MISSION STATEMENT: To provide a training facility that enhances and encourages the ability of the men and women of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to learn and develop the skills necessary to safeguard and preserve the lives and property of the people of North Carolina through prevention, protection, and preparation with integrity and honor.

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(NON-EMERGENCY)
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(910) 466-4165

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Administration Building D
(910) 466-4304

Samarcand Dining Hall
(910) 466-4248

Firearms Training Center
(910) 466-4174
HISTORY OF SAMARCAND TRAINING ACADEMY

The newest training facility with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, consisting of 20 buildings, is located on approximately 430 acres in Jackson Springs (Moore County), North Carolina, and is called Samarcand Training Academy.

- Samarcand was originally opened in 1914 as an open-air school for boys by Headmaster Charles Henderson and was known as Marienfeld Open-Air School from 1914-1916.
- In 1917, the North Carolina Legislature purchased the 230 acres from Henderson and in 1918 it became the State Home and Industrial School for Girls and Women, a correctional institution for young women.
- According to the North Carolina Archives, the purpose of the school was to reclaim and train delinquent girls by providing a "homelike place where those who have fallen may find temporary shelter, and under a firm yet kind discipline, may begin to live morally."
- The school built on 230 acres in Samarcand (named for the Muslim city conquered by Alexander the Great that served as his empire's seat of learning and culture), was one of the first institutions of its type in the South.
- The original clients were young girls or women who had been convicted of being prostitutes, vagrants, or habitual drunkards or who were guilty of any misdemeanor suggesting that they were "not virtuous."
- There were no definite terms, but the clients could not be held more than three years and were to be released on good behavior.

By 1919, Samarcand housed more than 200 females between the ages of ten and twenty-five.

- The school curriculum consisted of Biblical studies, music, science, and math.
- In addition, the girls received training in weaving, canning, and laundry preparation, as well as working on the chicken and cattle farm adjacent to the facility.
- In 1930, the administration opened an accredited high school on the campus, as well as a hospital.
- Discipline at Samarcand could be harsh. Corporal punishment, in addition to solitary confinement, was often administered to the young women who misbehaved.

DORMITORY FIRE - ARSON

In 1931, sixteen Samarcand inmates set fire to two dorms and were charged with arson, then a capital crime in the state of North Carolina.

- While awaiting trial, the girls burned their jail cells.
- Eight of the 12 involved were eventually sent to prison.
“The Wayward Girls of Samarcand, A True Story of the American South” is a narrative of the sensational 1931 Arson Trial in North Carolina, when sixteen poor white teenage girls faced the death penalty for burning down two dormitories at the State Reform School for Girls.

Crusading journalist, socialite, and attorney Nell Battle Lewis defended her clients by exposing sadistic treatment, deplorable conditions, and forced sterilization presided over by Samarcand superintendent Agnes B. MacNaughton.

In this her first and last trial, Lewis saved the defendants from the electric chair.

Samarcand survived this notorious 1931 incident and other difficulties but was unable to withstand the financial strains of the Great Depression and the siphoning off of staff during World War II.

In 1974 the state changed the name of the institution to Samarkand Manor and placed it under the purview of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Youth Division.

Samarkand became one of five state training schools designed to rehabilitate delinquent children (both male and female) between the ages of 10 and 17.

The school shifted its emphasis to treatment and therapy.

In the early 2000s Samarkand had approximately 190 clients (40 females and 150 males) and 210 staff members.

In 2011, the Division of Juvenile Justice closed down Samarkand Manor and the property remained vacant.

CONVERSION FROM JUVENILE REHABILITATION TO DPS TRAINING FACILITY

In 2012, Moore County Legislator James Boles, Jr., submitted a bill to the North Carolina Legislature to provide funding to convert Samarkand Manor into a Corrections and Law Enforcement Training Center for the newly formed Department of Public Safety.

Session Law 2013-360 appropriated approximately $10.4 million dollars for DPS to renovate 14 buildings as well as build a firearms range.

This Phase I conversion project included the renovation of six (6) classrooms, dormitories to house 94 overnight students, and food services capabilities (cafeteria.)

Initial construction began in late 2014 and the Academy began conducting commuter classes in August 2015 with the implementation of Basic Correctional Officer Training.

In April 2016, a cafeteria and the first of several dormitories opened and overnight accommodations became available for additional training programs.

The final student dormitory in Phase I was completed in November 2016 and 94 student beds became available.

