

Western Region Correctional Training Center

FUNDING

- Collaboratively funded by the State of Maryland, Allegany County Government, and ACM.
- Building cost was over \$2.5 million.
 - The State of Maryland invested \$1.65 million.
 - o ACM invested more than \$855,000.
 - The County assisted with design, engineering, and other project management support.

FACILITY

- 9,700-square foot adaptive space.
- Designed with input from employers the leadership of local correctional institutions.
- Dedicated spaces for corrections training a classroom, mat room, conference room, computer room, firearms classroom with bullpen, and two offices.
- ACM Incident Command Center available for use by the Western Correctional Institution and North Branch Correctional Institution in event of emergency.
- Two workforce development classrooms.
- State-of-the-art technology and equipment.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Expands daytime training and course availability for regional correctional and public safety officers.
- Prevents need for out-of-town training and associated travel costs.
- 2,500+ community members are expected to annually participate in trainings and courses.
- Creates opportunity for evening continuing education courses, community job fairs, new workforce development programming, and business incubation initiatives.

TRAINING PROJECTIONS

- Original training Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in 2000.
- 1,000+ correctional officers and staff participated in 40 hours of training in the prior space in 2019.
- Smaller training classes are projected to continue through 2022.
- Post-pandemic, ACM predicts a 130% expansion [of 2019 numbers] of correctional training at the WRCTC.

QUOTE

"We're grateful for the many partnerships that made the WRCTC possible. When ACM began two decades ago to partner with correctional institutions and law enforcement to offer trainings, no one – not even this college – could have foreseen the demand for training or how quickly the program would outgrow its previous space. The WRCTC expands opportunities for those in uniform and our community. It offers more opportunities to deliver training that helps the women and men in law enforcement and corrections do their jobs in the most ethical and safe manner possible. Training that protects the lives of those they serve as well as their own." – Dr. Cynthia Bambara, ACM President