

Attorney General's Office

Mission and philosophy

The mission of the office of the Wyoming Attorney General is to serve the residents of Wyoming by providing the highest quality services including: legal advice and representation to state and local government; criminal investigation; statewide law enforcement training and certification; and assistance to victims of crime. The office also protects the state's resources and the right of its residents to be free from corruption in government and fraud in the use of public funds.

Staff will carry out its duties in an ethical, professional and timely manner. The office is committed to using taxpayer resources efficiently and effectively while providing quality professional services.

The office's most valued resource is its staff, which is prepared to meet future challenges and responsibilities with a strong work ethic and common sense.

Results of outcomes

FY01 results of outcomes included:

- 2,060 contested cases opened;
- one formal opinion written;
- 1,470 informal opinions and letters of advice written;
- 99 sets of agency rules reviewed;
- 7,209 contracts, bonds and leases reviewed;
- 161 governor-assigned bills tracked during 2001 legislative session;
- 539 pre-filed bills reviewed during 2001 legislative session;
- 216 reviews for enacted bills written during 2001 legislative session;
- 74 criminal appeals;
- 88 post conviction writs/actions;
- 117 extradition/detainers;
- 124 reviews of requests for pardons/restoration of rights;
- 269 prisoner case filings tracked;
- 688 consumer complaints received and opened;
- 1,682 consumer telephone inquiries;
- 664 consumer complaints closed;
- \$352,588 refunds recovered for consumers;
- 48 new tort lawsuits opened;
- 66 new governmental claims files opened;
- 994 contested workers' compensation matters;
- 44 workers' compensation appeals;
- 47 internal hearing unit and miscellaneous litigation cases;
- \$1,062,796 recovered for the workers' compensation fund from third-party subrogation;
- \$1,135,152 in benefit waivers negotiated for workers' compensation fund;
- 160 contested unemployment matters;
- five unemployment appeals;

General information

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Other locations

Douglas, Casper, Riverton, Jackson, Green River, Gillette, and satellite offices in Sheridan, Powell, Evanston and Laramie

Year established

1886

Statutory references

W.S 1-40-102 through 119, 1-40-201 through 210, 1-40-301 through 1-40-308, 9-1-601, et. seq., 9-1-611 through 627, 9-1-632 through 635, 9-1-636 through 9-1-638 and 9-1-701 through 709

Number of authorized personnel

176 full-time, two part-time

Organization structure

Law Office, Criminal Investigations, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy, Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission and Victim Services Division

Clients served

State agencies, boards and commissions, elected and appointed state officials, law enforcement agencies, legislators, prosecutors, county and district attorneys, consumers, crime victims, and state and local peace officers

Budget information

General fund	\$10,339,505
Federal	\$9,059,359
Other	\$4,450,278
Total	\$23,849,142

- 23 personnel division contested cases;
- 19 new Medicaid fraud cases opened;
- 98 new Medicaid fraud referrals received;
- 41 new Medicaid fraud referrals processed;
- 28 cases of patient abuse in facilities receiving Medicaid funds closed;
- 31 new patient abuse/neglect referrals processed to completion;
- nine new cases of patient abuse in facilities receiving Medicaid funds currently investigated;
- 1,632 cases handled by the crime laboratory;
- 1,979 submissions received for crime lab;
- 69 crime scenes and/or autopsies responded to;
- 45,103 fingerprint card submissions;
- 8,073 concealed firearm permits issued;
- 2,186 concealed firearm renewal applications received;
- 16,476 automated fingerprint identification system searches;
- 161,060 criminal history files inquiries;
- 637 sex-offender registrations;
- 9,002,705 transactions processed through Wyoming Criminal Justice Information Network;
- 616 criminal investigations that included 334 controlled substances investigations;
- 125 non-drug investigations by the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI);
- 27 clandestine labs seized;
- 283 DCI convictions;
- 207 Wyoming Crime Victims' Compensation Awards totaling \$508,228;
- 167 law enforcement officers attended basic training for 45,790 basic training hours;
- three detention officer basic training courses held, 19,602 training hours;
- two communication officer basic training courses held, 3,151 training hours;
- one coroners' basic training course held, 960 training hours;
- 950 law enforcement officers attended 66 advanced training classes representing 23,900 advanced training hours;
- nine qualified civilians (pre-service program) attended basic training;
- 12 instructor development classes offered by the academy, attended by 131 officers/instructors representing 47 departments;
- 84 uses of Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy, 3,752 occupancy days;
- 8,300 personnel hours and \$51,000 invested towards maintenance of training environment and equipment at the academy;
- 1,463 re-certifications for peace officers, detention officers, dispatchers, coroners and deputies issued by Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST);
- nine basic training classes certified by POST;
- 847 applications for in-service training received and certified by POST for 12,399 training hours;

