Basic Correctional Officer Training (BCOT) Overview

- Mandated training of Correctional Officers set forth and required by Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST); all Correctional Officers must be Peace Officer certified
- Provides basic training for Correctional Officers to help better prepare them to perform and accomplish the mission of protecting the public, victims of crime, and agency staff
- Largest basic law enforcement training program in the state

BCOT HISTORY AT STATE OFFICES SOUTH AT TIFT COLLEGE

- First BCOT class started December 16, 2009
- 186 cadets graduated from BCOT T01 class on January 28, 2010
- Since inception, through Calendar Year (CY) 2013, 7,117 cadets have graduated
- Average 15 classes per calendar year

BCOT TRAINING COURSE

- Five week course, 240 hours
- Paramilitary Structure model
- 32 hours of firearms training
- Ten practical examinations
- Eight written tests
- First week of training is taught in the field, remaining four weeks are taught at the Academy
- Physical training every morning for the remainder four weeks of training
- Cadets reside on campus during their training and only return home on weekends

BCOT PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

**Cadets are tested on the following areas**

- Firearms
- Count Procedures
- Contraband
- Vehicle Search
- Pat Search Cell Search
- Perimeter Security
- Fire Safety
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Defensive Tactics

BCOT TRADITIONAL LEARNING TOPICS

- Introduction to Criminal Justice & Corrections
- Legal Issues & Liabilities
- Ethics
- Inmate Supervision
- Mental Health
- Report Writing
- Introduction to Hispanic Culture
- Interpersonal Communications
- Human Diversity
- Emergency Response

BCOT CAREER PROGRESSION & ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Correctional Officer Opportunities**

- Basic Mental Health Officer
- Basic-Intermediate-Senior Drill & Leadership
- Correctional Emergency Response Team Basic (CERT)
- Tactical Squad Basic
- Semi-Auto Transition
- Judgmental Use of Deadly Force
- Less than Lethal Training (OC, Pepperball, Shock Shield)

**Correctional Supervisor Advance Coursework & Training Opportunities**

- Basic Management Training (BMT)
- Advanced Management Training (AMT)
- Corrections Leadership Institute (CLI)
- Professional Management Program (PMP)
- Command College
- Deputy Wardens Academies
- Pre-Command Course

Post BCOT Training

- Upon graduation, officers return to assigned facilities
- Officers must maintain 20 hours of training per year
- Officers are required to attend In-Service Training at assigned training site.