

**LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (LEPS)
SUBCOMMITTEE**

July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026

ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by:

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West Virginia Law Enforcement Training

§30-29-3, sub-part (a) (15) of the West Virginia Code stipulates that the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee will:

“Submit, on or before the thirtieth day of September of each year, to the governor, and upon request to individual members of the Legislature, a report on its activities during the previous year and an accounting of funds paid into and disbursed from the special revenue account establish[ed] pursuant to section four of this article.”

In furtherance of this requirement, the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Program of the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services’ Justice and Community Services (JCS) is submitting the following information concerning the **4,042** individuals who are working as sworn law enforcement officers within the State of West Virginia, as certified by the LEPS Subcommittee of the Governor’s Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction (GCCDC).

During the 2025-2026 Training Year reporting period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, the LEPS Subcommittee met eleven (11) times as per its regular annual schedule for monthly meetings, with no meeting held during the month of December as per its regular schedule. Each meeting was conducted as prescribed by the West Virginia Secretary of State Office guidelines concerning public meetings.

Chief Eric Johnson, now the West Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police representative on the LEPS Subcommittee, has served as the Chair for the LEPS Subcommittee since July 30, 2026. The eleven (11) positions, as set by statute, which make up the LEPS Subcommittee, were filled over the course of the year as vacancies occurred because of changes in leadership at the member organizations through the action of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cabinet Secretary. The roster of the members comprising the LEPS Subcommittee is provided under Attachment 2 of this report.

A summary of the actions of the LEPS Subcommittee during this reporting period is provided on the following pages. Questions concerning the LEPS Program should be directed to Jess W. Gundy, at (304) 205-8348 or Jess.W.Gundy@wv.gov. Questions concerning the LEPS Subcommittee may be directed to to Chief Eric Johnson, LEPS Subcommittee Chair, at yeagerchief@gmail.com or (304) 344-8033.

General information, to include copies of the minutes and agendas of LEPS Subcommittee meetings, related to the LEPS Program may be found on the website of the DAS/JCS at <https://das.wv.gov/JCS/Pages/default.aspx> on the Law Enforcement Professional Standards page of that website at <https://das.wv.gov/JCS/law-enforcement/Pages/default.aspx> or may be requested from Jess W. Gundy, LEPS Program Director.

Summary of Training Activities – FY 2025-2026 Training Year Period

1. Number of law enforcement officers awarded law enforcement certification by the LEPS Subcommittee:

- City, County, State, College/University, Airport and Natural Resources Police - **270**

- Completed full Basic Program - **132**

200th, 201st, 202nd and the 203rd Basic Class set to graduate on August 19, 2026.

- Completed Equivalent/Recertification Program held during FY2025-FY2026 – **27**

- Completed the WVSP 74th Cadet Class - **43**

- Completed the WVSP 75th Cadet Class – **20**

- Completed the WVSP 76th Cadet Class – **30**

- Completed the WVSP 77th Cadet Class - **18**

2. Number of officers who completed training requirements for recertification as West Virginia law enforcement officers held during FY25-FY26 following a break in serving as an officer in this state of more than twenty-four (24) months.- **20**

3. Number of law enforcement certifications suspended, pending completion of required training by the LEPS Subcommittee: - **0**

4. Number of stop work orders issued to officers seeking certification as a West Virginia law enforcement officer who had not met or complied with requirements to gain such certification. - **13**

5. Number of law enforcement certifications reviewed by the LEPS Subcommittee - **46**

- Certification revoked - **1**

- Certification not activated - **3**

- Certification left in place - **42**

6. Number of requests for training/certification as a private citizen reviewed by the LEPS Subcommittee: - **0**

NOTE: While this type of approval process remains in place individuals who would have previously been approved under this process are now directed to wait two years following their resignation from the entry-level training program to be able to be hired once more by a West Virginia law enforcement agency and to be sponsored by the agency to the entry-level training program.

7. Number of equivalent certification reviews, certified officers from other states/federal entities, seeking to gain certification as a West Virginia law enforcement officer through the two (2) week training process:
- Approved **23**
 - Denied **2**
 - Withdrew **2**
8. Number of appeals from individuals aggrieved by a decision of the LEPS Subcommittee: **0**
- Appeal upheld at GCCDC level **0**
 - Appealed to Circuit Court **0**
 - Appealed to ICA **0**
 - Withdrawn **0**
 - Plea Deal **0**
9. Number of applicants for admission to a basic entry level training program reviewed by the LEPS Subcommittee due to prior arrest: **10**
- Reviewed and approved **10**
 - Reviewed and denied **0**
10. Number of medical related reviews of officer's ability to enter and complete the training to gain certification as an officer: **0**
- Stop work order issued until training started **0**
 - Medical release required **0**
11. Number of requests for accommodations relating to the physical ability test (PAT) made to the LEPS Subcommittee: **0**
12. Number of requests for accommodations concerning the medical entry standards made to the LEPS Subcommittee: **0**
13. Number of requests for accommodations concerning the physical fitness training or other training standards during academy training made to the LEPS Subcommittee: **0**
- Approved **0**
 - Denied **0**
14. Number of requests for waiver of tuition fees for the entry level training program. Review completed and approved: **0**

