PRE-ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PEACE OFFICER TRAINEES

PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) REQUIREMENTS

The Missouri Department of Public Safety’s POST Program may deny you entry into the Police Academy for violations of Chapter 590 RSMo and Department of Public Safety Code of State Regulations.

1. Must be at least 18 years of age (11 CSR 75-13.020). **NOTE: YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO BE CERTIFIED AS A PEACE OFFICER.**
3. Must have a valid high school diploma or its equivalent (11 CSR 75-13.020).
4. Posses a valid Drivers License.
5. Must not have been convicted of “driving while intoxicated,” “driving with excessive blood alcohol content” or “possession of a controlled substance” within three years of the date of application (590.100.1 and 11 CSR 75-13.090).
6. Must not be unable to perform the functions of a peace officer with reasonable competency or reasonable safety as a result of a mental condition, including alcohol or substance abuse (590.080.1).
7. Must not have committed any criminal offense, whether or not a criminal charge has been filed (590.080.1).
8. Must not be under indictment for, or charged with, or have been convicted of the commission of any felony (590.090.1).
9. Must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence (Gun Control Act of 1968).

MCC-BLUE RIVER REQUIREMENTS

1. Must complete COMPASS test unless a college-level English course has been satisfactorily completed. Minimum COMPASS scores are 65 in writing and 70 in reading. Any writing or reading deficiency must be remediated prior to Academy enrollment.
2. Pass physical agility test - determines physical readiness. Examination from a physician must be submitted prior to taking physical agility exam.
1. **What does 855 mean?** – 855 is Class A certification which upon completion of Academy will allow you to work in any county in the State of Missouri.

2. **What are the hours of the Academy?**
   a. 855 Full Time – M-F, 8am – 5pm, for approx 6 months. Classes begin in January & August.
   b. 855 Part Time – M, T, Th evenings 6p-10p, every other Saturday 8a- 5p, for approx 12 months. Classes begin in January only.

3. **What is the age requirement for the Academy?** You can attend the Academy at age 18; however, you cannot be certified, take the POST Exam, until you are 21 years of age. It is strongly recommended that you do not apply to the Academy before the age of 20. There is not a maximum age but you must be able to pass the physical agility test before class begins.

4. **What if I cannot find my birth certificate?** If you live in Jackson County, you can go to the Jackson County Health Department and they will print you out a certified birth certificate. If you live outside of Jackson County, you must apply to the state in which you reside.

5. **What if I have a SIS on my record?** Please fill out the legal questionnaire. It will then be submitted to POST and they will make a judgment based upon the facts. It is taken on a case-by-case basis.

6. **What do I do if I have a DWI on my record?** Effective September 1, 2003, POST will deny the basic training center application of any individual who has been convicted of “driving while intoxicated,” “driving with excessive blood alcohol content” or “possession of a controlled substance” within three years of application. This shall include those offenses where the imposition or execution of sentence was suspended.

7. **Where do I go to get a background check on my driver’s license?** Any DMV where you obtain a driver’s license.

8. **What if I have a couple of driving tickets on my record?** This will be reviewed by the Director and a judgment will be forthcoming on a case-by-case basis.

9. **Do I have to buy my own ammunition?** Yes. Ammunition specifications are included in the application forms.

10. **Do I have to buy my own gun?** No. A gun will be provided.

11. **Do I get paid to go through the Academy?** No. This is a vocational training program.

12. **Do I have to have a doctor’s physical before I turn in my application?** Yes, we will only accept completed applications.

13. **Will financial aid cover this program?** Yes, if you are eligible. The financial aid process is the same as the community college for regular college courses. Fees are due before classes begin. You can contact financial aid at the Express Window in the Education Center.
14. **Is there a payment plan?** Yes, contact the MCC-Blue River business office.

15. **Do you have job placement?** No. We do have a job board that announces when job openings are available. While you are in the Academy you are taught how to write resumes, do interviews and oral boards etc for police department employment. And some departments come to the Academy to recruit applicants.

16. **What is the hiring rate upon graduation?** We have an approx 95% job placement ratio.

17. **Where do we pay our fees?** At the MCC-Blue River business office.

18. **What if I have had other CRJU courses?** You will still need to complete all Academy courses and the repeat policy is the same as MCC- Blue River. See college catalog.

19. **Can I work while attending the Academy?** Yes, but due to the intensity of training it is not encouraged.

20. **Is there homework and tests?** Yes, you are required to copy notes every evening and their notebook inspections to make sure your notes are being maintained and tests about every 3 weeks.

21. **What is the deadline for returning the application to the Academy?** You should turn in the application as soon as possible to ensure that you have seat in the course.

22. **Do I have to complete the degree plan?** No. You can attend just the Academy to receive your state license. It is a good idea to pursue the degree plan, especially if you are not yet 21 years of age or you are wanting to join a specialized unit within a police or sheriff’s department.

23. **How much physical fitness training is involved in the academy?** You will have PT(Physical Training) 3 days a week, M,W, F, for an hour each day. The physical training activities that are taught vary, but can include running, sit-ups, push-ups, etc.

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