



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Municipal Police Training Academy

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RIMPTA Training Announcement

Field Training Officer Certification

Dates: May 5-8, 2026

Time: 0800-1600 hours

Location: RIMPTA Classroom
CCRI Lincoln Campus (5/5 & 5/6)
&
Camp Varnum
Narragansett, RI (5/7 & 5/8)

This 32-hour training course is for the Field Training Officer (FTO) Certification. The field training officer program is one of the most important training programs an agency maintains.

The lack of a FTO training program, a substandard program or a poorly run program can result in civil suits, loss of good personnel, and the loss of a previously untarnished reputation. A well trained FTO force, in conjunction with a well-run program, will help protect a community from civil suits and enhance agency professionalism.

The program is based on the model originated by the San Jose Police Department in 1972. This model remains the national standard after five decades. The training cadre has updated and added curriculum to the national model to meet the rigors of current policing practices in Rhode Island.

The instructors for this program will be various members of the Academy's FTO training cadre. This training is unique compared to other FTO courses because it offers the students a chance to get some **hands-on** training at Camp Varnum. While at Camp Varnum for two days, students will observe the police academy recruits navigate through various scenario-based

training stations. The students will be able to make observations, document those observations and then complete a Daily Observation Report (DOR). These DOR's will then be reviewed and critiqued by the FTO training cadre.

Course Topics

History of the FTO Program

Changing Behavior

Role of the FTO

Daily Observation Reporting

Standardized Evaluation Guidelines

Hostile Environment and Stress

Liability & Training

Philosophies of the Program

Communications

Policies and Expectation of FTO and Trainee

Dynamics of Adult Learning

Workplace Harassment

Legal Defensibility (Case Law)

Termination of Trainees

This certification program is offered **free** of charge. Please register early, **seating is limited to 30 officers per session.**

DRESS CODE: Uniform of the day, business casual attire or, an agency polo and BDU's are required for this training. **(Please adhere to the dress code)**

To register, please complete the attached registration form and fax or e-mail to Mrs. Donna Lavalley at (401) 205-2501, or donna.lavalley@risp.gov. by **April 28, 2026.**

For any questions regarding this certification training please contact the Director of Continuing Education, Gary Driscoll, at (401) 205-1678, or gary.driscoll@risp.gov.

For more information regarding the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety Municipal Police Training Academy please go to: www.rimpa.ri.gov., click on Upcoming In-Service Training Opportunities.



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PARTICIPANT(S) NAME & RANK			
1st Selection:			
E-Mail Address:			
2nd Selection:			
E-Mail Address:			
3rd Selection:			
E-Mail Address:			
<u>Please FAX or Email this form to the attention of:</u>			
Mrs. Donna Lavallee at donna.lavallee@risp.gov or (401) 205-2501 (Academy Fax)			
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