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Description automatically generated**Training Academy Overview:**

The FBI Academy, dedicated to being the world’s premier law enforcement learning and research center and an advocate for law enforcement’s best practices worldwide, is operated by the Bureau’s Training Division. Situated on 547 acres within the immense Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, the FBI Academy is just one of many facets of the Training Division, whose work reaches far beyond the confines of the campus grounds. Located about 36 miles outside Washington, D.C., the Academy is a full-service national training facility—with conference rooms and classrooms, dorms, firing ranges, a gym and pool, a library, a dining hall, and even a mock town.

**While new agents are typically synonymous with the FBI Academy, the Training Division instructs many diverse groups of people, including:**

»» Special agents

»» Intelligence analysts

»» Professional staff

»» Law enforcement officers

»» Foreign partners

»» Private sector

**The Academy offers many training programs, including:**

»» Firearms, which trains new agents to discharge all Bureau-issued weapons in a safe and effective manner.

»» Hogan’s Alley, a training complex simulating a small town where FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) new agent trainees learn investigative techniques, firearms skills, and defensive tactics. Hogan’s Alley also houses functioning classrooms, administrative and maintenance areas, and audiovisual facilities.

»» Tactical and Emergency Vehicle Operations Center (TEVOC), which teaches safe, efficient driving techniques to FBI and DEA personnel and other government and military personnel.

»» Survival Skills, a program that gives new agents and law enforcement officers the skills and mindset required to identify and handle critical situations in high-risk environments.

»» Law Enforcement Executive Development, which includes the Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminars (LEEDS) designed for chief executive officers of the nation’s mid-sized law enforcement agencies.

The Academy also houses the FBI Library that maintains complete and up-to-date law enforcement information from around the world and offers a variety of audiovisual materials, legal publications, government documents, periodicals, and online resources.

Basic Field Training Course:

New Agent Trainees (NATs) and New Intelligence Analyst Trainees (NIATs) begin their training at the FBI Academy in the Basic Field Training Course (BFTC), which features an expansive integrated curriculum.

The BFTC was developed by the Training Division to meet the Bureau’s ambitious goal of training new agent and intelligence analyst candidates in a way that will prepare them for their collaborative work in the field. Previously, NATs and NIATs had separate training. The BFTC replaced these two distinctly separate programs with an integrated, collaborative course that uses a dedicated field office team approach mirroring the environment that agents and analysts will experience in their field assignments.

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The BFTC provides the building blocks to help agents and analysts accomplish our mission as a national security and law enforcement organization that uses, collects, and shares intelligence in everything we do.

While the BFTC integrates agent and analyst candidates where appropriate, the course also preserves the positive aspects, traditions, and specialized skills of each individual role. More information on the individual portions of NAT and NIAT training can be found below.

Driving Skills (TEVOC):

An FBI agent is driving down a lonely stretch of road when suddenly a car comes out of nowhere and slams into the agent’s side door. The agent accelerates, but the other car catches up. Then, the driver of the other car rolls down his window, pulls out a gun, and fires at the agent. Tires squeal…

Yes, it’s really happening—just not in a Hollywood movie or on the streets of America. This scenario is taking place at Quantico, Virginia at our Tactical and Emergency Vehicle Operations Center, or TEVOC. The bullets are actually paint balls, and the car chasing our agent is driven by an FBI instructor.

**The Program:**

TEVOC teaches agents, appropriate professional support employees, and Bureau partners, including DEA and other government and military personnel, how to drive safely and effectively—both to track and catch criminals and terrorists and avoid getting harmed by them. The training prepares drivers to handle an array of dangerous situations, from maneuvering out of a common rear-end spinout to more dangerous techniques such as how to ram a threatening vehicle. Our instructors use real-life situation exercises that give drivers only seconds to recognize danger and react accordingly. TEVOC continually works to improve and update its programs—the latest initiative involves off-road situations and techniques.

**The Complex:**

It includes a high-speed 1.1-mile oval road track; a precision obstacle course to teach such skills as evasive lane changes, backing up, and emergency breaking; and a skid pan or pad where students learn counter-steering techniques. Originally designed to improve the skills of our surveillance personnel, the TEVOC program was relocated from New York to Quantico in 1994.

**Specific Training for Specific Needs:**

A range of FBI and government personnel sent overseas—including Bureau executives, Legal Attachés, members of protective details, and others in key positions—receive more intensive training at TEVOC. It includes advanced counter-terrorism techniques such as attack recognition and avoidance. In addition, program managers from TEVOC and Law Enforcement Training for Safety and Survival (LETSS) created a new curriculum that integrates survival training and driving techniques for Joint Terrorism Task Forces and specialty Bureau teams.

**Safety is Paramount:**

TEVOC instructors constantly remind students of safety measures. The program teaches that there are no accidents, just crashes. It puts full responsibility in the hands of the driver and emphasizes that it is every driver’s duty to be aware of themselves and others while on the road.

Firearms:

In 1934—a year after the Kansas City Massacre that left four law enforcement officers dead, including a Bureau agent—Congress gave FBI agents the authority to carry firearms.

In response, the FBI A screenshot of a cell phone

Description automatically generatedbegan a robust firearms training program, which has continuously grown and evolved through the years in order to keep pace with technology and best prepare agents and FBI police officers for the increasing dangers and threats they face while carrying out their assignments, domestically and internationally.

The mission of our Firearms Training Unit is to develop and deliver a comprehensive and consistent firearms training curriculum that provides new agent trainees, special agents, and police officers the skills needed to safely and effectively use firearms, if necessary, while performing their duties.

Our experienced firearms training instructors assigned to the Training Division also offer certification and recertification training to all FBI firearms instructors who provide training to agents in the field and in support of our state and local law enforcement partners.

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<https://www.fbi.gov/services/training-academy/new-agent-training>