

West Yorkshire Police Training and Development

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What the Centre offers to students



An aerial view of the Training Centre

Accommodation

The main nine-floor administration building and hostel annex has 164 bedrooms. The accommodation consists of individual en-suite bedrooms. All have central heating, television, radio alarm, wardrobe and desk. Every floor has kitchen facilities and a communal seating area. As from 1 July 2007 no smoking will be allowed anywhere on the site.

Classrooms and Theatres

The large Lecture Theatre has a ceiling mounted projector which can show films, videos and PowerPoint presentations. There is a networked Force computer which can also be used as a stand-alone. The theatre is used for conferences and lectures and can seat 170. It also has a microphone connected to the lectern as well as a cordless microphone. The small theatre (Exercise Room) was designed specially for practical demonstrations and links to the Practicals House on site. It is an excellent facility for observing practical searches in drugs/homicide/exhibits exercises. The Exercise Room can accommodate 70 and contains a plethora of up to date technical facilities.

Bishopgarth has nineteen classrooms directly allocated to general training with additional classrooms specifically designed for information technology and interviews and assessment purposes.

The classrooms are interchangeable in use and each will seat 16 - 20 in facilitative style and 20 - 25 for didactic teaching. Each classroom contains a networked force computer a “teaching wall” consisting of television, video, DVD player, whiteboards and screen. In addition, each classroom contains an overhead projector and flipchart easel. Ten classrooms have electronic smartboards.

We have seven classrooms which have interview facilities attached to them. There are three separate interview observation rooms.

We have a newly created intensive interview suite – two interview rooms and two observation rooms linked to a classroom – this also has smartboard and projector.



The Learning Resource Centre

The Learning Resource Centre is based within its own building. The service is managed by qualified librarians and is open to students from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. It contains a wide range of text books, journals, videos, and electronic information for either reference or loan. Computers with printers are available for use by students in either the main library, the computer room or individual study rooms. A photocopier and a scanner are also available to students. Internet access is available.

Gymnasium

The gymnasium is available for use by residents and members of the Sports and Social Club between 0830 hours and 2200 hours Monday to Sunday. Courts can be booked to play volleyball, badminton, short tennis and table tennis from 1215 – 1300 hours and 1600 – 2200 hours. Bookings should be made via Bishopgarth reception and can only be made on the intended day of use. All the sports equipment can be found in the gymnasium store room (next to the PTI's office).

On occasions, the gymnasium may not be available owing to operational use, any closures will be posted on the gymnasium notice boards and at reception.

To become a member of the sports and social club costs £1 a week to students on courses and this money should be collected via the course trainer. To obtain access to the gym you need a swipe card. This can be obtained from reception at a cost of £5 which is returnable when you hand the card back in when you leave.

If you need anymore information or help with the exercise equipment please contact the PTI who is available in the gym from 0800 – 1600 hours or by phone on 27552 (internal) or 01924 208052 (external).

Two local authority swimming pools are located nearby, within five or ten minutes walk.

Bar

Available to students is our comfortable bar lounge, staffed by an experienced bar steward. It sells a variety of items from Bishopgarth ties, toiletries and confectionery. Regular social events are held and student groups are encouraged to organise quiz nights, etc.

The bar is open each evening Monday to Thursday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The small shop which is part of the bar is open Monday and Tuesday from 12 noon to 1.30 p. m. for the sale of soft drinks, confectionery, toiletries and souvenir items.

Newspapers

Newspapers are available for purchase in the dining room as well as a small selection of toiletries.

Catering

The choice for lunch and evening meal is always three hot dishes, one of which is vegetarian choice, together with cold buffet of salad and cold meats. Students may also choose vegetables, hot and cold desserts and bread rolls. Drinks include fresh fruit juice, tea and coffee - decaffeinated included. Residential students from other Forces and organisations are entitled to breakfast, lunch and evening meal as these meals are included in the course charge. However, West Yorkshire students must pay separately for their lunchtime meal in accordance with Force policy. There is a book in the dining room to record your comments.

Washing machines

Washing machines, dryers, irons and ironing boards are available free of charge. Washing powder is not provided.

Parking

Parking facilities are available at the School on a large student car park, located at the rear of the school. Vehicles are parked at owner's risk.

