

# NCTC News



Northeast Counterdrug Training Center

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## Volk Field High Risk Entry Facility earns praise



*In 2008 the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center opened a second High Risk Entry Facility at Volk Field, Wisconsin.*

*Students praise facility's realism, technology and service.*

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This year marks the Wisconsin High Risk Entry Facility's (HREF) third year of operation. Over four-thousand students have trained at the Volk Field entry house and below are excerpts from their critiques.

*"...appreciated the different challenges, noises, crawl spaces, smoke, flexibility and multiple camera angles."*

*--Pewaukee SWAT*

*"The AAR room was a great way to view the training live and make corrections on the spot."*

*Chippewa Combined Response Team.*

*"Smoke capabilities are very helpful and make training more intense" "The capability of utilizing music made training seem like we were busting an actual drug-buy at a party." --DCI.*

*"The facility offers so many different types of training scenarios that can't be accomplished at the local departments." --Rock Co. Sheriff's Department.*



*The HREF at Volk Field has multiple apartments, that can be configured as needed, video cameras that record training for instant playback in the briefing room and the ability to add smoke and sounds.*

*"You guys are constantly adding new things to the training environments and changing the building layout, so it's like going into buildings you've never been in." --Green Lake Area Combined Tactical Unit.*

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# College credit for NCTC courses are now available from



Put your NCTC training onto a college transcript with CSU toward earning an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree at no cost. NCTC students do not have to pay to transfer NCTC courses. 49 courses have already been evaluated and matched for credit equivalency with Columbia Southern University. Classes taken in the past will be grandfathered in if the course content has not changed. See [www.counterdrug.org](http://www.counterdrug.org) for a complete list of courses that transfer to CSU.

Students must enroll in CSU and declare a major to transfer courses. To finish a degree program with CSU, a student must complete five courses for an Associate's degree and ten courses for a Bachelor's degree. The partnership between NCTC and CSU will allow NCTC students and staff a 10% discount on future courses with CSU. CSU will fully evaluate all military and civilian training for transfer.

NCTC and CSU are working on bundling NCTC classes into concentrations for a Certificate. Concentrations are being considered in intelligence gathering, drug interdiction and surveillance.

\* National Accreditation      \*Online University      \*Established military partnerships

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## Online course initiatives

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On-line training is currently up and running on NCTC's Learning Management System. Two courses are currently available: Spanish for Law Enforcement and Introduction to Intelligence Analysis. In addition, a Distance Learning Task Force is currently developing an NGB Counterdrug Policy and Doctrine Curriculum. The pilot will be conducted at the Pennsylvania Counterdrug April 2010 Annual where members of the Pennsylvania Counterdrug Program will take online courses that satisfy their annual briefing requirements. Following Pennsylvania's annual, the Wisconsin Drug Control Program in Wisconsin will take the training before it is given to National Guard Bureau Headquarters. Pennsylvania's Task Force developed this curriculum using briefings written by Counterdrug Headquarters personnel and a script from the Wisconsin Drug Control Program Standard Operating Procedures Manual, all of which is based upon the guidance in NGR 500-2/ANGI 10-801, its governing regulation.

By the end of the 2010 calendar year, it is NCTC's goal to develop one online course in its entirety using a subject matter expert from the instructional staff. Several topics are being considered, among those are drug identification, graffiti deciphering and the first day of doctrinal training for Basic Tactics for Warrants.



# Recent notable activities at NCTC

- **150 iterations of 42 different courses**
- **7,400 sponsored students**  
Resident & Export courses
- **4,300 supported students**  
High Risk Entry Facility & Distance Learning Center
- **Fiscal Year 2009 Student throughput: 11,700**

## January 2009:

NDIC Director Michael F. Walther visited NCTC for a school tour and discussion on direct NCTC training partnerships with NDIC.

## Fall 2009:

NCTC successfully conducted its 3rd iteration of the ASI/SEI producing Ground Reconnaissance Specialist Course at Fort Indiantown Gap.



## Building relationships and raising numbers

- NCTC has enhanced its relationship with the neighboring 166th Training Regiment.
- Use of facilities in Building 8-80 allows high-profile NCTC courses with significant wait lists to be raised from 50 student maximums to 100+ (at no cost).
- Relationship creates inter-agency cohesion for the whole “Area 8” training mission.



# Homeland Security training initiatives

The NCTC continues to research training needs for the various sections of the Department of Homeland Security.

## Proposed subjects area that NCTC can develop training for:

- Leadership & Incident Command Intelligence
- Anti-Terrorism / Narco-Terrorism
- Parcel / Cargo Interdiction & Inspection

