

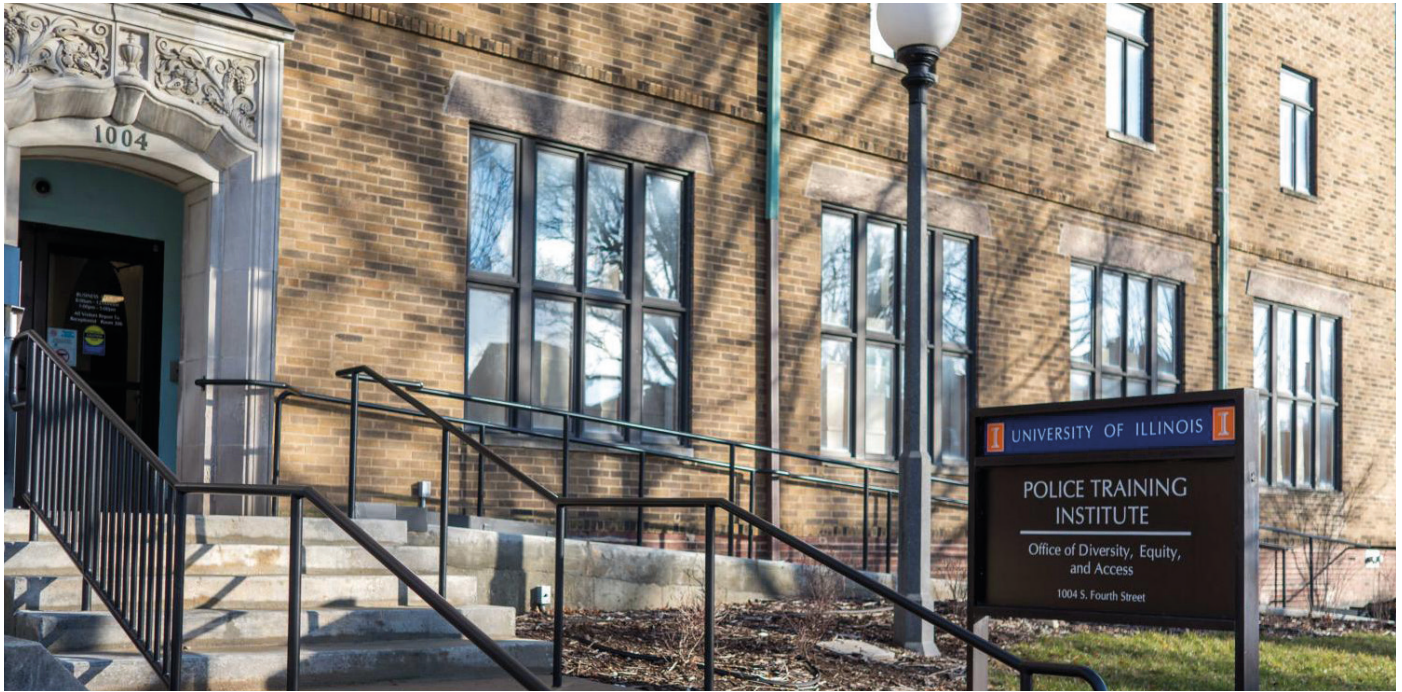
POLICE TRAINING INSTITUTE FACILITY CONSOLIDATION PLAN



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CURRENT SPACE UTILIZATION



Current Location of the Police Training Institute, 1004 S. Fourth Street

The Illinois state-mandated curriculum for police recruits requires myriad instructional forms: lecture, scenario-based training, control and arrest tactics, and tactical firearms training. Additionally, as one of the eight police training academies in the state, the Police Training Institute (PTI) operates dozens of in-service training offerings for active officers as well as the only state-approved Master Firearms Instructor training.

To meet the training needs of these programs, PTI's classroom and administrative functions occur at the 1004 S. Fourth Street building, the Institute's scenario-based training is implemented in three circa-1940 Quonset huts at Willard Airport, and the tactical firearms training occurs at the Tactical Training Center at 609 ½ East Curtis Road.

SPACE AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES

Archived plans from 1987 reveal a construction blueprint for an administrative building with classroom space near the existing Tactical Training Center. In 2020, a feasibility study was commissioned; the result highlighted the advantages of consolidating our three training locations into the Tactical Training Center site on Curtis Road.

In 2020, however, these plans were diverted as PTI focused all of its resources on meeting the training challenges posed by COVID-19. By 2022, the national demand for police training surged; PTI responded by increasing the number of recruit trainees it could accommodate by 25%. This increase, coupled with an increase in both training

hours and tuition fees, has positioned PTI to be poised to fund the expansion detailed in the 2020 feasibility study, consolidating all of our training facilities at the Tactical Training Center (South Campus).

QUONSET HUT MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND FUTURE

A contributing factor to creating momentum for relocation and consolidation at this time is to minimize the expense of necessary major maintenance of the aging Quonset huts. Adding to the complexity of the situation are Flight Star's plans, as the operator of Parkland College's flight instruction and certification program, which suggest that their future expansion necessitates the demolition of the Quonset huts at Willard Airport.