- 563 tests administered by POST to applicants seeking employment in law enforcement;
- 362 Initial Employment Forms received and processed by POST; and
- 204 applications received by POST from personnel to become certified instructors.

Strategic plan changes

The office of the Wyoming Attorney General has an addition of two objectives for its strategic plan:

Objective 1.3, law office,

opinion requests, reduce the turnaround time for opinion requests; and

Objective 3.4, law enforcement academy,

Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy infrastructure, stabilize, preserve, repair and upgrade the facility to prolong its life and to maintain it as a premier, state-of-the-art training facility.

Law Office

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Other locations

Casper

Year established

1886

Statutory references

W.S. 1-40-102 through 119, 1-40-201 through 210, 1-40-301 through 1-40-308, 9-1-601 through 610, 9-1-611 through 627, 9-1-632 through 635, 9-1-636 through 9-1-638 and 9-1-702 through 709

Number of authorized personnel

64 full-time, one part-time

Organization structure

Civil Division, Administrative Law Division, Tort Litigation, Water and Natural Resources Division, Criminal Division and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Clients served

State agencies, boards and commissions, elected and appointed state officials, law

enforcement agencies, legislators, prosecutors, state and county attorneys, and consumers and crime victims.

Budget information

Objective 1	\$3,324,699
Objective 2	\$371,184
Objective 3	\$1,556,179
Objective 4	\$45,958
Objective 5	\$356,286

Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Attorney General's law office's mission is to serve the residents of Wyoming by providing the highest quality legal advice and to represent state agencies and elected state officials as set out by statute. The law office also serves consumers whom have been subject to fraud. It serves the public and individuals by investigating and prosecuting Medicaid fraud.

Results of outcomes

During FY01, the law office continued to handle the majority of contested matters in-house.

The consumer affairs attorney handled 688 consumer complaints and 1,682 consumer telephone inquiries, resulting in savings and refunds for consumers of \$352,588.

The criminal division handled 174 criminal appeals and 88 post-conviction writs/actions. The litigation division handled 44 workers' compensation appeals in the Wyoming Supreme Court, 994 contested workers' compensation matters, 160 contested unemployment matters and five unemployment appeals.

As people become more litigious and the cost of litigation increases, it remains a challenge to handle all of the contested cases and litigation with existing staff and resources.

Personnel disputes continue to be an important field, 23 personnel contested cases were handled. The office now has two full-time attorneys devoted to this area of practice.

Regularly advises, represents

The administrative law division regularly advises and represents the Wyoming secretary of state, elections division, the Wyoming superintendent of public instruction, the Wyoming Community College Commission, and the departments of agriculture, administration and information, audit, education, game and fish, revenue and transportation.

The division represents the departments in administrative hearings, trials and appeals in state and federal courts. The division prepared approximately 100 legal opinions and letters of advice. It

reviewed nearly 3,300 bonds, leases and contracts valued at approximately \$533 million for agencies, 60 sets of agency rules and 428 legislative bills for the governor.

Due to the enactment of a "no call" law, the Wyoming Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Unit (CPU) required an investigator and continues to require additional contract assistance to handle the increasing volume of consumer complaints. The CPU will issue weekly media releases for consumers, provide more information and links on its Website, and publish bulletins regarding current scams operating in Wyoming.

