

# THE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER



## A REGIONAL INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY READINESS

- » The Regional Public Safety Training Center (RPSTC) is planned as a purpose-built facility designed to meet the growing public safety workforce and training needs of Placer County and the greater region.
- » Led by Sierra College, in partnership with regional agencies, the center will deliver coordinated, real-world training infrastructure for law enforcement, fire, EMS, and emergency responders.
- » This is not program expansion. It is visionary, critical regional infrastructure.



## CENTRALIZED, LOCAL TRAINING TO MEET IMMEDIATE DEMAND

- » Placer County does not currently have a comprehensive public safety training center.
- » Public safety agencies rely on facilities outside the county, which increases costs, travel time, and staffing strain. It also limits opportunities for coordinated, multi-agency training.
- » At the same time, demand for public safety professionals is rising. Placer County grew **13.8% from 2012–2022**, outpacing regional and state growth.
- » The county is projected to add up to **84,000 residents by 2050**, which will drive demand for public safety services.
- » Workforce data shows persistent shortages across law enforcement, firefighting, corrections, and EMS, driven by retirements, recruitment challenges, and evolving job requirements.
- » **Over the next five years, Placer County is projected to see average annual openings of approximately:**



**110** law enforcement positions



**45** firefighting positions



**17** EMT or paramedic openings

- » Job postings across all public safety categories increased significantly between 2020 and 2022, signaling sustained hiring pressure that existing training capacity cannot meet.
- » Meeting this demand requires modern, coordinated training environments designed for today's public safety realities.



## DESIGNED FOR TODAY'S PUBLIC SAFETY CHALLENGES

Today's public safety incidents require coordinated response across disciplines. Wildfires, medical emergencies, and large-scale incidents demand interoperability, speed, and shared situational awareness.

**The RPSTC supports:**



Scenario-based, hands-on training



Joint exercises across law enforcement, fire, EMS, and corrections



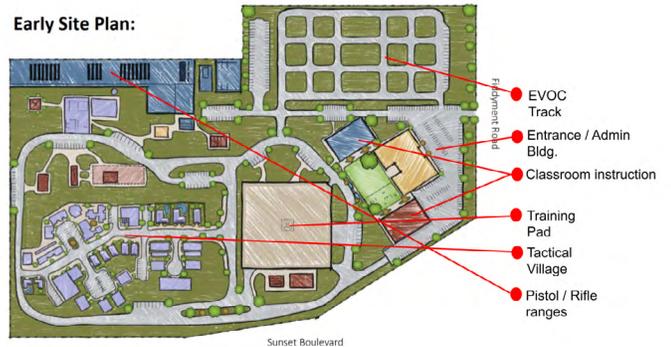
Modern training environments aligned with current and emerging threats



## ← → BUILT FOR INTEROPERABILITY AND EFFICIENCY

- » Interoperability is crucial to the center's design. Training agencies together in shared facilities strengthens long-term workforce capacity and reduces reliance on lateral hiring. This interoperability:
  - Improves coordination and response outcomes
  - Reduces duplication of training resources
  - Supports efficient use of public funds
  - Strengthens regional readiness
- » Delivering coordinated training requires a site positioned for regional access, efficiency, and long-term growth.

Early Site Plan:



## + STRATEGICALLY LOCATED FOR REGIONAL IMPACT

- » The RPSTC is situated on a 50-acre site that was selected through a multi-year planning process.
- » The site provides regional connectivity, access, and long-term capacity across key public safety, education, and transportation assets including:
  - Planned Placer Parkway corridor
  - Direct access to Highway 65
  - Adjacent Sac State Placer Center and the Western Placer Waste Management Authority facility
  - Proximity to Sierra College and regional partners
  - Access to federal and regional public safety assets, including the FBI Sacramento Field Office





## STRENGTHENING THE WORKFORCE PIPELINE

- » Location alone is not enough. Long-term readiness depends on a strong pipeline from education to service.
- » Sierra College plays a critical role in educating and training public safety professionals, but current training capacity does not align with regional workforce demand. Key bottlenecks include:
  - Firefighter and EMT/paramedic credentialing
  - Lengthy academy and onboarding timelines
  - Limited local training capacity
- » The RPSTC strengthens the education-to-workforce pipeline through coordinated regional alignment, supplying local training and efficient credentialing.
- » Sierra College currently delivers accredited fire, law enforcement, and EMT training programs that will scale through the RPSTC.
- » Sierra College's dual enrollment partnerships with regional high schools introduce students to public safety careers early, strengthening the long-term workforce pipeline.



## BROAD REGIONAL SUPPORT

- » The planning and development of the RPSTC reflects sustained collaboration among city, county, state, and federal public safety agencies, united by shared recognition that:
  - Workforce shortages are regional, not isolated
  - Training challenges cannot be solved agency by agency
  - Coordinated investment delivers better outcomes
- » The center represents a shared regional commitment and is positioned to move from planning to implementation.

