A Shared Vision of Public Safety

The Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) is uniquely qualified to deliver timely and practical training to police, fire, EMS, public works, and private business professionals.

NIPSTA offers state-of-the-art facilities, including an Education Center, Driver Training Pad, Field Training Facility, Crime Scene Training Laboratory, Indoor Firearms Range, and Outdoor Tactical Village. Current programs, combined with planned future development, distinguish NIPSTA as a premier destination for emergency preparedness and response training.

The Academy's year-round curriculum promotes cross-training and communication among today's first responders in order to ensure public safety at the local, state, and national levels.

“Here at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy, you’re performing a critical mission. We’re counting on those who wear the uniform here at home - the police, the firefighters, the emergency rescue personnel, and others who risk their lives each day - to protect our homeland and its citizens.”

President George W. Bush
July 22, 2004
Glenview, Illinois

History and Mission

In 1993, the United States government announced the closure of the Glenview Naval Air Station, thereby making possible the establishment of NIPSTA. While the majority of the former federal military parcel has since been dedicated for commercial and residential development, the Village of Glenview has endorsed NIPSTA as a valuable resource to enhance regional public safety.

NIPSTA MISSION

To develop and provide high quality, cost-efficient educational programs that address the training requirements of police, fire, EMS, rescue, public works, hazardous material, and disaster response personnel.

The NIPSTA curriculum responds to the public safety educational needs and high professional standards of its member communities and private industry.

The Master Plan

The NIPSTA blueprint is contained in the Campus Master Plan, which is a 250-page document that provides a strategic framework for completion of the Academy. Development of the Plan required assessing the existing facility, benchmarking other similar training centers, planning the NIPSTA site, and estimating probable costs.

Implementation of the multi-million dollar, multi-year Master Plan is well underway. NIPSTA was established as an intergovernmental agency in 2001 for the purpose of providing members with an economical means of protecting the public interest.

In recent years, more than $1.5 million in federal funding has been secured to support the expansion of NIPSTA training programs and services.

NIPSTA Benefits

- Cooperative Approach to Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- One-of-a-kind Facility in Northeastern Illinois
- Multi-jurisdictional: Local, Regional, State, and Federal
- Cross-disciplinary: Police, Fire, Public Works, and Private Industry
- Specialized Training Facilities
- Year-round Indoor and Outdoor Instruction
- Dedicated Driver Training Pad
- Comprehensive Educational Curriculum
- Affordable Training
- Spacious 20-acre Campus
- Easily Accessible by Expressway, Rail, or Air