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SUBJECT: Capital Transmittal Letter for Fund/Center 1000/110300

The Law Enforcement Training Board (LETB), it's Advisory Council, and the staff of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA), working in unison, pledge to provide the best possible basic and in-service training for Indiana law enforcement officers and their support personnel so they may better serve and protect the citizens and guests of our state. Throughout the training, emphasis is placed upon the values of integrity, caring, commitment, team work, competence, and respect.

The LETB/ILEA is requesting funds for eight capital projects for the 2014/2015 biennium budget in addition to preventive maintenance. Although this seems like an extremely large request, all but two of the projects would be considered Repairs or Rehabilitation, due to the nature of the projects. Our facility is in its 38<sup>th</sup> year of operation and in most cases, still utilizing original equipment installed when the building was constructed. These projects are as follows:

**PRIORITY #1 - Indoor Range Upgrade - \$140,000 (FY 2013/2014)**

This project was originally submitted and approved in the 2011/2013 biennium budget. However, due to the age of the freezers/coolers located in the kitchen, and the fact that the prices of these freezers doubled, the decision was made to transfer the funds approved for this project into the Freezers/Coolers project.

The Indoor Firing Range still has the original equipment, with the exception of the control console. This equipment was installed in 1974 and the current control console was replaced over 20 years ago. All of this equipment is to the point where things have been repaired over and over until the equipment is no longer repairable or it is obsolete to the point where parts are no longer available. Not only is this range utilized by all of the law enforcement agencies mandated to receive their training at the ILEA – it is used by other outside agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, Attorney General's Office, Immigration, and some hospitals and railroads. In addition, most police departments do not have their own range facilities so they also use our indoor and outdoor ranges to conduct their own firearms qualifications. The indoor range is still furnished with the "old-fashioned" type of lanes that are driven by cables. These cables are shorting out much more frequently due to the age of the cables and the lack of protection for the cables when brass ejects from weapons.

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## **Indoor Range Upgrade – continued**

In addition, the console that is over 20 years old does not hold the programs as well and is malfunctioning on a regular basis. Since parts are more difficult to obtain, it is very likely that the range lanes will have to be shut down as they malfunction on an individual basis, within the next 2-3 years. A Track-Mounted Turning Retriever System would be operated digitally and repairs would occur on a very limited basis.

### **PRIORITY #2 - Laboratory Remodel - \$30,000 (FY 2013/2014)**

The Department of Toxicology has utilized the Lab to conduct the Breathalyzer & Recertification courses for many years. Currently, the regular course is only two days in length and the recertification course is 2-3 hours in length. So far this year, there have only been 5 regular courses conducted. Currently, we are very limited on what we can use this room for, due to the equipment tables that are installed. Our plan is to convert this room into a regular classroom. If the workstations are removed and the floor retiled, the possibilities for this classroom would be unlimited. Although there would be some expense to removing the workstations and laying new flooring, the expense would be minimal. Our Maintenance staff would be able to perform many of the jobs relating to this remodeling project which would save several thousand dollars.

### **PRIORITY #3 - Kitchen Upgrades - \$150,000 (FY 2013/2014)**

As with many pieces of equipment in our facility, most of the kitchen equipment is original equipment installed in 1974. We are currently in the process of replacing the freezers/coolers and a few of the smaller pieces have been replaced. However, between the ventilation system, dishwasher and dishwasher room, conveyer belt, steamers and other pieces of equipment, equipment is breaking down to the point where it causes a serious disruption to the training day when service is delayed and classes must be delayed. In addition, we are running into the issue of not being able to find repair parts or vendors that are interested in repairing this equipment. If they are interested, many times, the cost of the repairs increases even more, due to the difficulty of finding the parts, additional hourly charges and travel charges.

### **PRIORITY #4 - Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO) Resurfacing - \$200,000 (FY 2013/2014)**

The EVO track was constructed in 1981. It has been repaved twice since that time. With the constant wear and tear on the track due to the heavy driving, braking, swerving and other defensive maneuvers, the track must be repaved about every 10 years. The current track is beginning to break off on the edges and small holes are beginning to appear. At this time, these are small areas but, as time goes on, the pavement will break up in larger pieces and more holes will continue to appear. This is one of the highest, if not the highest area of liability for law enforcement officers, and the liability increases when pavement begins deteriorating.

