

# SAFE-T Act & Police Training: What It Means for the Geneva Community

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## Our Commitment to Professional Policing

The Geneva Police Department is committed to providing well-trained officers who serve the community with fairness, professionalism, and safety. Training helps officers:

- Stay current on Illinois laws
- Safely respond to emergencies
- Use de-escalation whenever possible
- Protect residents and officers
- Practice community policing
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***Training ensures Geneva officers are prepared, accountable, and equipped to safely serve the community.***

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## What Is the SAFE-T Act?

The SAFE-T Act is a state law that **expanded mandatory police training requirements** for all Illinois officers as of **2021**. Officers who do not complete required training may be:

- Placed **inactive**, or
  - **Decertified** by the State of Illinois
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## Required SAFE-T Act Training Includes:

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| • Civil Rights                            | <i>1 course within past 36 months</i> |
| • Constitutional Policing                 | <i>1 course within past 36 months</i> |
| • Crisis Intervention                     | <i>1 course within past 12 months</i> |
| • Cultural Competency                     | <i>1 course within past 36 months</i> |
| • De-escalation Techniques                | <i>6 hours within past 36 months</i>  |
| • Emergency Medical Response              | <i>1 course within past 12 months</i> |
| • Firearms Restraining Order              | <i>1 course within past 12 months</i> |
| • High-Risk Traffic Stops                 | <i>6 hours within past 36 months</i>  |
| • Human Rights                            | <i>1 course within past 36 months</i> |
| • Laws of Stops/Searches/Use of Force     | <i>1 course within past 36 months</i> |
| • Legal Updates                           | <i>1 course within past 12 months</i> |
| • Officer Safety Techniques               | <i>1 course within past 36 months</i> |
| • Officer Wellness/Mental Health          | <i>1 course within past 12 months</i> |
| • Procedural Justice                      | <i>1 course within past 36 months</i> |
| • Psychology of Domestic Violence         | <i>1 course within past 60 months</i> |
| • Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect    | <i>1 course within past 36 months</i> |
| • Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Response | <i>1 course within past 36 months</i> |

***Many courses are hands-on and scenario-based, not online.***

## Hands-On Training in Geneva

In addition to state requirements, Geneva officers train year-round in:

- Firearms and Taser certification
- Defensive tactics
- CPR / AED & trauma care
- High-risk traffic stops
- Active shooter response
- Emergency vehicle operations

***These are hands-on training opportunities that require a safe learning environment.***

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## Staffing & Community Impact

- Geneva Police Department: **38 Sworn Officers**
- All officers must complete required training
- When officers attend training:
  - They are temporarily unavailable for patrol
  - Shifts must be covered, often using overtime

***Balancing patrol coverage and state-mandated training is a challenge faced by agencies statewide.***

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## Why This Matters

***Professional training = safer officers, safer community, and reduced risk to the City.***