Illness

Bishopgarth is very close to the local emergency hospital of Pinderfields and near a group surgery. There is also a "walk in" health centre nearby. In addition, the Force Medical Officers and Welfare Officer work from offices close by and students are able to consult the Occupational Health Unit should they have any worries or concerns about themselves or their families.

Shopping and Cash

The city centre shops, plus The Ridings shopping centre, all national banks and building societies are located within a ten minutes walk of the School. The Centre has a cash machine in the reception area - there is a charge of £1.75 for any withdrawals.

Reception

Our reception will be pleased to help you - do speak to them about any problems or requests. It is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days week and you can purchase stamps and leave any external post with them for collection by our mail service.

There is a comments book in reception and we are pleased if students write in this book so that we can improve our service.

TO BOOK A PLACE ON A COURSE

To book a firearms course please contact Dawn Rhodes on 01924 208074 or e-mail dawn.rhodes@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

COURSE CANCELLATIONS

Please be aware that places which are cancelled within one month of the commencement date of the course will incur a charge for the full cost of tuition.

The Firearms Training Department

The Firearms Training Department is responsible for providing all firearms related training for the force as well nationally recognised courses that are offered to UK and foreign forces.

The Firearms Training Department maintains a very close working relationship with the force Firearms Support Unit, (FSU) providing personnel to support operational deployments.

The FSU deploys 5 Armed Response vehicles 24 hours a day as well a team of 19 Specialist Firearms Officers that work alongside Crime Division proactively tackling gun crime through intelligence led armed operations.

During 2005/6 the FSU deployed to 1082 spontaneous armed incidents and 167 planned operations, some of which extended over several weeks. In addition the unit managed 36 separate VIP operations some of which extended over several days and venues.

In the course of these operations issues such as Post incident Management and the deployment/discharge of specialist munitions have had to be managed.

These operational experiences are reflected in all aspects of the firearms training delivery.

West Yorkshire Police has access to 3 ranges that facilitate a variety of different shooting and tactical training.

In between Wakefield and Leeds the force owns a 50-yard indoor range complete with an overhead-computerised monorail target system. The range has drive on facility as well as 120 degree arcs of fire.

A formal leasing arrangement with a Home Office approved rifle club provides year round access to a privately owned 500 metres gallery rifle range on the Pennine Moors close to Huddersfield.

The force also leases from the Police Athletic Association use of its privately owned outdoor range complex near to Selby. The facilities include a 25 and 50 yard pistol calibre ranges with drive on facilities.

All training is managed within the National Police Firearms Curriculum and the Manual of Guidance on the Police Use of Firearms. The trainers are NVQ qualified A1 assessors and are managed by a qualified internal Verifier. The department is supported by an independent Quality Assurance Department, which also undertakes an evaluation process to maintain standards of delivery and course content.

**National Firearms
Instructors' Course****Date and Duration of Course**

This 6 week course is running between:

13 October – 21 November 2008

Criteria

The target audience is Authorised Firearms Officers who meet the criteria defined in the National Police Firearms Curriculum

Aim

The aim of the course is to develop the knowledge, understanding, skills, attitude and behaviour of potential firearms trainers required for the delivery of firearms training.

Content

Methods of instruction
Preparation and use of training aids
Instructional objectives
Lesson planning and preparation
The psychology of learning
Practical demonstration techniques
Assessment and reporting techniques
Practical lessons and resulting critiques
Post-incident procedures
Briefings/de-briefings
Part 1 range conducting certificate
Firearm legislation
Throughout the course the participants are expected to formally plan and deliver training both individually and with colleagues, on a variety of firearms subjects using a range of methods.

Cost

The cost of this course is £5,497 for tuition plus £1,260 for accommodation and meals – total £6,757

Close Protection Officers Course

Date and Duration of Course

This is a 4 week course is running between

12 May – 6 June 2008

Criteria

The course is suitable for Authorised Firearms Officers only.

Aim

To train and develop the participants in the principles and the standards of VIP protection duties as defined by ACPO TAM, National Protection Training Committee.

Content

- Philosophy behind current protection methods
- Role of security co-ordinator Home Office
- Briefing/debriefing
- Tactical shooting including low light/vehicle drills
- Unarmed combat
- Building/vehicle searches
- Explosives and IED recognition
- Protection techniques
- Advanced reconnaissance
- Threat assessment
- Walking drills and procedures
- Counter ambush drills and procedures

The course content meets and exceeds the modules within the National Police Firearms Training Curriculum. Throughout the course there are presentations from specialist speakers including the Metropolitan Police Diplomatic Protection Unit. All of the practical exercises are carried out in the public arena in a variety of venues across the county.

