



Police departments all over Pennsylvania are struggling with staffing.

Enrollment in academy programs is declining.

New officers lack mentors.

Seasoned professionals struggle to stay up to date with training requirements.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics there are 67,100 projected job openings for police and detectives and overall employment is expected to grow 7% between 2020 and 2030, but Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) is bridging that gap.

CCBC's Center for Public Safety is designed to strengthen and support both the current and future workforce.

The Center houses the college's Police Academy and Criminal Justice and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) programs and features an innovative training simulator and a crime scene room. Funding for the Center's crime scene room and firearms simulator was provided by former District Attorney David Lozier and other local and state entities who knew that investing in CCBC's police training programs was a critical and impactful way to refill the professional pipeline in these essential fields.

Two micro-credentials in Crime Control & Public Protection and Homeland Security are also offered.

The Center for Public Safety provides students and cadets with the latest in simulation technology. A use-of-force firearms trainer, the centerpiece of the new facility, utilizes a 180-degree wraparound screen to create an immersive learning experience. Advanced infrared sensors and lasers replicate real world scenarios and trains participants to control their reactions in stressful situations. The Center also includes a crime scene room where students learn the procedures and approaches to inventory a crime scene.

This new campus space offers students real learning for real life as they encounter what it will be like on the job and in the streets.

In addition to daily classroom instruction, the Center and its resources are used by local police departments to reskill their squads and to ensure that all officers regularly meet current training requirements.

"We are committed to providing educational opportunities that graduate highly trained but also highly ethical public servants," said President Roger W. Davis. "Our Center for Public Safety allows us to train tomorrow's police officers and criminal justice workers today and ensures that we partner with the local law enforcement agencies who serve and protect our communities."

### **Center for Public Safety and Police Academy Quick Facts**

The Police Academy taught a total of 246 police officers for Mandatory In-Service Training (MIST) generating \$24,600 in revenue.

The Police Academy taught a total of 268 police officers for mandatory Use of Force and Control Tactics.

Center Facilitator Joel Hamilton conducted MILO training for 86 police officers as well as Academy cadets. This is in addition to students taught by the Criminal Justice Department, Beaver County ESU team, and other Academy instructors.

The Police Academy conducted 4 municipal police hiring tests.

The Center for Public Safety and Police Academy hosted the 5-day Annual Pennsylvania State Police Homicide Investigation course which had approximately 150 police officer students statewide and out-of-state in attendance.

A minimum of 750 active police officers received training through the Center for Public Safety and Police Academy.

New police officer training courses being added include: ALERRT (active shooter training), MILO Range Use of Force, and Realistic De-escalation.