### Partner agencies include:

#### HIGHER EDUCATION



#### COUNTY AGENCIES



#### FEDERAL AGENCY



#### CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS



#### CITY FIRE DEPARTMENTS



## READY FOR PARTNERSHIP AND INVESTMENT

- » The RPSTC has reached a critical milestone and is positioned for state and federal partnership.
- » Early commitments from Sierra College and local jurisdictions are moving the project forward while maintaining flexibility to meet evolving training needs.
- » Land is secured, environmental review is underway, and design and planning are in progress, positioning the RPSTC for state and federal partnership through a phased, cost-effective investment approach, including:

**FY27 Capital Funding:**

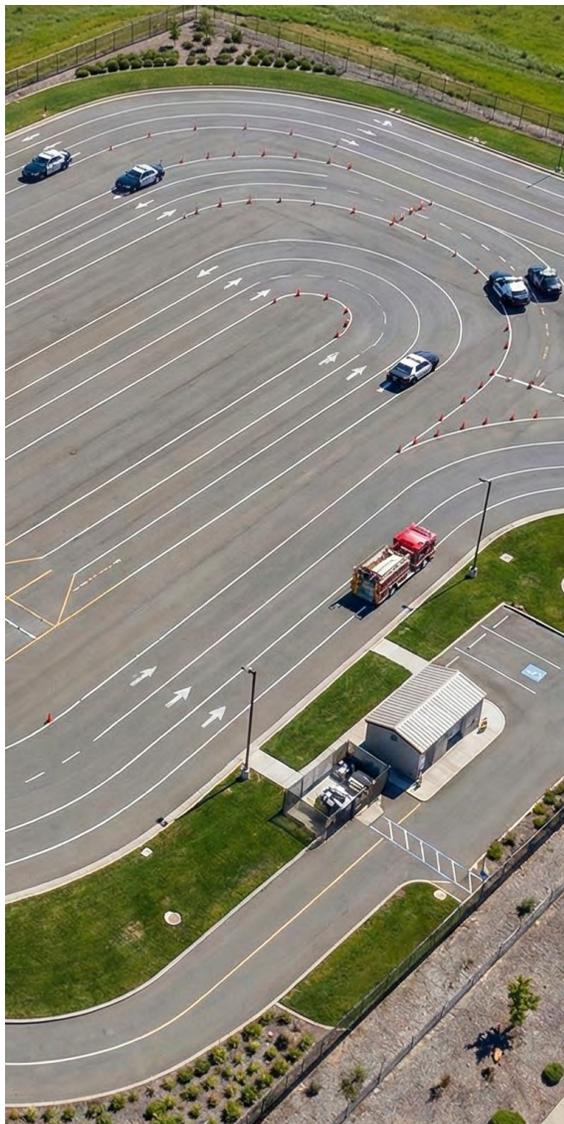
Core training facilities and specialty assets

**Early Equipment Investment:**

Immediate deployment to activate training

**Workforce Start-Up Funding:**

Initial cohorts and POST academy pilots



 **MULTI-AGENCY SUPPORT**

**Placer County**

“ We all recognize the need to scale to match future growth and maintain high-quality community service,” said **Placer County Sheriff Wayne Woo**. “This facility will help us accelerate hiring of future workers and keep our workforce trained with the latest skills without the added cost and time of sending our personnel out of the area for training. Placer County is excited for this partnership with Sierra College and our public safety partners.”

“ The vision for a Regional Public Safety Training Center has been the epitome of collaboration between Sierra College and all the public safety agencies, both law and fire, in western Placer County,” said **Placer County Executive Officer Daniel Chatigny**. “Placer County is proud to be a partner in this much needed and strategic vision.”

“ Placer safety agencies work exceptionally well together and this regional training center is a tremendous opportunity to enhance our collective effectiveness for the community. Joint training among local agencies and among fire and police is the future of public safety response. This facility will give us the opportunity to be on the cutting edge by continually training together across agencies to maintain the best possible service to the community.”  
—**Placer County Fire Department Chief Jim Hudson**.

**Roseville**

“ Our public safety workforce is a combination of hiring workers from out of the area agencies who want to move to Placer County combined with newly hired staff from the local area,” said **Roseville Police Chief Troy Bergstrom**. “The common need across our workforce is we struggle to find a place for them to receive training both as newly hired staffing needing academy training or for the large amount of in-service training required for our officers and professional staff. A modern training facility in our county will allow us to train our own workforce here to keep up with our training needs and be able to maintain the high level of expertise required of our regional public safety workers.”

“ Demand for training is sky-high and beyond our current facilities,” said **Roseville Fire Chief Ryan Harrigan**. “We see intense demand to use Roseville’s fire training center for firefighter academies, continuing education, and in-service training for our personnel and public safety partners. We look forward to further collaboration to design a bigger, more comprehensive training site that can better meet our regional training needs.”



### Lincoln

“For smaller agencies, it’s difficult to find the time and funding for training, even though our needs are the same as large agencies,” said **Lincoln Public Safety Chief Matt Alves**. “Having a facility in our backyard will save local taxpayers money because we can share resources with our partners, as well as save on travel and personnel costs because we won’t need to travel out of area.”

### Rocklin

“Right now, agencies are stringing together their training programs on an ad hoc basis around the community wherever we can find space,” said **Rocklin Police Chief Rustin Banks**. “We are trying to train on emergency driving maneuvers in empty parking lots. This is an incredible opportunity to design a first-class, comprehensive training facility from the ground up so that we can continue to deliver first-class service to the community.”

“Public safety professions are evolving rapidly, with increasing demands for training to keep pace with changing laws, technology and community expectations,” said **Rocklin Fire Chief Reginald Williams**. “We are excited to be partnering on a regional-scale facility that keeps our personnel up-to-date on these changes for their safety and the safety of our community.”