Cost

The cost of this course is £4,480 for tuition plus £840 for accommodation and meals – total £ 5,320.

**Firearms Tactical Advisors'
Course**

Date and Duration of Course

This is a 10 day course is running:

14 – 25 April 2008

9 – 20 March 2009

Criteria

Persons who are or have recently been experienced authorised firearms officers.

Aim

The course aims to develop the participant's knowledge, understanding, skills, attitude and behaviour expected from those providing tactical advice to commanders of firearms incidents.

Content

ACPO Manual of Guidance on the Police Use of Firearms

The application of firearms tactics

Legislation

Health and Safety

Post Incident Procedures

Case studies

Practical exercises and knowledge checks

Cost

The cost of this course is £1,600 for tuition plus £420 for accommodation and meals total £2,020.

Rifle Course**Date and Duration of Course**

This five week course is running from 1 September – 3 October 2008

Criteria

The course is suitable for Authorised Firearms only.

Aim

To develop the knowledge, understanding, skills, attitude and behaviour of participants in the use of the police rifle and the principles of the tactics and deployments associated with the role.

Content

Role of Police Rifle officer
Tactical and practical exercises
Fieldcraft, camouflage and concealment
Theory and practice of rifle shooting and ballistics, including range, elevation and windage
Characteristics, maintenance of rifle and sights
Observations and night viewing equipment
Judging distances
Map reading and compass work
The humane destruction of animals

The course content meets and exceeds the modules within the National Police Firearms Training Curriculum. West Yorkshire Police has been involved in national rifle training for many years and have a wealth of experience in delivering this course. The rifle officers and trainers are deployed operationally on a regular basis and provide support to many types of police firearms operations including; support to surveillance, dynamic interception operations, anti-terrorist operations and the destruction of animals.

The course has developed over many years evolving from essentially a military sniper course to one that addresses specific policing requirements, drawing on experiences from surveillance teams and in particular close rural observations post qualified officers.

Guest speakers provide advice in specialist areas such as surveillance log keeping. Whilst there is still an element of the course which deals with working in the rural environment, a great deal of emphasis is placed on working in the urban arena.

The rifle range is an exposed moorland venue subject to all wind and weather conditions making it the ideal training ground for the practical police sharpshooter. It has been a regular source of comment from previous participants that 'It is an ideal training ground and if you can shoot there you can shoot anywhere.'

The tactical exercises are conducted in the public domain to enhance the training. The locations include inner city estates, town centres and private country estates to give a wide variation.

Cost

The cost of this course is £3,745 for tuition plus £1,050 for accommodation and meals – total £4,795

Dynamic Entry / Intervention Course

Date and Duration of Course

This is a four week course running from 8 September – 3 October 2008

Criteria

The course is suitable for Authorised Firearms Officers with the following co-requisites: -

- B1 Carries, Handles and Shoots a Police Firearm
- B2 Participates in Operations whilst Armed
- B3 Knowledge of Options (overview)
- B4 Deals with conflict
- D4 Performs slow methodical searches
- D10 Undertakes deliveries, collections and reconnaissance
- G3 Uses Forcible Entry Equipment

It is also a Pre-Requisite that Officers attending are qualified to the minimum standards, as outlined in the NPFTC, in the National DE/DI Qualification Shoot and Shotgun.

Aim

To Train and develop the participants in the principles of Dynamic Entry / Intervention.

Content

Modules Covered

D9.1 Dynamic Entry / Intervention Considerations
D9.2 Preparing for Dynamic Entry / Intervention
D9.3 Dynamic Entry / Intervention Procedures
D9.4 The use of Ladders
D9.7 Bus, Coach and Train Considerations
D9.8 Post Entry / Intervention Considerations
E2.1 CS Munitions
E2.2 Shotgun breaching rounds
E2.3 Manually Operated Pyrotechnic Devices
E2.4 Electrically Operated Pyrotechnic Devices

In addition there will be EMOE awareness incorporated into the Course.

The Course is demanding and there will be occasions when Students will be expected to work outside the hours of a normal working day. The Course meets and exceeds the Modules within the National Police Firearms Training Curriculum.

Cost

The cost of this course is £4,695 for tuition plus £860.00 for accommodation and meals – total £5555.00