

CITY OF HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Memorandum**

**To:** Mayor Dautermann, Members of the Hartford Common Council, and Members of the Hartford Police and Fire Commission **Date:** 03-18-14

**From:** Chief Groves

**Ref:** **Hartford Police Department 2014 Mini-Academy**

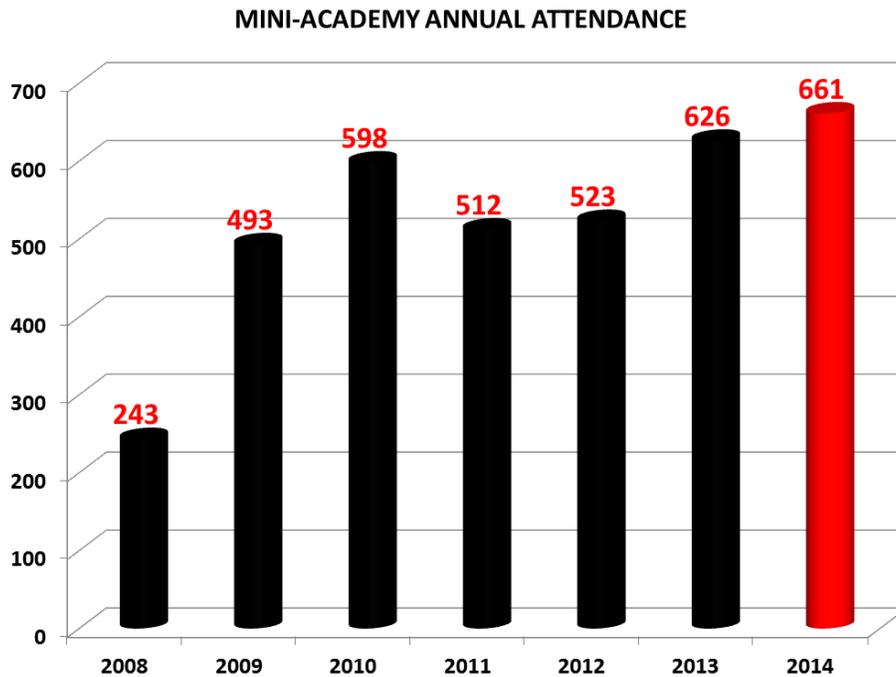
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Mayor, Alderpersons, and Commissioners,

I am submitting this final report to provide you with an executive summary of the police department's 2014 Mini-Academy. I hope that you find it both interesting and informative.

**Attendance:**

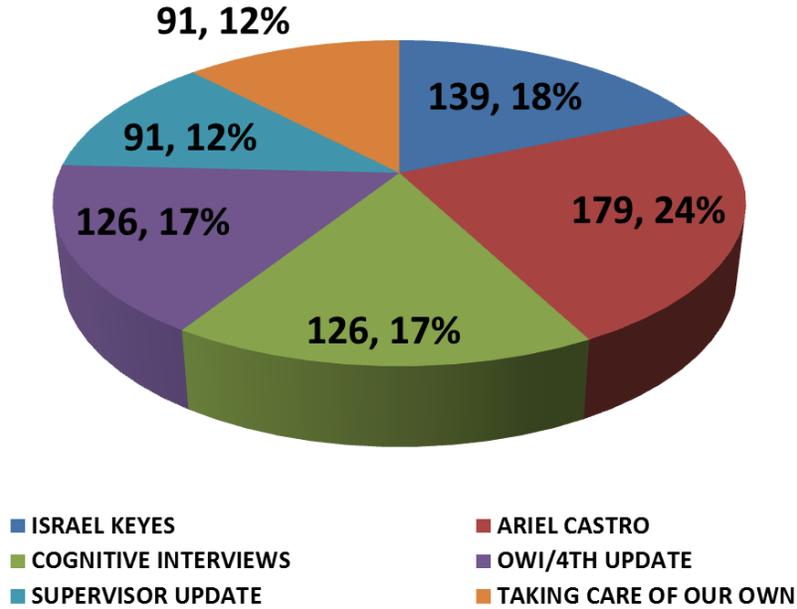
The total attendance for the 2014 Mini-Academy was the largest in department history.