15. Number of reviews of officers who had been separated for more than sixty (60) months as a law enforcement officer in West Virginia to determine training required to bring certification current:	9
• Required to complete three (2) week re-certification training:	9
• Required to complete fully entry level training	0
16. Level II Instructor Reviews	
• Approved	3
• Denied	0
17. Number of individuals who were either granted law enforcement instructor certification or approved in additional areas of expertise by the LEPS Subcommittee:	251
• Approved as new instructors	90
• Approved with additional areas	161
18. Number of officer certification reactivation reviews completed as a result of how the officer was separated from their previous agency (Retirement or resignation in lieu of termination or while under investigation or termination):	24
• Approved	19
• Denied	4
• Revoked Certification	1
19. Number of current and active law enforcement instructors in WV	812
20. Number of reviews of instructor certificates	0

In-Service Training Summary:

21. Number of Annual In-Service Training Programs approved by the LEPS Subcommittee:	285
22. Number of Supervisory In-Service Training Programs approved by the LEPS Subcommittee:	10
23. Number of Combination In –Service Training Programs approved by the LEPS Subcommittee:	112
24. Total In-Service Training Programs approved by the LEPS Subcommittee:	407
25. Review of instructor level (Train the Trainer) classes:	3
• Approved	3
• Denied	0

26. Items carried out on behalf of, or by, the LEPS Subcommittee members or program staff:
27. Four (4) grant awards were recommended for approval to the Governor's Office and were subsequently awarded from the LEPS Fund to allow for the operation of the entry level training program at the West Virginia State Police Academy during the FY2025 through FY2026 period. Those awards were for the 200th, 201st, 202nd and 203rd Basic Classes, and an Ammunition grant and the Academy Civilian Support Staff award for the FY2025 through FY2026 period.
28. Developed and secured necessary legislation of required changes to CSR 149-2 during the 2026 legislative session. To include modifying rules to include mandate from the legislature for officers to obtain in service credit for visiting schools and participating in school safety programs.
29. Worked with the staff of the West Virginia State Police's Professional Development Center (PDC) for the approval and dissemination of information concerning the calendar year 2025-2026 in-service class schedule.
30. Worked with associations, organizations, training entities and individuals to ensure that West Virginia law enforcement officers received instruction and training in subject areas to allow them to continue to perform the job skills/tasks of a law enforcement officer in this state.
31. Worked with the staff of the West Virginia State Police Academy concerning program and schedule changes for the entry level training program.
32. Continued the implementation of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards Information System (LEPSIS) database through awareness and education programs to officers and administrators within the state.
33. Responded to forty-one (41) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for officer training and disciplinary records by providing the requested information.
34. Secured CDDP Grant in the amount of \$31,850.00.

Report Attachments:

35. Attachment 1: Law Enforcement Training Fund Financial Summary

36. Attachment 2: Law Enforcement Professional Standards Subcommittee Membership

Attachment 1

**Law Enforcement Training Fund
Financial Summary**

FY 2025-FY2026

**July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026,
LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (LEPS) FUND
BALANCE REPORT
FY2026**

Special Revenue June 30, 2026, Report FY 2026 LEPS Account #6801

Cash Balance Beginning Fiscal Year on, July 1, 2025, \$ 2,792,568.71

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Fees collected	\$939,606.40
Tuition deposits	\$174,300.00
Grant receipts (CDDP)	\$30,975.00

Gross receipts FY2026	\$1,144,881.40
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Total funds available FY2026	\$3,871,937.11
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Less: Unexpended grant awards for FY2026	\$2,477,996.69
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Disbursements for LEPS awards	\$ 89,194.82
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Cash Balance Ending Fiscal Year 2026, June 30, 2026	\$3,848,255.29
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Unawarded balance as of June 30, 2026	<u>\$ 276,885.00</u>
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Attachment 2

Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee Membership Roster FY 2025 -FY 2026 Period

Retired Corporal David Gentry
West Virginia Deputy Sheriffs
Association
Post Office Box 2746
Charleston, WV 25330
Proxy - Lt Adam Crawford

Colonel David W. Trader
Chief, Law Enforcement Division
Division of Natural Resources
324 4th Avenue
South Charleston, WV 25309
Proxy - Capt. Warren Goodson

Sheriff Rick Woodyard
West Virginia Sheriffs Association
202 39th Street
Vienna, WV 26105
Proxy - Sheriff Bobby Eggleton

Colonel James Mitchell
Superintendent
West Virginia State Police
725 Jefferson Road
South Charleston, WV 25309
Proxy - Captain Aaron Wood

Mayor Randy Barrett
West Virginia Municipal League
City of Winfield
P O Box 596
Winfield, WV 25213
Proxy - Mayor Scott James

Sergeant Matt Jarvis
West Virginia Trooper's Association
210 Chesapeake Ave
Charleston, WV 25311
Proxy - Sergeant Stuart Swope

Lieutenant Adam Crawford
West Virginia Fraternal Order of
Police
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WV 25313
Proxy - Chief Steve Walker

Chief Robert S. Schwertfeger
West Virginia Chiefs of Police
Association
2115 Chapline Street Wheeling,
WV 26003
Proxy - Chief Eric Johnson (Chair)

Sheriff Mike Coffman
West Virginia Association of
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38 W Main Street Ste 103
Buckhannon, WV 26201
Proxy - None listed

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Proxy - Chief Joe Saunders

Sheriff Rob Matheny
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