



SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Course Description

This program is a para-military style police academy for the State of New Mexico, and meets the State of New Mexico's training requirements for police officer certifications. This program consists of about 720 hours or 17 weeks of basic law enforcement training. This academy will require all applicants to live on campus in our cadet dorms for the entirety of the course. All classes are scheduled to meet approximately 48 hours per week, Monday through Thursday. Some evening or Friday classes may be required.

Why Take this Course?

Our mission is to provide a superior academic and vocational basic law enforcement training program that meets the needs of students pursuing a career as a professional law enforcement officer.

The Southeastern New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy abides by all laws as established by the New Mexico Law Enforcement Act, Chapter 29, Article 7 NMSA 1978, and will follow all rules and regulations as set by the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Board.

Course Requirements

A completed Basic Police Officer Training packet and registration form is required. Application packets are due on or before the date indicated on the registration form. *Note that a number of the forms must be notarized prior to submission.*

If you are not affiliated with a Police agency, a criminal history and background investigation will need to be conducted.

Pre-service applicants will be responsible for payment of their medical and psychological examinations, and will be responsible for uniforms, duty belts, ammunition, gym gear, and other required items.

One month prior to the Academy start date, each applicant will be required to participate in the pre-assessment of four physical fitness standards. Applicants must score within the NMLEA BPOT entrance standards to be admitted to the Academy.

Who Can Take this Course?

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have a high school diploma or the equivalent
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Cannot be convicted, or pled guilty to a crime within a 3-year period of:
 - Aggravated assault
 - Theft
 - DWI or DUI
 - Controlled Substances
 - Crime involving moral turpitude

Military service members:

- Must have DD-214 paperwork
- Cannot have a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States