

SOLEC

Snow Machine Operations for Law Enforcement Course

March 3rd, 4th, & 5th, 2026
in Seward, Alaska



SOLEC is a three-day course designed to provide law enforcement officers with snow machine and other winter patrol skills. Topics include snow machine operation, violator stops, accident avoidance, avalanche awareness, winter survival, arrest techniques, firearm drills, back-country riding techniques, defensive tactics, and more.

Except for a few hours on the first morning, the majority of this course is held outdoors. Students must be prepared to spend long hours outside in a winter environment (*temperatures can range from 20 below zero to 40 above*). This course is physically demanding, particularly on the backcountry operation day. The class requires students to be in at least moderate physical condition.

The course is free and open to law enforcement personnel only. Students must provide their own meals, lodging, and equipment. The course will begin at 0800 hours on the 3rd at the U.S. Forest Service, Kenai Lake Work Center conference room, located at 33599 Ranger Station Spur (mile marker 23.5) Seward, AK.

Lodging: <https://harbor360hotel.com/>

Note – This is not a dedicated avalanche training course. However, there is a block of instruction on working safely in avalanche terrain, reading snowpack, beacon/probe use, and hasty search techniques. Class participants are strongly encouraged to attend a dedicated avalanche course prior to working in avalanche terrain.





The following is a list of what each student must bring to attend the course:

- Deep Snow/Mountain specific snow machine
- Winter riding gear (base layers, mid layers, and waterproof outer layer)
- Winter boots
- Water-resistant winter gloves (extra set recommended)
- Snow machine helmet and balaclava or face covering
- Goggles or face shield (extra goggles are recommended)
- Avalanche beacon
- Collapsible snow shovel
- Avalanche probe pole
- Medium size pack to carry gear (*one small backpack for avalanche gear and a medium sized bag to strap to snow machine works best*)
- Duty belt, pancake holster, shoulder harness, or tactical vest to carry duty pistol
- Duty pistol
- 50 rounds pistol ammo
- Soft foam ear plugs
- Ballistic Vest



Note: Contact instructors for questions on gear/ suggestions on what to purchase

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/N3BWeFZ7VOc>

Openings are limited and are expected to fill quickly. If interested, please email John Brinley and include the names, email address, and phone number for each person wishing to attend.

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