**Attendance by Session:**

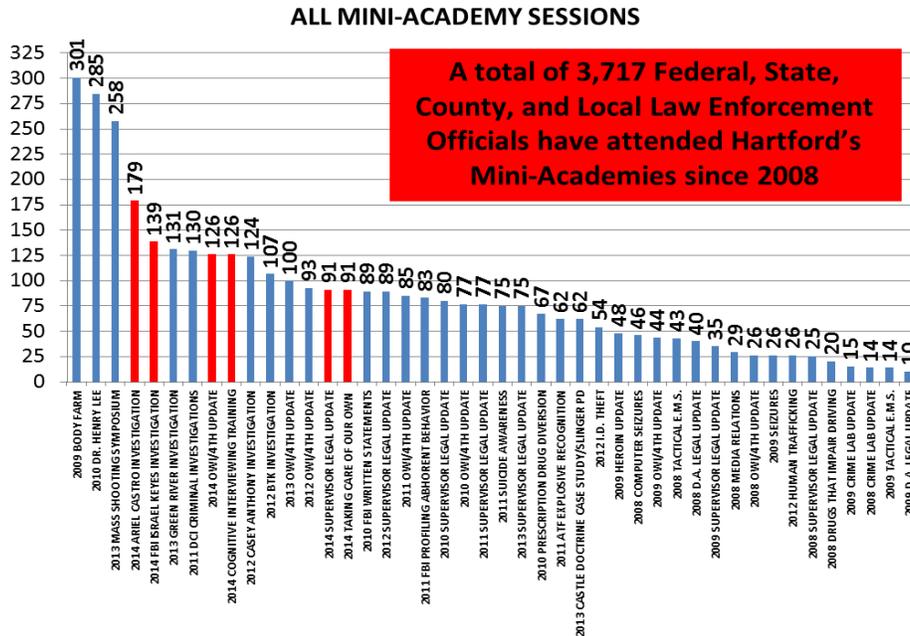
The daily attendance average of 132 officers in attendance was the largest in department history.

**2014 MINI-ACADEMY AT A GLANCE**



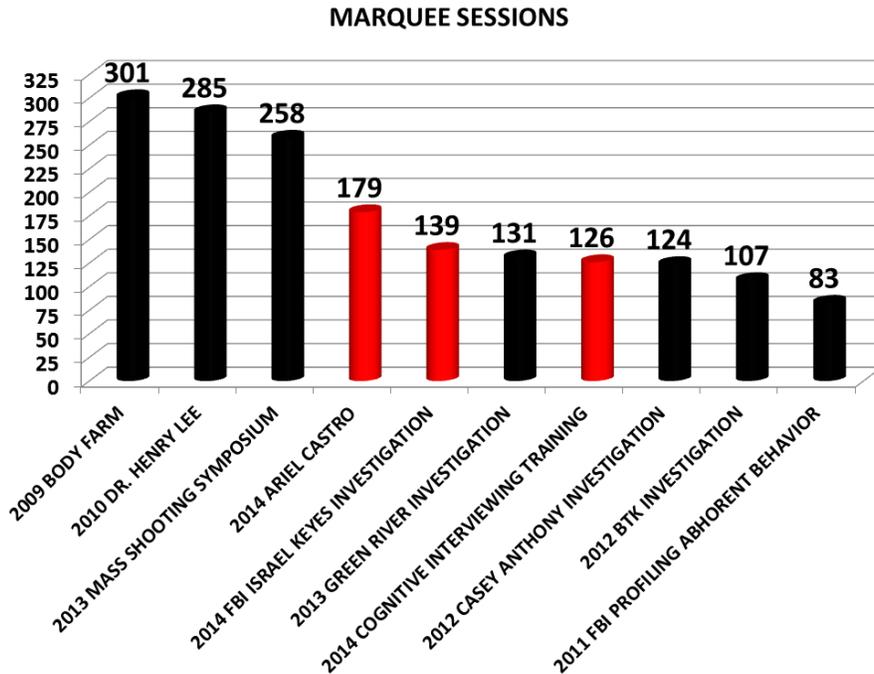
**Historical Perspective:**

The 2014 sessions ranked 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in all-time Mini-Academy attendance.



