



Memorandum of Understanding between Middle Georgia State University and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Middle Georgia State University (hereinafter “MGA”) and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (hereinafter “GPSTC”) agree to establish mutually beneficial programs that enhance lifelong learning opportunities and create new pathways for law enforcement officers and other first responders.

I. Scope of Agreement

- A. MGA will host or deliver programs that advance the missions of both institutions.
- B. Program delivery will evolve in three main phases:
 1. **Phase 1** – GPSTC will deliver its Basic Law Enforcement Training Course at MGA;
 2. **Phase 2** – MGA will offer a Public Safety Certificate and Associate of Science (AS) in Public Safety; and
 3. **Phase 3** – MGA and GPSTC will work together to develop additional pathways to higher education for law enforcement officers, and other first responders, such as fire fighters and 911/emergency call center personnel.

II. Implementation

The first two phases are being implemented as follows:

A. Basic Law Enforcement Officer Training Program

1. **Locations:** Since June 2014, GPSTC has been offering its Basic Law Enforcement Academy in the Community Education Center on MGA’s Macon Campus. In addition, students will now access the program through a variety of on-line and hybrid formats.

2. **Curriculum:** The program follows the GPSTC and POST (Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council) approved curriculum to prepare certified law enforcement officers in the state of Georgia. In addition to training new police officers, GPSTC may provide intermediate and advanced continuing education for current law enforcement professionals, through a variety of in-person and on-line formats.

B. Certificate and Undergraduate Degree Opportunities for Law Enforcement

1. **Public Safety Certificate leading to Associate of Science in Public Safety:** MGA has designed a program with GPSTC that allows a student who has become a POST certified law enforcement officer by successfully completing the Basic Law Enforcement Officer Training program to continue their education at MGA.
 - a. **Certificate:** *If an applicant qualifies for admission to the MGA Certificate program, he/she may earn a Certificate in Public Safety from MGA consisting of a total of 33 credit hours.*
 - b. **Associate of Science:** *If an applicant qualifies for admission to the MGA Associate of Science program, the 33 credit hours earned in the Certificate can be applied towards the Associate of Science in Public Safety and/or a Baccalaureate degree at MGA.*
2. **Program Requirements:** Everyone who participates in the programs must:
 - a. Be qualified by POST to enter the program; and
 - b. Subsequently be accepted by GPSTC, enter the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course, and successfully complete the course to earn POST certification in Georgia; and
 - c. Meet the MGA admissions standards for the program—Certificate or A.S.—they seek to complete.

III. General Parameters of Agreement

As implementation for the first two phases continues, and in future engagements between MGA and GPSCT during phase three, the parties will collaborate according to their respective strength, as follows:

A. GPSTC will provide:

1. Subject matter experts (SMEs) who have specialized knowledge and experience in law enforcement and specifically the laws and regulations for the State of Georgia who will assist with the design of new and redesign of existing learning opportunities;
2. Content for the development of learning opportunities which may include PowerPoints, documents, images, videos, websites, or other materials that will help engage learners;
3. Instructors who are qualified to deliver instruction on the subject matter;
4. Access to facilities or resources required to meet the certification and degree requirements of the program especially where situated and performance-based learning of tactics and procedures is critical (e.g., driving, use of force, investigations, use of weapons); and
5. Information on events and communication channels that may assist with recruitment for the academic program opportunities.

B. MGA will provide:

1. Access to the learning resources of the Middle Georgia State University including learning management system, classrooms and other learning environments;
2. Instructional designers to facilitate efforts with SMEs to design and develop high quality learning environments that meet POST standards and complement the GPSTC training, especially the situated and performance-based (tactical and investigations) environments and methods they employ
3. Instructors who are qualified to deliver instruction on the subject matter;
4. Advanced authoring tools and resources for the design, development and delivery of the learning opportunities (e.g., authoring environment, multimedia development, content development to engage the learner in meeting standards);

5. Technology (e.g., learning management system, storage, bandwidth, computing power, information technology systems) for the design and delivery of content and instruction;
6. Delivery of accredited certificate and degree program(s);
7. Recruitment and marketing resources for the academic programs;
8. Administrative oversight for the programs including but not limited to accreditation, academic program management, financial aid, enrollment management; and
9. Learning support services including but not limited to student support services and tutoring.

IV. Specific Agreements

As implementation moves forward, the specific terms of agreements between MGA and GPSTC will detail arrangements including financial considerations, ownership of intellectual property, term of validity, and administrative, operational and quality assurance responsibilities of each party.

V. Term and Termination

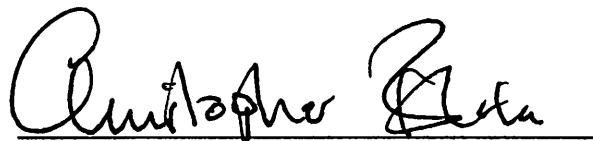
This agreement will be ratified on the date it has been signed by both parties, and it will be in effect for a period of one year. The agreement can be renewed for additional one year periods by mutual consent of the parties to the agreement. Both parties reserve the right to terminate this agreement giving written notice three months prior to the proposed termination date.

Signed on behalf of the **Georgia Public Safety Training Center**:


Chris Wigginton, Director

July 16/2015
Date

Signed on behalf of **Middle Georgia State University**:


Dr. Christopher Blake, President

July 16th 2015
Date