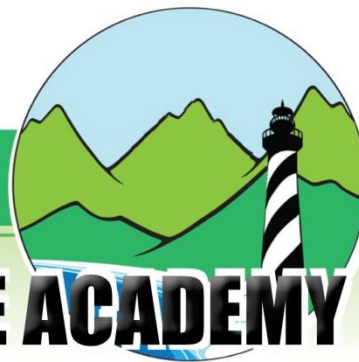


What's New?

NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE ACADEMY

Quality training for criminal justice professionals



March 2017

Peace Officer Memorial Day Ceremony

Save the date...The NC Attorney General's Office annual North Carolina Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 11:00AM at First Assembly of God, 777 S. Myrtle School Road, Gastonia, NC 28052. This year the following fallen officers will be honored: K9 Officer Timothy James Brackeen and Deputy Sheriff John Thomas Isenhour. Representatives from all North Carolina law enforcement agencies are encouraged to attend and the general public is invited to attend. Agencies will receive their registration information this month. Please make plans to attend this event as we pay tribute to officers who have died in the line of duty.

Strickland Retires April 1

Please join us in extending best wishes to Mark Strickland, who is retiring from the Academy effective April 1. Mark has been an esteemed member of the State for more than 27 years, and he will be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike. We have all benefited from his innovative teaching style, commitment to provide quality training opportunities for criminal justice professionals, and forward thinking leadership style.

We invite you to attend a reception in his honor on Thursday, March 30, at the NC Justice Academy. The presentation portion will begin in the Jones Auditorium at 2:00pm. After presentations, we will move to the LRC for refreshments. Please RSVP to Tami Warren (twarren@ncdoj.gov), by Tuesday, March 28 if you will be attending. If you would like to make a presentation during the program, please note that with your RSVP.

We know you all join us in wishing Mark well as he starts a new and exciting chapter in his life. We hope you will be able to join us on March 30.

Training Catalog

Our new training catalog, which lists courses being offered July-December, will be available by April 15. Also look for these courses to be available for registration on the training portal by then.

Online Courses

Did you know all of the law enforcement 2017 in-service topics, except for Firearms Training and Qualification, are available on our portal: [NC Justice Academy Training Portal](#)? More telecommunicator

and detention officer in-service courses are coming soon. For a listing of all our online courses and how to register for them, visit: <http://ncja.ncdoj.gov/acadisonline.aspx>.

SWAT Competition

We need a few more teams for our SWAT Competition April 12-14 in Salemburg. It is a great opportunity for tactical teams to participate in a series of events that test decision making, physical skills, shooting and tactical skills as well as exhibiting the ability to function as a team. Events will demonstrate the use of various tactical weapons such as submachine guns, sniper rifles, shotguns, etc. Teams can be composed of a minimum of six to a maximum of ten members, one of which is a sniper. Vendors will also be displaying tactical equipment and clothing. \$25.00 per person. Limited to 10 persons per team. Please register your team today: <http://ncja.ncdoj.gov/SWATC.aspx>

Courses in March, April, May with Available Seats

[Advanced Field Training Officer](#) - 5/16-5/18 (Edneyville)
[Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation](#) - 4/17-4/28 (Nags Head)
[Background Investigations](#) - 4/18-4/20 (Salemburg)
[CDR/EDR Train-the-Trainer](#) - 5/8-5/12 (Edneyville)
[Coordinating In-Service Training Course](#) - 3/28 (Salemburg - Commuters only)
[Criminal Justice Standards Certification Workshop](#) - 4/25-4/26 (Smithfield)
[Criminal Sexual Paraphilias](#) - 4/17/17 (Edneyville)
[D.A.R.E. Instructor Training](#) - 3/26-4/7 (Salemburg)
[Detention Field Training Officer](#) - 4/17-4/21 (Edneyville)
[EXCEL for Collision Investigation](#) - 5/8/17 (Edneyville)
[GLOCK Armorer](#) - 5/23/17 (Edneyville)
[Glock Instructor Workshop](#) - 5/24-5/26 (Edneyville)
[International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors \(IALEFI\) Regional Training](#) - 4/9-4/12 (Salemburg)
[K-9 Legal Issues](#) - 3/21-3/22 (Edneyville)
[K-9 Legal Issues](#) - 4/26-4/27 (Salemburg)
[Law Enforcement Sniper Course](#) - 4/17-4/21 (Butner)
[Officer-Involved Domestic Violence](#) - 5/10/17 (Salemburg)
[Profiling the Crime Scene](#) - 3/20-3/21 (Edneyville)
[SWAT Competition](#) - 4/12/17-4/14/17 (Salemburg)
[T.R.R.U.T.H. \(Taking Race Relations and Understanding to Heart\)](#) - 5/16-5/17 (Edneyville)
[T.R.R.U.T.H. \(Taking Race Relations and Understanding to Heart\)](#) - 5/18-5/19 (Edneyville)
[Telecommunicator Certification Course](#) - 5/21-5/26 (Salemburg)
[Threat Assessment and the School Rampage Shooter](#) - 4/3/17 (Edneyville)
[Traffic Homicide Case File Preparation](#) - 4/18-4/20 (Salemburg)

