

"Veneratio Meritus Nunquam Donatus"



Thank you for your interest in attending the S.M.M.A.R.T. (Michigan Sheriff's & Municipal Memorial Assistance Response Team) / DFL Honor Guard Training session June 5 - 9, 2017. This training is being co-hosted by the two foremost leading law enforcement organizations in the State of Michigan: The Michigan Sheriffs' Association and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Great care has been taken to ensure that students attending this class will be educated in the proper protocol of presenting the National, State and Department colors, the laws and rules governing the handling of the colors as well as the procedures in which we honor a fallen Police Officer or Firefighter. A considerable effort has been placed forth by S.M.M.A.R.T. to exceed any and all expectations for the highest level of quality training and educational experience that will be received by students who attend this class. We are confident that all who attend this training session will return to their respective agencies with a renewed sense of honor and pride and the valuable tools necessary to execute any honors detail.

Because our fire and or EMS departments do not have a communication system such as the LEIN and since this class is open to all public safety officers, it is being requested that if your respective fire department or EMS may have any interest in this training, please provide them with a copy of this registration or contact information for additional registration forms.

WELCOME TO DFL HONOR GUARD TRAINING

The Instructors for DFL Honor Guard Training are responsible for the same high quality training experience as found at the nationally acclaimed Goshen, Indiana Honor Guard Camp. The combined training forums have successfully educated well in excess of 5000 public safety officers from across the United States in over the last decade. All instructors attending this class are active members of their respective honor guard units and bring "*real world*" experiences to their instructions.

Our instructional cadre is comprised of experienced, highly dedicated individuals, many of whom have received training with the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Regiment, "Old Guard" at Ft. Myer, Virginia (Arlington National Cemetery) and or the Air Force Ceremonial Honor Guard and are all dedicated to the Honor Guard Mission, motivated by one common goal; to do all that we can to insure that our Brothers and Sisters who give their lives in the Line-of-Duty properly receive all the honor and respect that they have earned and deserve.

Upon completion of this class, DFL Honor Guard Training continues to serve your agency as instructors are available for contact, offering to your officers / firefighters technical instruction and expertise while ensuring that students maintain the base foundation received during this school and supporting that any honor guard detail, from the most basic of technical questions, to the most complex of funeral protocol, will be executed in a proper, honorable manner. DFL instructors have frequently over the years, upon request, assisted many agencies with ceremonies and funerals, providing logistical support and technical guidance to the requesting / affected agency again, ensuring that our fallen Brothers and Sisters are laid to rest with the highest of honors.

The goal of the S.M.M.A.R.T. team is to offer the finest quality educational and training experience possible to agencies in an attempt to properly educate the Public Safety Officer in Honor Guard / Funeral Protocol, while at the same time keeping the over all cost of this training to a minimum. **Because many agencies have an extremely limited training budget, and with the assistance of the United States Military, we have been able to negotiate arrangements with the 110th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard at the Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) to offer two extremely reasonable and flexible training and pricing options for this class:**

\$600.00 / per student includes all items as listed on the face of the formal registration page **PLUS** a catered buffet lunch served each day (Monday – Thursday).

\$675. 00/ per student includes all items as listed on the face of the formal registration page **PLUS** three (3) buffet meals served each day consisting of (breakfast & dinner) Monday-Thursday catered by the River Club on site food services, and a catered lunch (Monday-Thursday) onsite at our training location. Tuition includes as well onsite lodging with check in beginning on Sunday June 4th, and check out concluding on Friday (AM) June 9th. For those students who may wish to stay additional days, arrangements may be made at the cost of \$25.00 per person / per day (**advance notice required & subject to availability**).

LODGING: All lodging arrangements will be made for registered students upon receipt of their completed registration form. Lodging of onsite students will consist of separate male / female **MODERN** military dormitory style units which are capable of housing up to 18 students in each facility and of which each room is capable of housing two guests. Efforts are made to provide students with their own individual room however due to circumstances beyond our control involving lodging capacity while on base, it "may" be necessary to double lodge two students to a single room.

Each dorm unit has many modern conveniences including TV's, refrigerators and some microwave ovens. Onsite laundry facilities are available for use as well.

NOTE: Because this is a military installation, students are reminded that they MUST maintain their own room as there is no housekeeping as with a hotel. All rooms will be subject to inspection prior to student checkout to ensure all is in order and there are no damages.

REGISTRATION: For your convenience, click **HERE** for online registration or go to the training link at **www.michiganpolicechiefs.org** **OR** **www.misheriff.org**. ***If you using the Registration Form, we ask that you complete the form as completely as possible, including direct contact information (email address if possible) for each student as an additional class email will be sent prior to this class with important information each student will need. Please make every effort to provide accurate sizing for uniform shirts ordere. Once our order is placed a replacement or exchanged size will not be possible.***

WHILE A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM PROVIDES US WITH YOUR INTEREST AND INTENTIONS ON ATTENDING THIS CLASS, REGISTRATION WITHOUT PAYMENT IN FULL CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND IS DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 18, 2016.

Due to the incredible response that has been received stemming from previous training classes, it is expected that this school will once again fill very fast. Once registrations have been received and the class has been filled to sixty (60) students, agencies submitting a registration will be placed on a stand by / cancellation list on a first come / first registered basis. ***All departments are highly encouraged to register their officers even if the class has filled to capacity as vacancies due to cancellation may become available.*** An established waiting list as well provides us with the necessary information on the interest for possible future classes and out of courtesy; departments who have registered and were placed on the waiting list will be provided with advance notification of any future training dates.

TRAINING LOCATION: All practical training (Monday – Thurs) will take place at the Alpena Aplex Center, 701 Woodward Ave, Alpena, MI. Upon arrival to the base, directions will be provided for all practical training, housing and meal facilities as well as final exam location(s).

While the majority of your formal training will be within housed, climate controlled facilities, please be reminded that this class is being held in Northern Lower Michigan and to dress accordingly as the weather could easily change at a moments notice.

No weapons or items with sharp edges (i.e. knives, belt clips etc) are to be worn while attending this class.

Early Registration / Check In: It is ***strongly encouraged*** that students make the effort and take advantage of the pre-register and check in for this class, as orientation and formation will begin promptly at 0800hrs Monday morning. For your convenience, Instructors will be available at the CRTC River Club on Sunday June 4th, 2017, 5pm-7pm to assist with issuance of manuals, uniforms, and handouts as well as to answer any questions pertaining to this class.

Contact: Should you need any additional training information, please do not hesitate to contact Ofc. Dan Foley, Wyandotte Police Department Honor Guard (Ret.) at axelf63@wyan.org or (734) 365-3577 (cell). Additionally may contact The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police at (517) 349-9420; www.michiganpolicechiefs.org. or the Michigan Sheriffs' Association at (517) 485-3135; www.misheriff.org.

Please look for an additional email that will be sent out to all registered points of contacts with additional training information that you will need prior to your arrival onsite. This email will be sent out sometime in mid to late April or early May.

Again, on behalf of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, and the S.M.M.A.R.T. and DFL Honor Guard Training, we thank you for your interest in attending this class and look forward to hearing from you soon!