### **PRIORITY #5 - Training Tank (Swimming Pool) Repair and Refurbish - \$75,000 (FY 2013/2014)**

We have been unable to use our swimming pool for over a year now. Due to new laws put into effect and the information we were given by the Indiana State Board of Health, our pool is not compliant and, by law, had to be shut down. An additional drain is required by law and will be a costly repair/upgrade.

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## **Training Tank - continued**

Although the pool has been shut down, we are still required to treat the pool with chemicals to maintain clean water as well as protecting the pool liner. We are unable to drain the pool due to the fact that it would damage the pool liner and this would have been another added expense between 35,000 - \$40,000. This facility is used for Basic Water Safety, Diver's Training, Physical Fitness Routines and serves as a method for injury rehabilitation. This training should be put back into the curriculum and without having a pool for injury rehabilitation, injured students must go off campus for rehabilitation which requires more time and expense for the student and his/her department.

We have been told that we must make the pool compliant before we can utilize it. Without a safe, chemically treated pool, and a pool that is compliant with the new laws, we are unable to use it and would be required to permanently shut it down.

### **PRIORITY #6 - Additional Vehicles (1/FY) - \$25,000/year (FY 2013/14 & 2014/2015)**

Our fleet of vehicles used by ILEA employees is becoming obsolete and continues to have safety issues. We have Regional Training courses throughout the state and our Law Enforcement Specialists are required to run these courses. There are many occasions where we have a shortage in dependable vehicles, based on the activities scheduled. Therefore, the vehicles we have available for these activities must be current and dependable. As our vehicles reach the point where they are no longer safe, they are rotated to our EVO department. These vehicles are then used in training for pursuit driving and other defensive driving methods until the vehicles are no longer operational.

If we are given approval to purchase one vehicle per fiscal year, this will enable us to have 2-3 vehicles available. Vehicles would be purchased by QPA. \$25,000/fiscal year would enable us to purchase a regular four-door sedan.

### **PRIORITY #7 - Learning Resources (LRC) / Library Conversion to Technology Center - \$75,000 (FY 2014/2015)**

Due to students having the capabilities of obtaining most information on the internet, library and/or research books are utilized very little at this point. If the LRC was converted to a Technology Center, the hard copy books would be moved to a smaller room in the LRC. Computers would be installed and internet service would be available for research papers students are required to complete. In addition, we would have the ability to go to automated testing. Students are required to complete tests on paper and turn them in to be graded. The person doing the testing then processes the tests through a Scan-Tron grading machine, records the results and then returns the tests to the student. In addition to the grading machines being antiquated, supplies must be purchased to maintain the machine and test forms must be purchased to be completed.

Besides the current process being very time consuming, there is always the chance that test questions can be duplicated and/or passed on. If the Technology Center was installed, automated testing would be an inexpensive way to have more control with records, be much more efficient and would almost eliminate the possibility of questions being passed on. The equipment needed would be as follows:

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## **Learning Resources (LRC) / Library Conversion - continued**

60 computers (minimum)  
Automated testing program

In addition, if this Technology Center is installed, the LRC budget normally set aside for books would be utilized to continue to update the DVD library. These DVD's are utilized by the training staff, students and outside law enforcement agencies that are permitted to rent DVD's at a nominal cost.

### **PRIORITY #8 - Replacement of Carpet for Downstairs Dormitory Halls/Lounges and Administrative Offices \$75,000 (FY2014/2015)**

Due to the high traffic areas in the Administrative Offices and dormitory hallways and lounges, the carpet that was installed almost twenty years ago is showing serious wear and tear. Seams are separating, bubbles and raised areas are increasing to the point that it is becoming a safety/liability issue due to individuals tripping and stumbling over these areas. Numerous repairs have been made and the existing carpet is to the point where it will not be able to withstand too many additional years of foot traffic without being replaced.

As stated in the Overview letter also submitted, the ILEA continues to maintain its status as one of the preeminent law enforcement training institutions in the country. If the Capital/Preventive Maintenance Budget is approved as submitted, we believe that we will be able to continue the high level of training and fulfill our obligation to all Hoosiers.

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