Quonset Huts, Willard Airport

COMPREHENSIVE RELOCATION AND CONSOLIDATION PLAN

As PTI looks toward the future, we are eager to prioritize the development of a comprehensive relocation and consolidation plan. In short, the plan is comprised of these three phases:

Phase One

Construct an addition to the north side of the current firing range building at the Tactical Training Center, extending to the current fence line eastwards, resulting in a 5000 to 7000 square foot training area. This space will replace training areas in Quonset Hut 7 and include matted areas, break zones, storage, and restrooms with locker facilities. A basement will serve dual purposes: shelter during inclement weather and space for multi-use training areas, potentially freeing up other classrooms.

Phase Two

In 2024, PTI is projected to access Building 31 at the Tactical Training Center location, the former Dynamics Testing Lab, sharing space with the Grainger College of Engineering. Additions to the south side of Building 31 will be made to house training activities previously conducted at Quonset Hut 8. This phase also entails creating roadways around the range to facilitate traffic-stop scenario training.



609 ½ E. Curtis Road, location of the proposed relocation and consolidation

Phase Three

This phase focuses on constructing a new building with classroom and administrative space, replacing the functions which currently are performed in the 1004 S. Fourth Street building, thereby freeing space to other campus units in need of a central campus location.

Our aim is to streamline operations and enhance our training capabilities. Your support in this endeavor is invaluable. We look forward to further discussions on this proposed expansion.



Phase Three: New Administrative Building

APPENDIX: TRAINING LOCATION DETAILS

The Police Training Institute (PTI) currently operates from three training locations:

1. Willard Airport:

Three Quonset huts operate at this training facility:

Quonset Hut 2

Stores 14 squad cars used for vehicle stop training between the huts

Quonset Hut 7

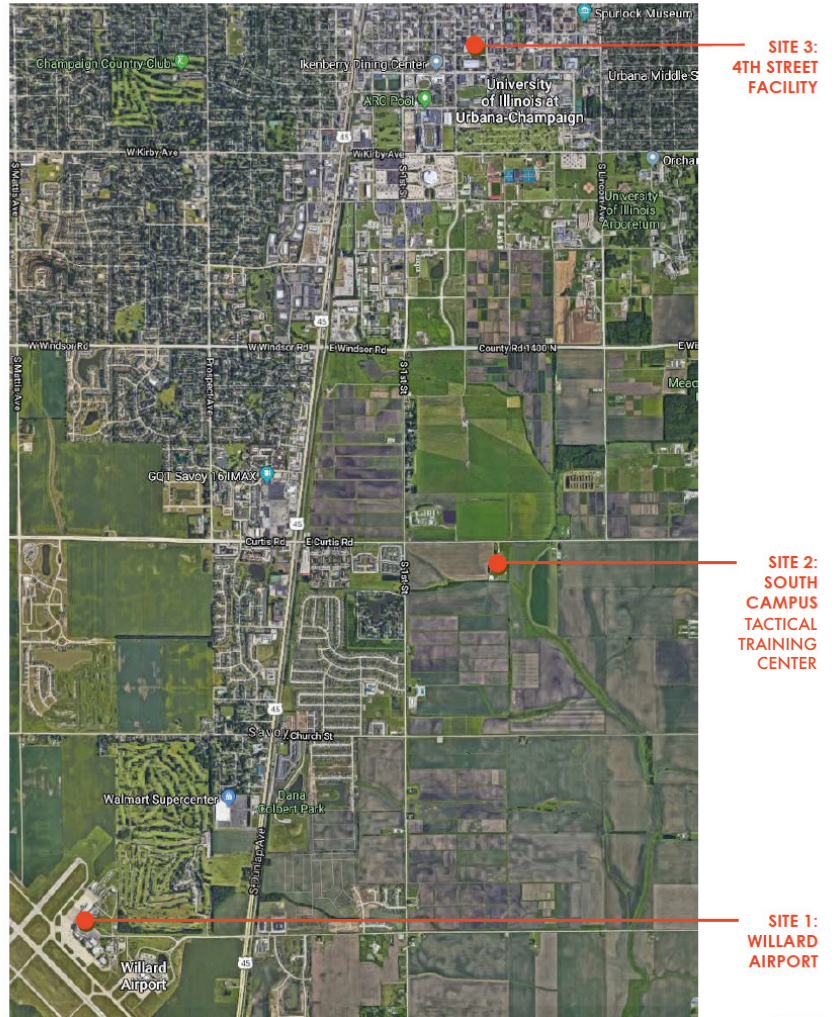
Primarily dedicated to control and arrest tactic training with a large wrestling mat area. It has restroom facilities that have persistent maintenance issues.

Quonset Hut 8

Features a training area for patrol operations scenarios, including building searches and shoot/don't shoot scenarios with Airsoft guns. Additionally, it has classrooms on the second floor for briefing and indoor scenario-based training rooms on the first floor.

Both Quonset Hut 7 and Quonset Hut 8 have HVAC systems incurring frequent maintenance and high utility bills.

- 2. Tactical Training Center (609 ½ E. Curtis Road):** This facility is dedicated to firearms training for both our basic law enforcement courses and specialty classes for in-service officers nationwide.
- 3. 1004 S. Fourth Street:** Our main building which houses the administrative functions and classroom instruction. This location conducts the bulk of our classroom training.



Three Current PTI Training Locations