effective training program. The program has been renamed "Public Corruption Investigations Training Program" and significant curriculum modifications were made. The new course description reads as follows:

The IG-PCITP is a 4-day training program designed to instruct the investigator in the procedures, techniques and legal issues associated with investigating allegations of employee and agency corruption. This program will provide the investigator with the fundamentals of working several types of internal and public corruption cases.

Topics covered include:

- o Public Corruption Statutes and Schemes
- o Indicators of Public Corruption
- o Considerations for Employee Interviews
- o Source Development
- o Special Concerns and Strategies

- o Investigative Tools and Techniques
- o Public Corruption Case Studies
- o A Defense Perspective
- o The role and responsibilities of various entities involved in public corruption investigations

This course will be offered at FLETC/Glynco and in Arlington, VA, on the following dates:

IG-PCITP 801 FLETC/Glynco	2/4 – 2/7/08
IG-PCITP 802 FLETC/Glynco	5/19 – 5/22/08
IG-PCITP 802-VA Arlington, VA	7/14 – 7/17/08
IG-PCITP 803 FLETC/Glynco	8/4 – 8/7/08

Vivian Dahl is handling registrations for this program. She may be reached at 912-267-3008 or via email (vivian.dahl@dhs.gov). Further information on our training programs can be found on our website: www.ignet.gov/igcia/index.htm.

TRAINING OFFICER MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

On October 11-12, 2007, the IG Academy will be sponsoring a Training Officers Meeting at the FDIC Center in Arlington, VA. This will provide the training officers with the opportunity to meet the IG Academy staff members and discuss various training issues and other initiatives. Registration and billing procedures will

be discussed and the Permanent Curriculum Review Committee will be on hand to brief the training officers on revisions to the various IG Academy programs. The Investigative Committee Chair, IG O'Carroll, will address the training officers on the morning of October 12, 2007.