The civil division provides ongoing legal advice to all or part of three major state departments. The civil division also represents a number of separate operating agencies and 26 professional licensing boards and commissions. It is estimated the health section of the division reviews approximately 1,000 contracts a year for the departments of health, family services and education. The civil division handled 414 requests for opinions during FY01. It reviewed 47 sets of agency rules and 539 pre-filed bills for the governor.

The litigation division provides legal advice to client agencies in several areas. Compared with other attorneys in other divisions, the litigation division is called upon to track legislation during the session, to advise the governor on bills that are passed in areas affecting its client agencies or on subjects the staff has expertise.

Legal advisors

Two attorneys in the division act as legal advisors to all state department directors, administrators and personnel officers of state government in matters of employment and personnel law.

The water and natural resources division provides ongoing legal advice to state agencies and state officials regarding environmental quality and water quantity issues. The division also represents the state in numerous actions in state, federal and international forums regarding water and natural resources issues.

Attorneys in the environmental section represent Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's air quality, land quality, abandoned mine lands, and solid and hazardous waste divisions.

Attorneys in the water section represent the Wyoming State Engineer's office, the Wyoming State Board of Control, the Water Development Commission and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's Water Quality Division.

They also represent the state in complex water rights litigation including the Big Horn River General Stream Adjudication and the original action before the United States Supreme Court, **Nebraska v. Wyoming**.

The Wyoming Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) has continued to focus on educating

providers, law enforcement and the public about the MFCU's role and responsibilities in the areas of combating fraud and abuse, and about growing issues of abuse and neglect of the elder and disabled populations. During FY01, MFCU gave presentations to approximately 600 individuals. The number of abuse/neglect referrals to MFCU doubled for the second year in a row, and the number of fraud referrals increased 38 percent from the prior year.

MFCU meets the minimum staffing requirements of the federal law. The staff consists of:

The unit's director, who is an attorney and is cross-designated as an assistant United States attorney; an investigator, who is cross designated as a Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation agent; an auditor and a paralegal. Wyoming's MFCU remains the smallest MFCU in the nation.

Global investigations

The unit is actively involved in several global investigations and global settlements. It also is involved with the investigation and prosecution of Medicaid fraud, abuse and maltreatment in the state.

The increased workload in the area of contested cases, the review of complex contracts for agencies and the increased numbers of personnel cases place a significant burden on existing resources.

Strategic plan changes

The Wyoming Attorney Generals law office has one change for its strategic plan: the addition of Objective 1.3, Opinion Requests: reduce turnaround time for opinion requests.

Division of Criminal Investigation

General information

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Other locations

Casper, Gillette, Riverton, Jackson, Green River, and satellite offices in Sheridan, Powell, Evanston and Laramie

Year established and reorganized

Established 1973, reorganized 1986, 1989

Statutory references

W.S. 9-1-611 through 627

Number of authorized personnel

75

Organizational structure

Division of the Attorney General's Office, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Information and Crime Laboratory

Clients served

Local, state and federal criminal justice agencies, state agencies, governor, Legislature, residents of Wyoming

Budget information

Objective 1	\$7,671,378
Objective 2	\$1,400,912
Objective 3	\$2,524,654

Mission and philosophy

The office of the Wyoming Attorney General's Division of Criminal Investigation's (DCI) mission is to continually provide a cadre of highly motivated professionals, dedicated to ensuring that DCI:

- meets its statutory responsibilities;
- assists in other appropriate areas;
- acts as a catalyst in cooperative and coordinated law enforcement efforts among federal, state and local agencies; and
- provides the services with a positive attitude and in a timely manner.

The philosophy of the division is that all Wyoming residents should feel safe and secure in their homes and communities. DCI will contribute to the security by providing quality law enforcement services, with employees dedicated to the highest ethical and professional standards.

DCI recognizes its employees as its most valuable asset and uses participatory management principles to meet the challenges of providing timely and exceptional services to the law enforcement needs of the state.

Results of outcomes

The regional enforcement teams continue to be a fine example of cooperation, coordination and communication among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies investigating drugs and violent crimes.

The teams have dismantled many major organized drug trafficking rings and investigated

high-profile homicides. Their regional locations enable the teams to respond in a timely manner to requests for assistance.

