

State of the art training centre

Increasing demand for our training has led us to open a new state of the art training facility in Dover.

It is easily accessible from the A2 or A20 motorways; just 15 minutes from the busiest sea port in the UK.

The centre includes classrooms, changing rooms, workshops and a covered training area. In addition to freight training, we can deliver search training for coaches, containers, cars and small vessels.

A German Customs attaché who attended one of our courses stated that the training Border Force provided is unique within the EU and should be developed as a 'European Centre of Excellence'.

Contact details

For training and technical advice or if you are interested in booking training or would like to hire our classrooms please contact:

Border Force Search of Vehicle Training Team, Dover

@ SOVT@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk



Border Force

National Search of Vehicle Training

A centre of excellence



Border Force is a world leader in the field of drug detection, keeping pace with the growth of international drug trafficking and increasingly sophisticated smuggling techniques.

One of the main reasons behind this success has been the high quality of our training. Border Force has developed an extensive portfolio of practical, skill based, anti-smuggling training.

About our training

Our award winning training is designed to ensure participants have the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively plan and carry out searches of vehicles, whether for commercial freight, containers or passengers.

From February 2016 our training centre and vehicles move to a new specialist facility at Old Park Barracks, Dover. This allows for detailed and realistic practical training exercises to be conducted in a controlled environment, under constant supervision of experienced trainers.

Our training concentrates on developing the student's practical skills but includes theory sessions to ensure they are able to build up a comprehensive understanding of vehicle construction and layout.

We currently offer a three day initial course for International delegates and a two day course for UK delegates. We can also design and deliver specialist bespoke courses if required.

Our trainers

Courses are delivered by our team of highly experienced frontline operational officers from ports around the UK, using both classroom and practical sessions.

The team were recently awarded a **Certificate of Merit** by the World Customs Organisation for their training programme.

Since 2008 the team has delivered hundreds of courses to frontline Border Force officers, European customs, UK Law Enforcement, HMRC road fuel testing unit and Detection dog units (goods & people) across the EU.

