



Recruits:

WELCOME to the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center (MCLETC)! The concept of building a premier training facility in central Illinois began in the summer of 2016. Through the initiative and generosity of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, this concept became a reality. MCLETC opened its doors on September 20, 2017 and started our first training course on October 2, 2017.

The MCLETC is an Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board facility, operated by Richland Community College. Our *vision* is to become one of the most successful criminal justice training campuses in the midwest. The staff and instructors are some of the finest in this state and nation. Our *philosophy* is geared towards a suitable learning environment, while maintaining a disciplinary atmosphere. You will be challenged inside and outside the classroom. You must remember your actions reflect on your agency, the MCLETC, the communities you have sworn to serve, your family and yourself. We demand commitment, self-motivation, and effort. This can be summed up in our core values; Public Service, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Excellence. *We take P.R.I.D.E. in training professionals through education and practical application.* MCLETC's *mission* is to prepare you to be the best law enforcement officer possible. Your Chiefs and Sheriffs expect nothing less.

During the course of this basic law enforcement academy class, you will experience a multitude of emotions and situations. Some will make you proud, yet others may question your career choice. Just remember, it takes a special person to choose this profession. Push yourself, but don't be afraid to reach out to your fellow recruits, instructors, staff, or family for support.

Stand tall and smile, your agencies would not have selected you if they did not see potential. Let's take this journey together and solidify your desire to join one of the most prestigious, noble professions in the world. I hope to officially welcome you to the law enforcement family by shaking your hand as you walk across the stage at graduation.

Respectfully,

Tad A. Williams
Commander
Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center