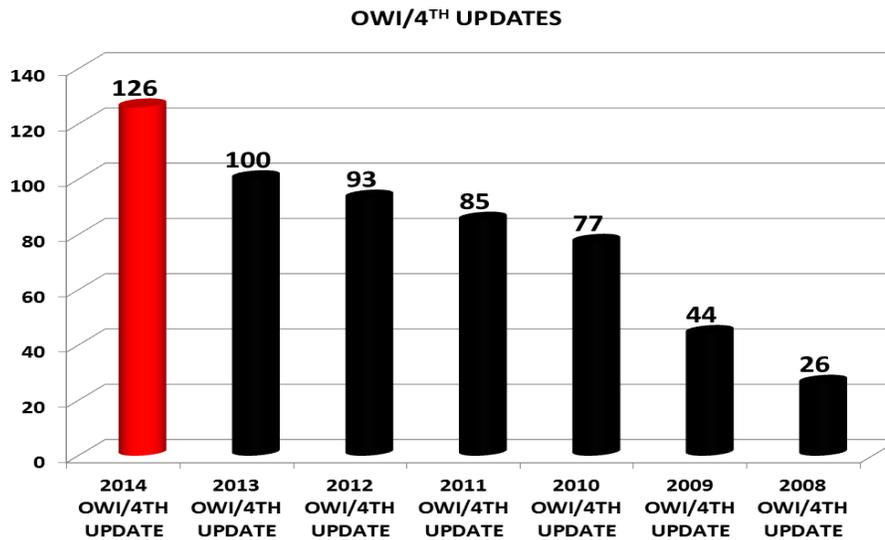
**Marquee Sessions:**

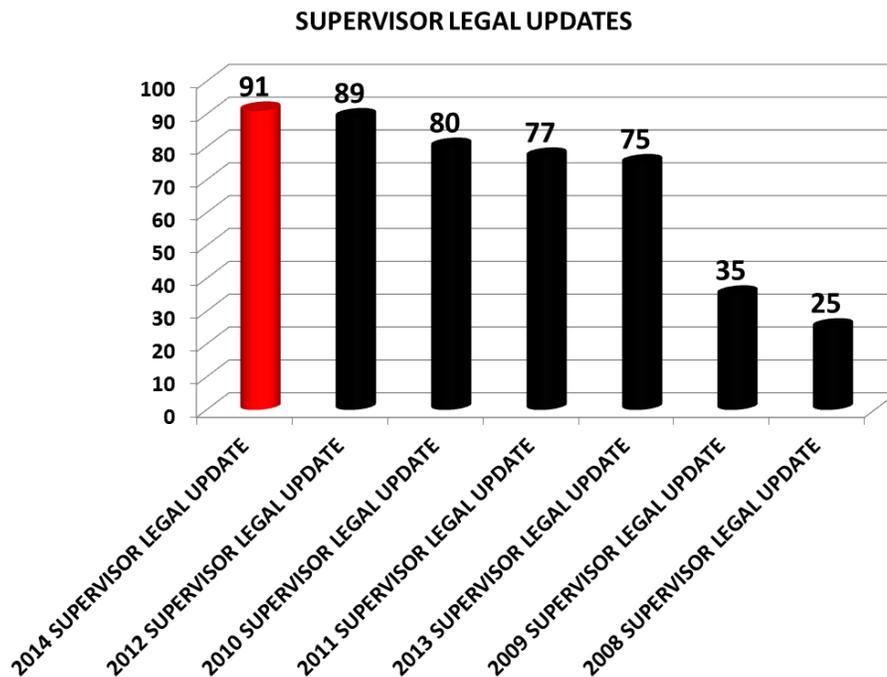
2014 sessions ranked 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> in the top 10 marquee sessions offered since the inception of the Mini-Academy.



