



According to the United States Census Bureau, over 90% of United States land is rural. The Rural Policing Institute was founded to provide training resources to the men and women who police rural towns and cities across America.



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About the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) serves as an interagency law enforcement training organization for over 80 Federal agencies. It also provides services to state, local, campus, tribal, and international law enforcement agencies.

The FLETC is headquartered in Glynco, GA, near the port city of Brunswick. In addition, the FLETC operates two other residential training sites in Artesia, NM, and in Charleston, SC. The FLETC also operates an in-service re-qualification training facility in Cheltenham, MD.

The FLETC has oversight and program management responsibility for the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Botswana, and supports training at other ILEAs around the world.

More information can be found at www.fletc.gov.

Rural Policing Institute

The Rural Policing Institute is an initiative of the FLETC, serving as a training resource for rural law enforcement officers across America. For more information on the Rural Policing Institute, please visit www.fletc.gov/rpi.

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A Message from the Director

I am pleased to introduce you to the Rural Policing Institute (RPI), an important initiative of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).

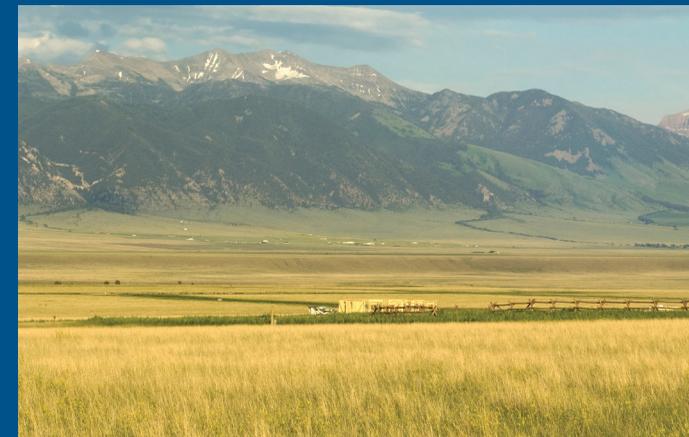
The RPI develops and delivers tuition-free advanced training programs for rural law enforcement officers throughout the United States. It also assesses the needs of rural law enforcement agencies and creates awareness of training programs available to rural officers.

Too often, our nation's rural law enforcement agencies lack the resources needed to provide advanced training to their officers. The RPI was created to help fill this critical need.

I am excited about the opportunities the RPI is providing for rural law enforcement officers. It is an important component to the FLETC's mission to train those who protect our homeland.

Thank you for your interest in and support of the RPI.

*Connie L. Patrick
Director
Federal Law Enforcement
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Some Unique Opportunities

What does the Rural Policing Institute Do?

How You Can Participate



Tribal Law Enforcement Training

The Rural Policing Institute (RPI) is committed to

servicing the law enforcement training needs of Indian Country. Through specialized training programs, the RPI brings together tribal and municipal law enforcement officers who work together to protect rural regions of the United States. In addition, the RPI is dedicated to providing critical training in subject areas unique to Indian Country.



Law Enforcement Training Symposiums

The Rural Policing Institute (RPI) delivers three-

day training conferences for rural law enforcement officers and first responders. The RPI works with host agencies and organizations to tailor conference topics and schedules to suit their needs. Multiple tracks can be offered to maximize the usefulness of these unique training programs. General sessions feature highly regarded speakers from the law enforcement community.

Tuition-Free Training Programs

Export Programs

The RPI delivers tuition-free training programs to host agencies throughout the United States. Training formats include programs that run between one day and five days and law enforcement training conferences. Training topics include anti-terrorism awareness, intelligence-led policing, drug crimes, firearms, first responder training, domestic violence crimes, and more.

FLETC On-Center Programs

The RPI sponsors students from rural agencies to attend advanced training programs at the FLETC's four locations (Georgia, New Mexico, Maryland, and South Carolina) on a space-available basis.

Distance Learning

To serve officers who cannot leave their agencies to attend training, the RPI offers tuition-free distance learning programs so that officers can participate in training 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Visit www.fletc.gov/rpi to learn more about available training programs.

Needs Assessment

The RPI has entered into an interagency agreement with the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS) to conduct one of the largest-ever rural law enforcement training needs assessments. In addition, the RPI works closely with other partner organizations to continuously evaluate law enforcement's changing training needs. This helps drive future training development.

Training Development

The RPI is required by law to develop training programs in intelligence-led policing and in protections for privacy, civil rights and civil liberties. In addition, the RPI develops training programs in response to identified needs of rural law enforcement agencies.

Awareness

An important part of the RPI's mission is to inform law enforcement officers about high-quality training available to them through the RPI and other organizations. The RPI accomplishes this through participation in law enforcement organizations' conferences, partnering with other organizations to leverage resources, and utilizing mass media techniques to spread awareness of training programs.

Eligibility

The Rural Policing Institute (RPI) provides tuition-free training for law enforcement officers and other emergency responders located in rural areas. "Rural" is defined as:

- any area outside of a metropolitan statistical area (MSA), as defined by the Office of Management and Budget

OR

- any jurisdiction inside of a MSA located in a county, borough, parish or land under the jurisdiction of an Indian Tribe with a population of no more than 50,000.

For more information please visit www.fletc.gov/rpi/eligibility.

Hosting a Training Program

Agencies throughout the United States provide venues for tuition-free training. If your agency would like the RPI to bring training to your location, please contact us:

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