New Employees - Welcome to the team!

NCJA welcomes **Casson Reynolds** to the Investigations Center; he fills the new Crime Scene Investigations position and will be working closely with Michael Glenn. Casson has been in law enforcement for over 13 years with the majority of that time in Crime Scene Investigations. He is a Certified Crime Scene Analyst through the International Association of Identification and has instructed in forensics for the American Academy of Applied Forensics and for the American Intercontinental

University. He holds a Master's of Science in Criminal Justice from Boston University. Casson has worked for the Charlottesville Police Department, the Gastonia Police Department and the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. He has been recognized as an expert in court in crime scene investigations, shooting reconstruction, and bloodstain pattern analysis. He also has his North Carolina Death Investigator's Certificate, his North Carolina Advanced Gang Specialist Certificate, and his North Carolina Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate.

Please join NCJA in welcoming **Lica Strasner**. Lica is a program assistant assigned to the Investigations Center in Edneyville. She will be working closely with Laurie Austen, Perry Harris, Kris Merithew, and Floyd Yoder. Lica has a wealth of experience working within the private sector, Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools, UNC School of Dentistry, and was most recently employed as a Graduate Programs Specialist with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She holds a B.A. in Child Development/Interdisciplinary from California State University and a M.Ed. in Adult Education from Oregon State University.

NCJA welcomes team member, **Edward "Ed" Anderson**. Ed is assigned to the Investigations Center and fills the new Narcotic Investigations position. Ed comes to us from the Kill Devil Hills Police Department. Prior to his employment as a police officer in North Carolina, he served in multiple capacities as a private consultant/advisor/trainer to military and police forces in Kosovo and Afghanistan. During his service in Kosovo, he also served as a trainer and adjunct professor through the University of Maryland for the US Educational Center attached to NATO in that country. Ed holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin and has a Juris Doctor degree from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois.

Please join NCJA in welcoming our newest team member, **Amit Sujanani**. Amit is a program assistant assigned to the Investigations Center in Edneyville. He will be working closely with Floyd Yoder, Scott Hartley, Ross Robinson, Doug Robinson, and Marie Evitt. Amit is a graduate of Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, has a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Human Resources from Western Carolina University. He also has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management with a Minor in Information Systems from the University of South Florida.

Promotions

Congratulations to **Floyd Yoder** on his promotion to Training Manager for the Investigations Center. Floyd has demonstrated leadership skills and an extensive educational and training background that will greatly benefit him in this new role. Prior to joining the NC Justice Academy, Floyd retired from active law enforcement duty after 32 years of honorable service. The last 26 years of his LE career were completed with the Hickory Police Department where he served as a Lieutenant Commander of the Edward PACT, Special Operations Team, and Watch Commander. He is also a graduate and was class president of the NC Justice Academy's Management Development Program #23. Floyd has a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Appalachian State University, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lees McRae College, and an Associate's Degree from Western Piedmont Community College.

Job Postings

Our Job Bank webpage is one of our most viewed pages. If your agency has job openings, please complete the "[Job Posting Template](#)" and we will be glad to advertise it for you on our website.

Remember to like us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to get daily updates and pictures from some of our classes.

Please feel free to call or email me with your suggestions for training. We are here for you!

[Mark Strickland, Director](#)

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