



# WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

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## Frequently Asked Questions – Northwest Regional Campus

### General Information

#### **What is the Northwest Regional Campus?**

The Northwest Regional Campus is WSCJTC's newest law enforcement training facility, designed to expand training capacity and better prepare recruits for modern policing. As one of five academies in Washington, it allows officers to train closer to home and strengthens ties between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

#### **Where is the campus located?**

19405 68th Dr. NE, Arlington, WA

#### **When will the first Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) class start at the Northwest Regional Campus?**

BLEA Class 914 will start training on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

#### **Why was Arlington chosen as the location for this new training facility?**

The Arlington location was selected to expand regional training access, meet increasing demand for law enforcement officers, and reduce relocation burdens for recruits from the Northwest portion of the state.

### Facility & Training Capabilities

#### **How large is the facility?**

The campus has approximately 38,736 square feet of BOMA rentable space, including a 27,550-square-foot warehouse for indoor training.

#### **What makes this new facility unique?**

This is Washington's fourth additional satellite training academy, providing recruits with more opportunities to train locally instead of relocating to Burien. Key features of the facility include an arms room, storage and locker rooms, a defensive tactics training area, virtual training, two classrooms, and office space.

**How many recruits will be trained here at any given time?**

The Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) will host two classes annually, with an average of 30 recruits per class. Instructor development, field training, patrol tactics, and applied skills will be provided between classes.

**What specific training programs will be conducted at this location?**

- Basic Training Division – Provides foundational training for law enforcement and corrections personnel.
- Applied Skills Training Division – Delivers legally defensible, science-based law enforcement training for new and incumbent officers.

**Are there any state-of-the-art features at this facility?**

The academy includes a VR simulation machine borrowed from the City of Arlington until they find room. The VR simulation enables WSCJTC to run recruits through real-world policing scenarios. Two simulation houses with movable walls will also be available for building search and tactical training and an indoor training warehouse, allowing for all-weather applied skills instruction.

**What role does this campus play in expanding WSCJTC’s training capacity?**

It enhances WSCJTC’s ability to train officers in the Northwest region, supporting local recruitment efforts and increasing the number of trained law enforcement professionals.

**Impact on Law Enforcement Training & Community**

**How will this facility address the demand for law enforcement officers?**

The academy allows local recruits to train without relocating, opening opportunities for single parents, caregivers, and others who previously couldn’t commit to law enforcement training due to travel constraints.

**Will it allow for shorter wait times for recruits to start training?**

The additional academy ensures that as local agencies recruit officers, WSCJTC has the training space to support them.

**How does this campus align with WSCJTC’s mission to modernize training?**

The Northwest Regional Campus is a key part of WSCJTC’s effort to expand training access across the state. As part of this modernization, WSCJTC now operates four regional academies in addition to its Burien headquarters, has overhauled its curriculum, and achieved accreditation—all aimed at enhancing training standards and accessibility.

**How will the community benefit from this academy’s presence?**

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- Expands the pool of law enforcement recruits in Everett, Arlington, Skagit County, and Snohomish County.
- Helps local agencies train and retain officers who live and work in their communities.
- Makes law enforcement careers more accessible to those who otherwise couldn't relocate.

### **Will local law enforcement agencies collaborate with this facility?**

Yes, with contributions from:

- Everett PD – Assistant Commander and TAC officer
- Arlington PD – TAC officer
- Skagit and Snohomish County – Part-time instructors with reimbursement for services

Other participating agencies include:

- Anacortes PD
- Bellingham PD
- Everett PD
- Lake Stevens PD
- Arlington PD
- Marysville PD
- Whatcom County SO
- Lynnwood PD
- Mill Creek PD
- Snohomish County SO
- Island County SO
- Edmonds PD
- WSLCB

### **Additional Operations and Training Information**

#### **What realistic training environments are available?**

- Two simulation houses with movable walls for search exercises
- Indoor training warehouse for all-weather training
- Vehicle scenarios – Traffic stops, high-risk vehicle interactions

#### **What are the long-term goals for the Arlington campus?**

The facility operates on a five-year lease, and its potential growth depends on the success of local agency recruitment.