

HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# 2011 MINI-ACADEMY REPORT

## Executive Summary

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

The Hartford Police Department is proud to report that we have just completed our 5th annual Mini-Academy program. Once again, the hard work of my staff and our cadre of citizen volunteers made this year's program a resounding success!

The Mini-Academy continues to be a one-of-a-kind initiative that brings quality training here to Hartford. It gives us an unparalleled opportunity to secure the best possible training opportunities for our staff at minimal expense, while allowing

them a unique opportunity to network with their professional peers from around the state.

Having said that, I should tell you that Agent Steven Conlon, our guest speaker from the FBI this year, informed me that he plans to bring the Mini-Academy concept back to the FBI's headquarters in Quantico, Virginia, to see if they could implement a similar program in different states across the United States!

The Mini-Academy also gives us a chance to showcase our community. Our guest speakers and officers from around the state enjoyed the people, the businesses (especially Scoop Deville!), and the

hometown atmosphere of Hartford! I have no doubt that everyone left knowing why we are "Community Proud."

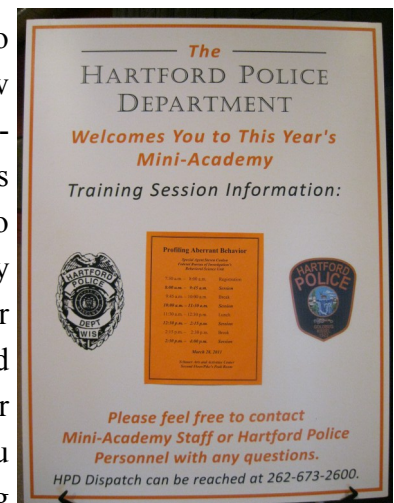
This report is to share a brief overview of the Mini-Academy's success and keep you up to speed on the quality of the training your officers have received in this program over the years. I hope you find it both interesting and informative.

Respectfully,

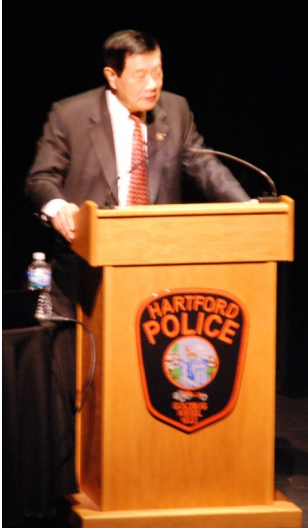
*David A. Groves*

Chief Of Police

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



## Mini-Academy History in Review



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In 2007, the Hartford Police Department embraced the concept of hosting a week-long, modular-type training program. The intent was to provide a wide array of training topics in an affordable and convenient setting. The first year was largely an in-house program, but we were joined by some of our peers from the Slinger Police Department for some of these sessions.

In 2008, we expanded the core curriculum we provided and named the program the “Mini-Academy.” We also brought in area and regional topic experts to conduct training in these sessions. This was also the first year we advertised on a statewide basis to invite other agencies to join us for these sessions.

2009 marked the first year we invited a world-known subject matter expert to kick off the Mini-Academy as our keynote speaker for the Monday session.

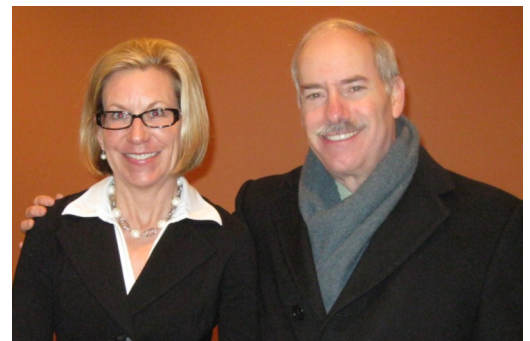
The formula worked so well we tried it again in 2010! The caliber of training, the diversity of topics, and the affordability of the Mini Academy have made it an annual training staple for many departments beside our own.

In 2011, we utilized the Schauer Performing Arts Center’s facilities for the majority of the week. The quality of that training environment went a long way into making these sessions some of the best ever!

Since beginning our Mini-Academy Program, over 1,500 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers have joined our staff for some of the best training available in the State of Wisconsin. Our staff has numerous opportunities to receive quality training that would not have been possible without this pro-

gram!

In 2011, we welcomed 371 officers from 64 different Wisconsin law enforcement agencies to Hartford over the course of Mini-Academy week. Individual officers from HPD attended 34 training sessions, and accumulated over 270 man hours of training again this year!



# Mini-Academy Training Sessions

Since the Mini-Academy's inception, we have covered a very diverse range of law enforcement training topics. The range of topics has increased exponentially each year.

To date, we have provided specialized training sessions on Defense and Arrest Tactics, Vehicle Contacts, Professional Communications Skills, Police/Media Relations, simulation scenario based training, forensic

computer investigations, Drugs That Impair Driving training, Tactical EMS for Patrol Officers, drug recognition/identification training, Forensic Statement Analysis, evidence processing, training for patrol officers, recovering latent tire/footwear impressions, Impaired Driving/Search and Seizure Legal Updates, Crime Scene Reconstruction training, Death Investigation training, Profil-

ing Aberrant Behavior training, investigating internet crimes against children, investigating missing and exploited children, explosive recognition for patrol officers, law enforcement suicide recognition/prevention, supervisory legal updates, and a variety of other topics at our Mini-Academies!



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## WHAT DID OUR GUESTS HAVE TO SAY?

*“LOVED the location! Hartford is a very warm and friendly city. All the members of the Hartford PD that I had the pleasure of meeting were nothing short of the best!”*

*“The training Environment and accommodations were very good. Thank You for providing good, cost effective, training.”*

*“Fantastic job putting this training together.”*

*“Excellent venue and host agency was very organized.”*

*“Thank you for offering this training seminar! I hope to be able to come back again next year!”*

*“The staff at Hartford PD are very sweet and professional. Thank You!”*

*“I like the variety of classes offered.”*

*“Awesome, informative and educational.”*

*“Always nice to come to Hartford!”*

*“Hartford did a wonderful job—really enjoyed my day. Would love to attend more sessions next year!”*

## Final Thank You!

It goes without saying that 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.

Our Citizen’s Academy Alumni Volunteers provide the “elbow grease” behind the scenes that makes the sessions flow smoothly, and we appreciate all of their efforts on our behalf.

Our community partners at the Schauer Center, local restaurants, hotels, and gas stations who work hard to accommodate the needs of all the visitors to our city 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!**

