

Descriptive Transcript – COPS Training Portal Learning Partner: University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center Introductory Video

Opening Sequence:

[Cheerful music plays. The opening sequence of the COPS Training Portal logo fades in.]

[On-screen text: Our Learning Partners. A Series.]

[On-screen text: Featuring University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center]

[UT and LEIC logos appear.]

Navigation Section:

[On-screen text: About UT LEIC.]

[Four content headings labeled: ABOUT, TRAINING, RELEVANCY, RESOURCES fade in. The ABOUT tab is highlighted in orange; the others are blue.]

About UT LEIC:

[Headshot photo and on-screen text: About UT LEIC, Rick Scarbrough, Executive Director, UT LEIC]

My name is Rick Scarbrough. I'm executive director of the Law Enforcement Innovation Center for the University of Tennessee. University of Tennessee's Law Enforcement Innovation Center was founded approximately 25 years ago. It was the idea that it would be the one stop shop, if you will, for all things law enforcement training. And our business model is very similar to that. We have a very small full-time staff here at the Law Enforcement Innovation Center.

Our biggest investment is in our subject matter experts. We have a cadre of approximately 75 subject matter experts in a variety of fields that can deliver training all over the country. While we do have a headquarters here and we have great resources here and classroom space, both inside the building and outside the building. We offer training in the forensics area at the basic crime scene investigation all the way up to a clandestine grave and in how to work a crime scene in a

clandestine area. This is where you come to for that type of training. But we can also deliver training all over the country. Again, utilizing our subject matter experts in the expertise that they have.

We also we think it's critical to meet the needs of all types of agencies, small and large. I think all our law enforcement professionals understand that the majority of our agencies around the country are small agencies.

Navigation Section:

[On-screen text: UT LEIC's Training]

[Four content headings labeled fade in: ABOUT, TRAINING, RELEVANCY, RESOURCES. The TRAINING tab is highlighted in orange; the others are blue.]

UT LEIC's Training:

[Headshot photo and on-screen text: UT LEIC's Training, Rick Scarbrough, Executive Director, UT LEIC]

Learning from a portal provides a different perspective for the learner, again it provides a window, if you will, into the Law Enforcement Innovation Center that they normally would not have been exposed to. So, we really were excited about participating in any kind of portal delivery or so we can introduce ourselves to the law enforcement professionals and the practitioners out there that need our training. Well, currently the training we are offering, we would like the participant to have the opportunity to reassess their current interviewing techniques, for example. And in doing so, enhance their current skill set.

I think the Portal provides a unique opportunity to have current training that meets the needs of the customers, and, at LEIC that is our mission as well. And the Portal again, definitely provides that opportunity to plug in new and up to date training. But as far as having a variety of agencies on the Portal, oh gosh, that's what, that's when growth occurs and when learning occurs when you're exposed to different perspectives.

So many times, we see agencies out there that are that maybe are not performing at their best. And maybe they're maybe they're doing their own leadership training if you will. They never really do get outside of their agency to get those different perspectives. So when you have agencies, multiple agencies and a variety of

agencies like you're talking about on the Portal, that's a great opportunity for growth for the for the officer and the practitioners out there.

Navigation Section:

[On-screen text: Relevancy of UT LEIC's Trainings]

[Four content headings labeled fade in: ABOUT, TRAINING, RELEVANCY, RESOURCES. The RELEVANCY tab is highlighted in orange; the others are blue.]

Relevancy of UT LEIC's Training:

[Headshot photo and on-screen text: Relevancy of UT LEIC's Trainings, Rick Scarbrough, Executive Director, UT LEIC]

The most critical issue facing law enforcement today, it has been, it is now, and will always be relationships in the community that that the agency's serve. That is the rubber meeting the road. That's the grassroots effort that you have to be intentional in building those relationships. It's really as simple as that. For an agency to be successful, the community has to trust them.

I think community policing provides a foundation for law enforcement. When you work with the communities, you're making an intentional effort to reach out and build those relationships to meet those needs within the community where law enforcement officers are there dealing with the citizens themselves. They're getting invited to cookouts or getting invited to other community activities. They're there in the less stressful times.

Too many times, unfortunately, law enforcement is in there, is meeting people during the most stressful times whether crimes committed in a traffic accidents occurred. You know, an arrest has been made. Someone's been injured. Community policing provides that avenue or that opportunity for law enforcement to deal with the community and the citizens in the community in, again, those less stressful times where relationships can be developed and provide a foundation, if you will, for nurturing those relationships.

We offer a program that helps with that called cultural competency for law enforcement. It really is a tremendous program. Right now a lot of agencies may go through diversity training. They go through bias mitigation training. We actually provide a course that does all of that at one time in over two to even we can even go to three days.

If there's a large, if the class is so large, we may push it to three days because it's really dialog driven. We learn a lot from each other. Again, excellent program would go very well with any agency that values community policing as a foundation for the people they serve.

Navigation Section:

[On-screen text: Where to find UT LEIC Resources]

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Where to Find UT LEIC Resources Section:

[Headshot photo and on-screen text: Where to find UT LEIC Resources, Rick Scarbrough, Executive Director, UT LEIC]

I think our business model meets the customer needs. There's a lot of agencies that do great work in law enforcement training around the country. What sets us apart is we deliver world class training. And when I say deliver, we actually will take our training to the customer. And we've been doing that for several years now.

The Law Enforcement Innovation Center, one of our flagship programs, and probably the most popular program to date, is a National Forensic Academy. It's a ten-week program. Excellent training. Participants come from all over the country. And also, we have military partners that send their C.I.D. personnel here for that ten-week program as well. We do three sessions a year, and again, we expose these participants to subject matter experts in every field practical for them to work and process a crime scene. Again, outstanding program. Hands on. Practical applications and practical training. Very exciting program. We're proud of that obviously.

Also, we do a lot of leadership training from first line to executive level training and de-escalation training is obviously something that every training agency is probably focused on for the last several years.

You can reach out to us on our website leic.tennessee.edu. We're also on Facebook and Twitter. It's important for us to be able to be available to our customers on social media.

[The COPS Training Portal logo fades on the screen, pauses, and then fades off.]

[On-screen text reads: COPS Training Portal]

[On-screen text: The COPS Training Portal is managed by the National Center for Policing Innovation.]

[The National Center for Policing Innovation (NCPI) logo fades on-screen below the text.]

[On-screen text: This project is supported by cooperative agreement numbers 2020CKWXK050, 15JCOPS21GK02125MUMU, and 15JCOPS22GK03547PPSE awarded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions contained herein are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice. References to specific agencies, companies, products, or services should not be considered an endorsement by the author(s) or the U.S. Department of Justice. Rather, the references are illustrations to supplement discussion of the issues. The Internet references cited in this publication were valid as of the date of the publication. Given that URLs and websites are in constant flux, neither the author(s) nor the COPS Office can vouch for their current validity.]