How to Locate IPMBA Training

IPMBA offers Police, EMS, and Security Cyclist Courses and Bicycle Response Team Training through its extensive network of certified instructors. With the exception of the courses offered at the annual IPMBA conference, all IPMBA Police, EMS, and Security Cyclists Courses and Bicycle Response Team Trainings are organized by individual instructors.

Police Cyclist Instructors (PCIs) are eligible to offer Police and Security Cyclist Courses; Security Cyclist Instructors (SCIs) are eligible to offer the Security Cyclist Course; and EMS Cyclist Instructors (EMSCIs) are eligible to offer the EMS Cyclist Course. Some instructors are dual-certified, so you may find police officers listed as EMSCIs and vice versa. Those with a “B” appended to their instructor number(s) are eligible to conduct IPMBA Bicycle Response Team Training.

If you would like to attend IPMBA training, there are several ways to locate an IPMBA course.

First, check the IPMBA Training Calendar (http://ipmba.org/training/calendar). These courses are submitted to the IPMBA website by the course coordinators. Listings typically include course dates, fees, accommodations, and local contacts, including instructor information. Fees vary based upon the instructor’s expenses, facility requirements, whether or not the course is grant-funded, what is included in the tuition, etc. Some instructors include the Complete Guide to Public Safety Cycling and IPMBA certified membership, while others leave these responsibilities to the students. Please check the details carefully and contact the local contact for more information and/or to register.

If none of the courses on the calendar meet your needs, use the online instructor search tool (http://ipmba.org/training/trainer). We recommend searching by state if your city search yields no results because the search results do not include surrounding areas. Searching by state enables you to target prospects based on geography, agency type, agencies with which you may have a relationship, personal connections, etc.

You may contact instructors directly via phone or email to find out if they have any forthcoming courses that have not been listed on the calendar, if they know of any other local courses, or to arrange a course for your personnel. Dates, location, and fees are negotiated directly with the instructor, but some details are non-negotiable. The maximum student-to-instructor ratio is 10-to-1, the course must be 32 hours long and adhere to IPMBA standards, safety measures must be met, etc.

If you are unable to locate an instructor in your area who is willing or able to meet your training demands, please contact the IPMBA office at 410-744-2400 or at info@ipmba.org about hosting a class (http://ipmba.org/training/host-a-class). The staff can refer you to instructors who are interested in contractual training opportunities or post an RFP to the IPMBA Instructor networks. In either case, negotiations remain between you and the instructor(s) from whom you receive proposals.

Information about the IPMBA Police, EMS, Security Cyclist Courses and Bicycle Response Team Training, including Fact Sheets, Unit Plans, and Model Schedules, can be found at About the Courses (http://ipmba.org/training/about-the-courses).

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