**Police Chief and Training Officers,**

We are excited to announce that LGRMS has partnered with GPSTC (Georgia Public Safety Training Center) to provide a new online defensive driver training.  This training is available at no cost for you and all Police Departments.

The training is called “Essentials of Law Enforcement Driving” and will be available on the GPSTC’s Online Learning as of July 1, 2022.  Like all other courses on their training website, it must be completed within the calendar month the training is started.  The course can be taken at any time.  Those that complete the training will automatically receive 4 hours of POST Credit.

For more information on accessing this training, please see the GPSTC Online Learning links below.

* How do I create an account?

<https://gpstc.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/GS/pages/290456198/How+do+I+create+an+account>

* How do I register for online training?

<https://gpstc.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/GS/pages/290291934/How+do+I+register+for+online+training>

* How do I access my online course?

<https://gpstc.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/GS/pages/290456268/How+do+I+access+my+online+training+course>

These courses cover many different topics: due regard, decision-making, vehicle and driver limitations, emergency response, intersection clearing, defensive driving tactics, and much more. The training is designed for adult learners; key concepts are reinforced with knowledge checks and scenario evaluations.

Courses were piloted with select Georgia law enforcement agency training officers and deputies. Participants felt the training was engaging, informative, and helpful in improving their driving skills. They highly recommend this training for all sheriffs’ deputies that operate motor vehicles. As of February 2023, over 2,500 law enforcement personnel have completed this training.

Motor vehicle collisions and crashes have major impacts on law enforcement across the State of Georgia. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, car crashes are the second leading cause of death of law enforcement personnel, accounting for 28% of all non-illness related deaths from 2011 to 2020. Also, these motor vehicle incidents cost Georgia law enforcement agencies tens of millions of dollars each year.

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