

# 2013 MINI-ACADEMY REPORT

March 4-8, 2013

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY...

Mayor Dautermann, Alderpersons, Police and Fire Commissioners, and City Administrator Koppelberger,

The Hartford Police Department has just completed our annual Mini-Academy program. Again this year we owe a great deal of thanks to my staff and our Citizens Academy Alumni volunteers for their hard work!

As always, the Mini-Academy also gave us a chance to showcase our community. Our guest speakers and officers from across Wisconsin, and for the first time a few from Illinois, enjoyed the people, the businesses, and the friendly people of Hartford!

This report is to share a brief overview of this year's Mini-Academy and keep you up to speed on the quality of the training your officers have received at this year's program. I plan to *"let others do the talking"* quite a bit in this year's report. I hope you find it both interesting and informative.

Respectfully,

David A. Groves

Chief Of Police

***"Leadership is action, not position."***

### Mini-Academy Facts:

- HPD's Mini-Academy remains a "one of a kind" program
- 2013's attendance was the 2nd highest to date.
- 2013 was the first year that the Schauer Arts & Activities Center was used for all Mini-Academy sessions.



## MINI-ACADEMY THOUGHTS FROM OUR PRESENTERS...

***"We have been with the Mini-Academy since the very beginning. I believe that it is the best program of its kind in the entire state, and possibly in the entire country."*** - Assistant Attorney General Dave Perlman

***"Thank you very much! It was a pleasure to participate at your Mini-Academy. You have a great office with nice and good colleagues!"*** - Police Chief Inspector Egil Kulseth, Oslo Police Department (Norway)



***"I've been to trainings where we would bring in people, but the level of speakers that they were able to get together here during this whole (Mini-Academy) was really quite amazing."*** - Captain Don Verett, University of Texas Police Department

***"Thank you and everyone for your hospitality while I was there. I enjoyed talking to the officers and investigators after my presentation."*** - Lt. Paul Echols, Carbondale Police Department (IL), retired

***"I believe the Mini-Academy is a wonderful concept and 'y'all' do it great!"*** - Captain Don Verett, University of Texas Police Department

***"I really enjoyed meeting all of you and being a part of your mini-academy. Thanks again."*** - Major Kevin Foust, Virginia Tech Police Department

## MINI-ACADEMY THOUGHTS FROM THE ATTENDEES...

***"You guys do an excellent job setting this all up for little to no cost. Thanks again, and looking forward to more next year!"***

***"Very impressed-great atmosphere."***

***"Outstanding"***

***"Well done, as always."***

***"Thank you, you do a great job with this training."***

***"This is superb training."***

***"Loved it. Excellent speakers and topics."***



## MINI-ACADEMY THOUGHTS FROM HARTFORD BUSINESS...

Every March the Mini-Academy brings literally hundreds of officers to the City of Hartford over the course of the week. This definitely has a positive impact on our local economy! Over 600 officers descended on our city this year. Those officers needed food, lodging, and gas during their stay with us.

Here are a couple of thoughts from some of our community business partners.

***"I just want to thank you for all of your business from all of your police officers from all over."*** - Tom Masters, Owner of the Mine Shaft Restaurant.

***"We enjoy hosting officers from***

***across the state and around the region for this week-long conference. Having our spaces filled with people during the work week is truly wonderful."*** - Brenda Lee Johnston, Executive Director of the Schauer Arts & Activities Center

***"We were full all week. Keep 'em coming."*** - AmericInn

## 2013 MINI-ACADEMY PRESENTERS...



**March 4, 2013: Mass Shooting Incident Symposium (L-R)** Chief John Edwards, Oak Creek P.D., Major Kevin Foust, Virginia Tech P.D., Dr. Kenneth Harris, Jr., Concordia University Wisconsin & Milwaukee P.D., Police Chief Inspector Egil Kulseth, Oslo P.D. (Norway), and Captain Don Verett, University of Texas P.D.



**March 5, 2013: The Green River Serial Killer Investigation.** Sgt. Jon Mattsen, King County Sheriff's Department (WA)



**March 6, 2013: Castle Doctrine Case Study (L-R)** Chief Schmidt, Officer Cashin (Slinger P.D.), Assistant Washington County District Attorney Pete Cannon, and Washington County District Attorney Mark Bensen.



**March 6, 2013: "In Cold Pursuit"** Lt. Paul Echols, Carbondale P.D. (IL) retired



**March 7, 2013: O.W.I. & Fourth Amendment Legal Update.** A.A.G. Perlman & Atty. Emerson



**March 8, 2013: Supervisory Legal Update.** Atty. Kyle Gulya

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## FINAL THOUGHTS ON THE 2013 MINI-ACADEMY

The Mini Academy would not be a success without the tireless efforts of our department's Training Coordinator, Captain Horvath, and Administrative Assistant, Patrice Moratz, and the rest of our staff who work behind the scene to deal with all of the day-to-day logistics of a massive undertaking of this type.

Thanks to our Citizen's Academy Alumni Volunteers provide the "elbow grease" that makes the sessions flow smoothly, and we appreciate all of their efforts on our behalf.

Thanks to our community partners at the Schauer Center, local restaurants, hotels, and gas stations who work hard to accommodate the needs of over 600 officers visiting our city during the week are also a key to the success of our Mini-Academy!

Finally, it is important to thank everyone involved not only for their hard work but also for their positive attitudes and their willingness to "have fun." Our guests comment on the friendly atmosphere here in Hartford every year without fail. That environment is what makes Hartford a great place not only to train, but to live, work, and play! **THANK YOU!**

**We are already planning and looking forward to the 2014 Mini-Academy!**