**Perennial Sessions:**

Both the OWI/4<sup>th</sup> Ammendment Legal Update and the Supervisory Legal Update sessions continued to be strong sessions in 2014. Both sessions drew record-setting attendance.





**Attendee Feedback:**

*“Accommodations were excellent, very well put together training experience from Hartford.”*

*“I think you are doing a good job and I look forward to what’s coming next year.”*

*“Top notch presentation from start to finish, from the venue to the case selection and presentation by all involved my hats off to all from Hartford PD to the Case/Incident speakers & presenters. Thank you.”*

*“Great Job. Everything well put together, staff & building as well, very well done.”*

*“This was my first time attending the Mini-Academy, I was very impressed at the venue and overall organization of the Hartford PD in hosting the training.”*

*“Expectations were exceeded... Wonderful job by Hartford PD & Company in arranging this Mini-Academy. Thank You!”*

*“Awesome training.”*

### **Special Recognition:**

First, we would like to say a very special thank you to **Supervisory Special Agent Kevin McShane of the Federal Bureau of Investigation** (and to our own Kim Schumacher of the Milwaukee F.B.I. Office for all of her help again this year!).

Thanks to **Lt. James McPike, Detective Andrew Harasimchuk, and Detective Jennifer Ciaccia, of the Cleveland Police Department** for their presentation on the Ariel Castro investigation.

A “Thank You” to **Dr. R. Edward Geiselman, PHD, from U.C.L.A., and Mr. Scott Buhrmaster of the Force Science Research Institute** for their contributions to this year’s Mini-Academy.

Thanks to our Mini-Academy regulars **Assistant Attorney Generals Dave Perlman and Tara Jenswold, and Attorneys Jim Korom and Kyle Gulya.**

Last, but certainly not least, a very special thank you to **Mr. Chris Prochut** for his presentation on “Taking Care of Our Own.”

A special thanks to Hartford Police Department Training Coordinator **Captain Tom Horvath and Administrative Assistant Patrice Moratz** for the tireless efforts that made the 2014 Mini-Academy a resounding success.

Thanks to the Hartford Police Department’s Citizens Academy Alumni Association for their selfless efforts on behalf of our department and our community. Alumni members **Don Macomber, Claudia Kollenbroich, Kelly Morey, Heather Hahn, Rob Watkins, Pam Watkins, Randy Meyer, Diane Meyer, Sue Milner, Barb Radschlag, Karen Buhle, Ron Weber, Denise Groves, and Karen Van Handel** **put in over 265 volunteer hours to help make this year’s program run smoothly!**

In 2014, as they are every year, many of our guests commented on the exemplary community partnerships that we enjoy here in Hartford. In fact, other jurisdictions in attendance have even decided to begin their own Citizens Academy Programs, modeled after our own program, because of the positive impact our folks have made on them during their time here at our Mini-Academies!

We would also like to thank the members of our business community for everything they did to make the Mini-Academy successful this year. **The Schauer Arts and Activities Center, the Hartford B.I.D., the AmericInn, Sweet Creations, MJ’s Catering, Scoop Deville, the O’Meara Law Office, the Mineshaft, and all of our local restaurants!** As always, attendees gave our community high marks!

We are also glad to report that the minimal registration fees charged to our guests, ranging from \$0 to \$35 per session, once again covered all of our department’s expenses for the 2014 Mini-Academy. **Hartford Police Officers attended 432 hours of diverse,**

**world-class training, here in Hartford, at no additional expense to the Hartford Taxpayer again this year!**

Finally, we would like to say thank you to **Mayor Dautermann and our other city officials** for their unwavering support of the Mini-Academy Program. We look forward to even more successes in the future!

Until next year!

David A. Groves  
Chief of Police

*“Leadership is action, not position.”*