The Vocational Annex renovation was completed in January 2017, and the Academy’s 300 degree Use of Force Training Simulator was open for training events.
The final building, an Instructor dormitory with 10 bedrooms, was completed in May 2017.
Phase I was subsequently completed with the opening of the Instructor Dormitory in May 2017 and the Firearms Training Center in June 2017.

PHASE II

In March 2016, the citizens of North Carolina voted to approve ConnectNC, a $2 billion dollar capital improvement bond proposal, which included $8.5 million for the continued renovation of Samarcand.
These funds will be utilized to construct a brand new, free standing dining hall able to seat 200-250 guests slated to open in August 2019.
Demolish three (3) dilapidated buildings (Leonard, Ireland, and Gardner.)
Renovate the Hope Cottage to house 22 beds upstairs and a weight/physical fitness room downstairs. This building opened in late November 2017.
Renovate the Carroll/Infirmary building to house 26 beds; a classroom; a mat room; separate gender shower and bathroom facilities; and a recreational room, essentially making the building self-sustaining. This building opened in November 2018.
Renovate the Tufts building to house 24 beds; a classroom; a mat room; separate gender shower and bathroom facilities; and a recreational room, essentially making the building self-sustaining. This building is slated to open in the winter of 2019.
Renovate the remaining Vocational building to add (3) classrooms; student and instructor break rooms; and office cubicle farm for additional instructors.
Renovate an existing structure to serve as a Simunitions Building on the main campus for the purpose of conducting tactical room clearing and building searches. Slated to open in the winter of 2019.
Construct an Obstacle and Conditioning Course for the fitness training of Corrections and Law Enforcement personnel to develop personal fitness and confidence skills.

With the completion of Phase II in the summer of 2020, Samarcand Training Academy will have 11 classrooms; dormitories to provide overnight accommodations for 172 trainees and 14 adjunct instructors; five (5) psychomotor skills mat rooms; two (2) fitness centers with cardiovascular and weight equipment; a dining hall with a capacity of 300 diners; a state of the art firearms training center with (2) outdoor ranges; a state of the art VirTra 300LE use of force training simulator with scenario authoring capability; a two-story simunition training building; and a 16-station obstacle course.
FIREARMS TRAINING CENTER
SAMARCAND TRAINING ACADEMY

- In September 2015, the North Carolina General Assembly approved an additional $2.89 million dollars to construct a state of the art Firearms Training Center.
- The Center consists of two (2) shooting ranges - a 12 lane range with shooting points out to 50 yards with steel bullet traps and stationary targets, and a 24 lane range with shooting points out to 300 yards, consisting of steel bullet traps and an inverted turning targetry system.
- The turning targetry is operated by a computer system located in the Range Control Tower and has the capability to be activated remotely.
- Included in the range package are mobile lighting stations which provide both white light and blue light illumination for qualification and tactical firearms training, a concrete pad out to 25 yards for utilization of vehicles as a shooting platform, and wooden barricades.
- Lastly, a 3,000 square foot range house consisting of a classroom, restrooms, Range Master office, weapons cleaning room, firearms marksmanship training simulator, and temporary storage have been built.
- A ribbon cutting/grand opening ceremony was held and the firearms training center officially opened in June of 2016.
- Since it opened in 2017, as of June 30, 2019, 5,478 shooters have fired over 681,223 rounds during a period of 2,736 hours of range use.

Range Master Mike Kimbrell
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VIRTRA LE300 USE OF FORCE TRAINING SIMULATOR
V-AUTHOR SCENARIO AUTHORING SUITE

- The Vocational Annex renovation was completed in January 2017, and the Academy’s VirTra 300 degree Use of Force Training Simulator was open for training events.
- State of the art use of force training simulator with (5) screen, fully immersive 300-degree environment.
- The system contains over 240 Real-life scenarios for law enforcement and corrections, to include Active Shooter and marksmanship training capability.
- Seamless high resolution video
- Debrief and record a trainee’s performance, judgment, and reaction time
- Multi-directional surround sound for unsurpassed audio realism with a raised platform
- Arsenal of “tetherless” recoil kits available for most handguns and long guns.
- Since it became available for training in January 2017, as of June 30, 2019, approximately 1,680 participants from over 30 different law enforcement and corrections agencies have utilized the 300 degree simulator culminating in 896 hours of training.
- So far in 2019, 47 dedicated School Resource Officers have utilized the 300 degree simulator culminating in 35 hours of dedicated Active Shooter training.
- In the spring of 2019, Samarcand added an update to the VirTra software package known as V-Author, which has a scenario authoring suite to allows users of the VirTra Simulation equipment to create, edit, and train with content specific to agency training objectives and environments.
WELCOME TO SAMARCAND – FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Trainees:

Welcome to the Samarcand Training Academy for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. Whether you are here for basic training, In-Service, or professional development in one of your agencies career development or advanced courses, we look forward to providing you with a first rate experience while on our campus. I am confident you will find talented instructors, dedicated staff, and a culture committed to providing the very best preparation for those who have chosen careers in public service and to the State of North Carolina.

