

Information Sheet

Title of the Project: FROM ACADEMY TO STREET- THE ROLE OF NEXTGEN FIELD TRAINING IN SHAPING RECRUIT RETENTION AND SUCCESS

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Key Information about the Research Study

You are invited to participate in a research study. To participate, you must have experience as a sworn law enforcement officer which has trained and/or evaluated trainees and have experience with the Nextgen Field training model and previously used traditional field training models (e.g., San Jose Model, Reno Model, hybrid models).

Things you should know:

- The purpose of the study is to compare the Nextgen Field Training model with traditional field training models. If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey. This will take no more than 10 minutes.
- Subjects are not expected to receive direct benefits.
- Taking part in this research project is voluntary. You do not have to participate, and you can stop at any time.

Please read this entire form and ask questions before deciding whether to participate in this research.

What is the study about, and why is it being done?

The purpose of the study is to compare the Nextgen Field Training model with traditional field training models by measuring trainee field training retention and problem-solving skills.

What will happen if you take part in this study?

If you agree to be in this study, I will ask you to do the following:

Complete an anonymous online survey that will take no more than 10 minutes.

How could you or others benefit from this study?

Participants should not expect a direct benefit from participating in this study.

Benefits to society include findings that could provide insights into how field training program structure and FTO training shapes officer retention and effectiveness, addressing a critical need for evidence-based reforms in law enforcement education.

What risks might you experience from being in this study?

The expected risks from participating in this study are minimal, which means they are equal to the risks you would encounter in everyday life.

How will personal information be protected?

The records of this study will be kept private. Research records will be stored securely, and only the researcher and the researcher's faculty chair will have access to the records.

- Participants' responses will remain anonymous.
- Electronic data will be stored on a password-locked computer. The researcher and the researcher's faculty chair will have access to the data. After three years, all electronic records will be deleted.

Is study participation voluntary?

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relations with Liberty University. If you decide to participate, you are free not to answer any question or withdraw at any time before submitting the survey.

What should you do if you decide to withdraw from the study?

If you choose to withdraw from the study, please exit the survey and close your internet browser. Your responses will not be recorded or included in the study.

Whom do you contact if you have questions or concerns about the study?

The researcher conducting this study is Robert Jensen. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, **you are encouraged** to contact him at 954-665-3497 or rjensen15@liberty.edu. You may also contact the researcher's faculty sponsor, Dr. Colin Ashburn, at cashburn@liberty.edu.

Whom do you contact if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and want to talk to someone other than the researcher, **you are encouraged** to contact the IRB. Our physical address is Institutional Review Board, 1971 University Blvd., Green Hall Ste. 2845, Lynchburg, VA, 24515; our phone number is 434-592-5530, and our email address is irb@liberty.edu.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNRQ7CQ>

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