



Public Safety Training Center Candidate Requirements

Age requirement

Florida Statutes require Law Enforcement Officers be at least 19 years of age. Corrections Officers must be at least 18 years of age. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to submit an application. Candidates for the Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Course will be permitted to submit applications prior to their 19th birthday **IF** that applicant will turn 19 before the scheduled graduation of the BRT class attended.

Citizenship

The applicant must be a citizen of the United States. A copy of a birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport may accomplish citizenship verification.

Education

A high school diploma or a (GED) equivalency diploma or certificate of completion recognized by the CJSTC is required prior to being considered for admission into a BRT program.

CJBAT

Applicants must complete the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) with a passing score of 70.

Driver's license

The applicant must possess a valid Florida operator's license or chauffeur license by the date of their entrance to the BRT program.

Medical Exam, Physician's Approval, Physical Abilities

The Applicant must have a completed physical exam within six months of the Academy start date. The physician completing the exam must approve a student to participate in physically strenuous activity, have exposure to a Dart Firing Stun Gun, oleoresin capsicum (OC) and/or orthochlorobenzal-malonotrile (CS). Applicants must also have good physical agility and good hand eye coordination.

Criminal Conduct

Applicants will have a background investigation completed by school through Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

An applicant shall be disqualified if he/she:

1. has been convicted of ANY felony
2. has been convicted a misdemeanor involving perjury, a false statement, or domestic violence
3. has committed a misdemeanor which involves "moral turpitude." Legally, moral turpitude has been defined as "conduct contrary to justice, honesty, modesty, or good morals." Applicants must have good moral character

Any person who, after July 1, 1981, pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, a felony, or of a misdemeanor involving perjury or a false statement, shall not be eligible for employment or appointment as an officer, notwithstanding suspension of sentence or withholding of adjudication.

Additionally, all applicants must be eligible to possess a firearm and participate in firearms training pursuant to the Federal Firearms Law 18 U.S.C. 922, the Gun Control Act of 1967, and the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997. Amendments to the Gun Control Act of 1968 make it unlawful for any person convicted of a "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" to ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms or ammunition. The amendments also make it unlawful for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of a firearm or ammunition to any person knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe that the recipient has been convicted of such a misdemeanor. The new prohibitions apply to all persons, including law enforcement officers.

Military Service Record

Never have received a dishonorable discharge from any of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Drug Screening

Applicants are subject to, and must pass random drug screening.