Computer crimes

Computer crimes, including both fraud and child pornography, are rapidly becoming a busy area within the division. This is a gap service that many local law enforcement agencies are not able to provide. The division received a major Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) grant, which enables it to effectively respond to the growing problem and provide training to local law enforcement agencies.

The DNA database continues to grow with more than 6,500 samples on file, and 5,000 samples entered into the national Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database. Wyoming has already experienced successes where submissions of samples from other states were matched to samples entered by Wyoming.

Expanded responsibilities continue to add to the backlog in the criminal justice information section. The registration of sex offenders program now has a Website that is operational and profiles high-risk offenders. The site has photographs and specific information on sex offenders the courts have designated as having a high risk of re-offending.

Fingerprint requirements

The Concealed Firearms Permit Program is operating smoothly, and the division is now into the renewal process. Other programs that contribute to the backlog are the fingerprint requirements for licensing and regulation of teachers, nurses, etc.

The division of criminal investigation is in the process of attaining professional accreditation for both the investigations and crime laboratory sections. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has established professional standards for law enforcement agencies. The process requires an examination of all policies, procedures, systems and facilities. Upon completion of this review, an inspection team is anticipated to visit Wyoming to examine the state's operation in the spring of 2002. National recognition and accreditation follow a successful inspection.

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLAD) provides a similar service for crime laboratories. The crime laboratory is also in the process of reviewing policies, procedures and facilities to meet the requirements. An inspection team is anticipated to visit the crime laboratory and examine the operation in the spring of 2002. National recognition and accreditation follow a successful inspection.

National accreditation

The division is confident it will meet the standards that have been established and will attain the national accreditation offered by both organizations.

Methamphetamine continues to be a tremendous problem in Wyoming and the other western states. It

is currently responsible for approximately 60 percent of DCI's substance abuse caseload. The division continues to see large shipments of methamphetamine smuggled into Wyoming by Mexican drug organizations operating directly out of Mexico. Clandestine methamphetamine laboratories are operating within Wyoming at an increased rate. The division continues to work closely with the Governor's Substance Abuse and Violent Crime Advisory Board in developing the Wyoming Methamphetamine Initiative and addressing the problem.

Retention of professional employees and the ability to attract qualified applicants has been a major problem at DCI. The situation has been addressed by the market salary surveys. It is important that this compensation plan continues.

Strategic plan changes

No changes in objectives or strategies are planned for DCI.

Division of Victim Services

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Year established

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Statutory references

W.S. 1-40-102 through 119, 1-40-201 through 210, 1-40-303 through 1-40-308 and 9-1-636 through 9-1-638

Number of authorized personnel

Eight

Organizational structure

Division of the Office of the Wyoming Attorney General

Clients served

All victim survivors of crime

Budget information

Objective 1	\$2,784,777
Objective 2	\$696,195
Objective 3	\$1,160,324

Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Attorney General's Victim Services Division mission is to improve the treatment of all victim survivors and witnesses of crime. This is accomplished by providing them with assistance, financial compensation, information, referral, support services and advocacy.

All of these components are essential to victims' restoration.

The division achieves this through the Victim Compensation Program and by promoting the development of a comprehensive range of quality services for all victim survivors and witnesses of crime at the state, county and local levels.

The Crime Victim Compensation Program

The compensation program is committed to helping victim survivors and their families by easing the financial burdens caused by the emotional and physical devastation of a crime. This is primarily accomplished through the processing of compensation claims submitted for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses the victim has incurred due to the crime.

Many of these expenses are medical, counseling, funeral, loss of earning or support, and are for expenses that remain after all other resources have been exhausted.

The program consists of an application and review process through which eligible victims of crime receive compensation. Every effort is made to seek restitution from the offender and subrogation from the claimant. The statute requires that the division inform the public about the compensation program, which is available to victims of crime. The division has developed a partnership with victim service advocates to participate in community awareness programs about the existence of the division's services, including compensation.

