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The Swedish National Police Academy

Overall aims of the Swedish National Police Academy:

- The Swedish National Police Academy shall be a leading national resource for training and knowledge development for Swedish police officers.
- The training environment at the Swedish National Police Academy shall be creative, conducive to learning and stimulate critical thinking. This shall prepare students and give course participants a sense of security in their professional roles, and in the long run it shall lead to development of police operations.

Tasks of the Swedish National Police Academy

- Basic training for future police officers – the police training programme.
- Further education for police employees.
- Comissioned training for the Swedish Police and external interested parties.
- Methods development in training and education.
- Library service for the Swedish Police and external interested parties.
- International training and competence development.
- National and international collaboration regarding training and education.

How training is organized

- The basis of the training is problem based learning.
- Theory, practical work and subject areas are integrated.
- Training is based on science and best practice.
- The way we approach and treat people is important, and a theme which is present in all training.
- Responsibility for learning lies to a high degree on the student – the teachers provide guidance.
- The training programme is flexible with both local and distance learning courses.

Basic training

Police training currently takes place at three locations in Sweden:

- At the Swedish National Police Academy in Solna/Sörentorp, Stockholm,
- As commissioned education at the universities in Umeå and Växjö.
- Police training has also been available as a distance learning programme since 2002.

Basic training

- The Police programme lasts for five semesters, 2,5 years.
- There are two application dates every year: March 15 and September 15.
- The training is approved for student finance.
- Semesters 1 - 4 consist of full-time studies at one of the locations, followed by a traineeship within the police force.

News

- Two possible specializations in the Police programme are being discussed.
- All Police training will be commissioned education from 2015. The Swedish National Police Academy will be the client and evaluator in the future.
- The traineeship will take place earlier in the education.

Further education

- For police employees.
- Criminal intelligence, investigation methods concerning children and young people, or investigating fraud are some examples of courses.
- The courses are a blend of training at the Police Academy as well as assignments back at the participants' workplace.
- Some courses are made together with a university.

Some milestones

- 1965 – the Swedish Government assumed responsibility for police training.
- 1970 – the Swedish National Police Academy in Sörentorp was inaugurated.
- 2000/2001 – police training started up at Umeå University and Linnaeus University, Växjö.
- 2001 – CEPOL (European Police College) was formed and the Swedish National Police Academy was given a seat on the committee.
- 2002 – the distance learning programme for police training started.
- 2007 – the most extensive training drive ever: 70 per cent more students.
- 2010 – the Swedish Police reached the Government's objective of 20,000 police officers.

Facts

- The Swedish National Police Academy has been established in the Sörentorp district in Solna since 1970
- Number of employees: 200
- Number of students: 650 (40 % are women)
- This district consists of some 85 hectares of land and 60 buildings; lecture halls, conference rooms, a library, restaurant, technology house, exercise areas, sports and training premises, hotels and so forth.