Samarcand Training Academy, the newest training facility within the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, consists of 20 buildings and a firearms training center, is located on approximately 430 acres in Jackson Springs (Moore County), North Carolina. From 1914 to 2011, Samarcand served as an educational campus, first as an open-air school for boys and then through the years as a state training school designed to rehabilitate delinquent children (both male and female.) In 2011, the Division of Juvenile Justice closed down Samarkand Manor and the property remained vacant until its conversion to a DPS Training Facility began in the fall of 2014.

Today, after nearly five (5) years of new construction and renovations of existing buildings, Samarcand Training Academy hosts training events for DPS Adult Corrections and Law Enforcement agencies, as well as other local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. With the completion of construction in late summer 2020, Samarcand Training Academy will have 11 classrooms; dormitories to provide overnight accommodations for 172 trainees and 10 adjunct instructors; five (5) psychomotor skills mat rooms; two (2) fitness centers with cardiovascular and weight equipment; a dining hall with a capacity of 300 diners; a state of the art firearms training center with (2) outdoor ranges; a state of the art VirTra 300LE use of force training simulator; a two-story simunition training building; and a16-station obstacle course.

As our mission statement states, my staff and I are personally committed to ensuring that Samarcand Training Academy provides you with a learning environment that enables you to learn and develop the skills necessary to safeguard and preserve the lives and property of the people of North Carolina through prevention, protection, and preparation, with integrity and honor.
I wish to thank you for your commitment to protecting the people of the State of North Carolina, and I wish you the very best in your training at Samarcand Training Academy and in your career.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Jordan, Jr.

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Request for Use of Samarcand Training Academy – Firearms Training Center
630 Robert Road, Eagle Springs, North Carolina 27242

The following request form is designed to ensure your agency may be afforded the opportunity of using the Samarcand Training Academy – Firearm Training Center for your training event. We will make every effort to honor your requested date(s), but we reserve the right to reschedule if necessary. Participants reserving a classroom are responsible for the general care of the room during usage and any equipment located inside the classroom. Participants utilizing the TAC House on the main campus are responsible for cleaning and having the building inspected by Academy Staff at the completion of training.

Please e-mail the completed request to Mike Kimbrell, Academy Range Master, at the following e-mail address:
Michael.kimbrell@ncdps.gov

1. NAME: __________________________________________

2. TELEPHONE NUMBER: ____________________________

3. AGENCY NAME/DIVISION NAME: ______________________

4. DATE REQUESTED FOR USE: ___________ TIME REQUESTED FOR USE: ___________

5. ALTERNATE DATE: ____________________________

6. TYPE OF TRAINING: ________________________________

7. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN TRAINING CLASS: ________ (MAXIMUM – 24 STUDENTS)

8. NO. OF INSTRUCTORS: ________

9. FIREARMS TRAINING CENTER CLASSROOM REQUESTED: □ YES □ NO

10. FTC RANGES: □ RANGE #1 (12 LANES) □ RANGE #2 (24 LANES)

11. FIREARMS SIMULATOR REQUESTED: □ VIRTRA 300 (Main Campus) □ VIRTRA V-ST PRO (Range House)

12. TAC HOUSE (Simunition Building) REQUESTED: □

☐ I will make sure the board is cleaned and the room is neat before I leave the training room.

☐ I will make sure all equipment is in place and nothing has been removed from the training room.

☐ I have attached a copy of the training schedule.

☐ I have attached a copy of the Samarcand Force-on-Force Safety Forms (if applicable).

☐ I have attached the Firearm Instructor Certification(s) for ALL range personnel – instructors and safety officers (if applicable).

☐ I have attached the mandatory Simunition Instructor Safety Certification (for Simunition use only) (if applicable).

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Training Coordinator (Print Name)  Date  Signature
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**SOFTWARE**
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