Victim Services Program

The Victim Services Program provides training and technical assistance, manages federal funds to address all victim survivors of crime and violent crimes against women, and administers grants under both state and federal victim statutes. The division provides resources — both in the form of financial support and technical assistance — to enhance services to victim survivors, improve victim service agencies and enhance communities' awareness. The division distributed both Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds to local service providers through a competitive grant process. These funds support victim/witness advocates, family violence and sexual assault advocates, and special programs in 30 different locations throughout the state, including the Wind River Indian Reservation. These funds further

help support system-based victim survivor programs at the local level and on the reservation, bringing providers together to participate in training, discussions on restorative justice and other victim survivor/offender issues.

Important resources

All of the programs provide important resources to help victim survivors through the disruption in their lives caused by crime. The division monitors the grants by site visits, regular meetings and trainings, and through program standards and federal grant requirements.

By statute, the division is required to provide a statewide system of shelter programs for victim survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The VAWA funds administered by the division specifically provide funding to law enforcement officials, prosecutors' offices and victim service professionals, so they may work to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women.

Enhance services

The funds also help to enhance the services available to women who are victims of violent crime, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault. General funds administered by the division are distributed through a formula to the 24 family-violence programs that serve as primary advocates for the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Funds are used to provide shelter services, crisis intervention, referral services, prevention education and services to children. In order to receive and maintain state funding, all family violence programs, must be in compliance with the minimum standards set forth by the division.

Working for statewide system

Likewise, the division is working toward a statewide system of victim assistance programs to improve the delivery of service to victims of crimes other than domestic violence and sexual assault. These programs generally operate out of the counties' district attorneys' offices or law enforcement offices. The work involves working with the victim survivors as the case moves through the criminal justice system.

The division's participation in both the AmeriCorps and VISTA programs provides for placement of volunteers in programs across the state.

Volunteers may work directly with victims as advocates, assist shelter programs in fund raising, develop volunteer recruitment and training, and serve as leaders in prevention education programs within schools and communities.

Having the programs available in each county attempts to ensure victims of crime receive information concerning direct services, and that victims are referred to other appropriate community resources.

Results of outcomes

In 1999-2000, the division reviewed and awarded 32 VOCA grants totaling \$897,452 and 51 VAWA grants totaling \$645,419.

The division sponsored its second annual Victim Services Conference with 170 attendees representing all major disciplines of the criminal justice system. This year's conference focused on law enforcement involvement and its role in meeting the needs of crime victims and adhering to the Victim Bill of Rights. The compensation program received 350 claims, awarded 207 and denied 69. There are 74 claims processed or awaiting a decision; \$508,228 was paid out to eligible victims of crime.

Training on victim compensation, victim services and the Victim Bill of Rights was provided to both adult and juvenile probation offices, basic law enforcement training at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy, victim advocates statewide, Wyoming Ministerial Association, and various governmental, business and community organizations.

Website expanded

The division updated and expanded its Website to include a database on victim services at the state and county level and provided links to other state, national and local victim service providers. A platform for statistical reporting by sub grantees is currently under development and should be operational in the next few months.

Federal resources received by the division were used to provide training to: prosecutors, judges, law enforcement, victim advocates and community teams. Training on topics included sexual assault, advocacy, fatality review, legal advocacy, sexual assault response teams, and full faith and credit training.

The DoVE Council continues to work with other state agencies and professional organizations in developing a coordinated response to domestic violence victims at both the state and local level.

Objectives met

The division's objectives are met as noted through its outcomes. Both the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and the Crime Victims Coalition serve on the division's advisory committee and conference planning committee while providing input on training and service to victims. A nationally recognized curriculum is being evaluated on Child Protection Services' Response when domestic violence is present. The division has a representative on the Child Fatality Major Injury Review Committee, Citizen Review Panel and the Advisory Committee for Court Improvement. The division conducted a statewide poster campaign on crime victim compensation and victim services and did a mass mailing to all state employees on victim services/compensation.

The division continues training to ensure cooperation at the state and local community service level. Trainings conducted this year include: four trainings at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy; three trainings with juvenile probation (24 people); two trainings with adult probation (100 people); two trainings with third-year law students at the University of Wyoming (16 people); two trainings with the Albany County Sheriff's Office (20 people); five trainings with new volunteer advocates statewide (25 people); and one training with the park rangers (30 people).

