

Office of Training and Development Receives Accreditation for its Twelfth Program, the Physical Instructor Training Program

The US CBP Office of Training and Development (OTD) is pleased to announce that the agency received

accreditation for the Physical Instructor Training Program (PITP) during the July 2012 Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation (FLETA) Board meeting in Brunswick, Georgia. The Board has now awarded CBP OTD with twelve program accreditations and one academy accreditation.

The PITP is a two-week (80-hour) advanced program that is taught at the Border Patrol Academy (BPA) and is designed to provide a cadre of instructors capable of delivering standardized physical techniques training to trainees at the Academy. The current program is designed to teach student instructors the principles, philosophies, methodologies and techniques of teaching the physical techniques curriculum. In addition, it introduces student instructors to the physical skills and practical exercises required to be a successful Border Patrol Academy Physical Techniques Instructor.

The BPA Accreditation Team, on behalf of Chief Patrol Agent Roberto Correa, accepted the PITP certificate of accreditation. C. J. Ross, FLETA Program Manager for all CBP Academies and Programs, congratulated the BPA team members, Training Operations Supervisor Martin Cosio (BPA Command Staff Representative), Training Operations Supervisor Riley W. Hanback (Accreditation Manager), Training Operations Supervisor Sylvia C. Cantu (Accreditation Program Manager), and Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Richard Soria (PITP SME), on their outstanding presentation. Mr. Ross went on to further recognize the hard work, persistence and dedication to the accreditation process of CBP OTD and all the academies.

The FLETA Board is nationally recognized by federal law enforcement agencies, as well as stakeholders in law enforcement training. CBP OTD will continue to strive for excellence through accreditation.

If you would like more information on the CBP Accreditation process, please contact Tonya Hall, OTD Standards and Accreditation Branch Chief at <u>Tonya.Hall@dhs.gov</u> or at (202) 325 7228.