Field Training Officers

The ***Field Training Program*** is an 18-week on-duty course for our new Police Officers, whether a new academy graduate or a lateral coming to us from another police agency. The program is divided into six phases with a different training officer for each phase. Trainees are assigned a parent officer and four additional training officers. The parent training officer is assigned the first and last phase. Having several training officers allows the trainee to receive a well-rounded training experience.

In addition to reinforcing the training received in the academy and familiarizing the trainee with Downey Police Department policies and procedures, the program's goal is to impart our Department philosophies of service and community. The select officers who are chosen to be a part of the Field Training Program have proven to meet the highest standards in job knowledge and professionalism. We are very proud of our training program.