Strategic plan changes

The division wants to ensure, through technical assistance, training and funding, that baseline services to all victims of crime exist in all 23 counties and on the Wind River Reservation while continuing to improve the delivery and timeliness of compensation awards to eligible victims.

Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission

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Year established

1976

Statutory references

W.S. 9-1-702 through 708

Number of authorized personnel

Three

Organization structure

Division of the Wyoming Attorney General's Office

Clients served

Law enforcement, Wyoming peace officers, detention officers, dispatchers, coroners and deputy coroners, and peace officer applicants

Budget information

Objective 1 \$157,582

Mission and philosophy

The Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) is a division under the Wyoming Attorney General's office. Its mission is to serve the residents of Wyoming by certifying law enforcement training, entry-level testing, and basic and advanced levels of certification and recertification.

POST will carry out its duties in an ethical, professional and timely manner. POST is committed to using taxpayer resources efficiently and effectively while providing quality professional services. POST's most valued resource is its staff, which is prepared to meet future challenges and responsibilities with a strong work ethic and common sense.

Results of outcomes

POST received and processed 362 Initial Employment Forms from agencies throughout the state; 124 were peace officers already employed and 66 of these are still on temporary status. The other 58 have completed their initial training and have been certified at the appropriate level in POST's certification system; 119 were detention officers already employed and 79 of those are still on temporary status.

Mandated employment standards have been developed and are in place for all of the above personnel employed in the state. POST verifies that those standards have been met before it issues certification. Peace officers, detention officers, dispatchers and coroners who are employed in Wyoming and completed the required basic training in other states, are granted reciprocity if the training is comparable to Wyoming's basic training. POST makes that determination after reviewing the training files and curriculum. The officers are then allowed to challenge the Wyoming basic training program. This challenge includes:

- a written exam administered by the POST director;
- two weeks of Wyoming criminal law at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy;
- a firearms proficiency test;
- a domestic violence course;
- use of force class at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy; and
- proof of Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification.

Fourteen officers, four detention officers and two dispatchers challenged and were certified at the appropriate certification level.

POST has established and maintains a recertification process for peace officers, detention officers, dispatchers and coroners, and their deputies. POST issued a total of 1,463 re-certifications during this fiscal period; 833 for peace officers, 318 for detention officers, 234 for dispatchers, and 78 were for coroners and their deputies.

POST has established training, which accomplish the above initial certification and recertification processes. POST certified nine basic training classes during this fiscal period. POST received and certified 847 applications for in-service training classes throughout the state with a total of 12,399 training hours.

POST received 204 applications from personnel who want to become certified instructors and who can instruct the above training classes.

Evaluation system

POST uses an evaluation system from the class attendees to evaluate the quality of the training given, and the quality of the instructors being certified to deliver the training. There were 197,284 hours of training added to training files.

POST has established and maintains a decertification process for peace officers and detention officers.

During FY01, POST received eight requests for officer decertification. POST opened case files on all eight and started decertification proceedings. After investigation by POST, the investigative committee closed one case with "no further action" to be taken, four officers were decertified and three files still have pending action. During FY01 two officers were placed on medical inactive status that will require clearance from a medical doctor for POST to re-activate their certification.

During FY01, 563 tests were administered to applicants seeking employment in law enforcement; 393 applicants passed the examination and were placed on an employment-hiring list, which is provided to any law enforcement agency in the state that wishes to use it as part of their employment procedure. Currently, 47 law enforcement agencies have requested the employment-hiring list.

POST conducted three meetings during the year to handle the standard business of the commission. The director met twice during the year with agency administrators to discuss issues relating to training and certification and also administered four promotional exams during the year. The POST director or his assistant instructed the POST Regulations Class for all basic classes during the year and represented the commission at the graduation ceremonies held at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy.

Post and WRICOPS

POST has become a partner with the Western Regional Institute for Community Oriented Public Safety (WRICOPS), and was invited to become a partner with four other states: Washington, Idaho, Montana and South Dakota. It is funded year-to-year by a Federal COPS grant.

POST has already realized numerous benefits in Wyoming from this partnership. Jackson, Laramie, Casper, Douglas, and Sheridan have completed assessments and were extremely pleased with the outcome. Lovell and Cheyenne are in the planning

process to have assessments completed. Riverton and Evanston completed assessments this past year. POST conducted two seminars in the state on community policing and problem solving, and hosted a statewide seminar in Cheyenne for all WRICOPS in-state trainers and assessors who received updated WRICOPS information; 33 attended.

The new trend in law enforcement across the country is to transform policing into the community-policing concept, either totally or partially as the case may be. WRICOPS has received funding for another year, which just started, and looks forward to positive things from the partnership for Wyoming.

Strategic plan changes

POST has no proposed changes to its objective or five strategies for the next fiscal period.

Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy

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Year established

1981

Statutory references

W.S. 9-1-632 through 635 and 9-1-701 through 9-1-709

Number of authorized personnel

29 full-time, one part-time

Organization structure

Division of the Wyoming Attorney General's Office

Clients served

Wyoming law enforcement officers, Wyoming detention officers, Wyoming communications personnel, elected coroners and appointed deputy coroners. The Academy also actively recruits potential pre-service/civilians and practicum/college candidates to purchase law

enforcement training in various basic training courses. Facility users (with fee recuperation) are local, state and federal governmental personnel.

Budget information

Objective 1	\$1,075,468
Objective 2	\$599,982
Objective 3	\$123,594

Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy provides training for law enforcement agencies and coroners throughout Wyoming. Personnel come under the provisions of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Act (W.S.S. 9-3-1901 through 1907), the Coroners Training Act (W.S. 9-1-634) and Communications Training (W.S. 9-1-635).

In addition to the basic courses specifically designed for peace officers, detention officers, coroners and communications personnel, the academy offers a wide variety of training courses dealing with specialist assignments (departmental trainers, investigations or crime scene management).

Special courses also target department administration by offering training for advanced line officers, supervisors, mid-management and executive positions. The statutes prescribe basic and advanced training for approximately 2,400 personnel of the county sheriffs' offices, municipal police departments, state highway patrol, division of criminal investigation, college or campus officers, communications personnel and coroners. Wyoming statutes also prescribe "continuing educational training" every two years for each career group.

Results of outcomes

All the legislatively mandated basic training responsibilities were met in FY01. Basic training was conducted for 244 candidates, and the total basic training hours scheduled and conducted for FY01 was 69,503. There were no qualified students or pre-service candidates backlogged. The basic training for qualified civilians (pre-service program) was offered to 13 persons in FY01.

During FY00, the academy trained 950 officers through 66 advanced training classes representing 23,900 advanced training hours.

To assist agencies to be even more self-reliant in meeting advanced training needs, the academy offered 12 instructor development classes, which were attended by 131 officers/instructors who represented 47 departments.

Fee structures implemented for basic training by the academy impacted local agency training budgets and fewer officers attended special fee-based classes as a result. The academy received direct

reimbursement from 35 governmental users, who, in turn, used the facility 84 times. The facility usage totaled 3,752 occupancy days.

Outreach services delivered 53 courses for a total of 2,305 training hours; including the use of eight regional Specialized Training, Testing and Reporting (STTAR) systems that utilized video and computers. The systems were used to deliver 43 different courses to 85 officers for a total of 868 training hours.

The Training Resource Center (TRC) is located at the academy, and houses 28 computers for the training of trainers or by select student forums accepted by the partnered agencies in the western Wyoming consortium. TRC usage included:

- Five academy basic classes with 2,428 technology users;
- two academy special schools with 37 technology users; and
- seven additional uses by school or other approved users of the consortium, which included 82 technology students.

A complete retrofit of all formal classroom presentation podiums was completed. New electronic components include computers and the Internet, presentation software, VHS, slide projectors, overhead cameras and sound amplification.

A structural study was authorized by the Legislature to determine causation and repair alternatives for long-term structural movement/damage.

Strategic plan changes

Addition of Objective 3.4, Infrastructure: stabilize preserve, repair and upgrade the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy infrastructure to prolong the buildings life and to maintain it as a premier state-of-the-art training facility.

Attorney General's Office organization chart

