



### **Police Academy**

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**Applications Due – Monday, August 7, 2017**

**POWER Test Tuesday August 9, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Class Begins –Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

Due to a number of reasons there is increased demand for seats in all the police academies in Illinois. In an attempt alleviate the shortage we have expanded the capacity of our classroom from 32 seats to 40 seats.

Even with this increase we have still established an unprecedented waiting list of 30 officers. In an attempt to accommodate as many officers as we can, we are adhering to the August 7<sup>th</sup> due date for applications. **If we do not have your officer's application by 5 p.m. August 7, 2017 your officer will be removed from Session 134 and the next available officer will be admitted.**

In addition to this **we are administering the POWER test August 9, 2017@ 8am for all applicants.** We will also administer the re-test on August 11, 2017. If any vacancies are created by POWER test failures we will again take the next available applicants from the waiting list, POWER test them and fill the session.

This procedure will insure that we will have a full session, therein optimizing our facilities. We anticipate repeating these procedures for our January session.

### **TUITION**

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board has authorized direct tuition, lodging, and meal plan payment from them to Southwestern Illinois Police Academy for eligible agencies. **HOWEVER**, due to the lack of current budget for the State of Illinois that money may not be available to the ILET'SB. In that case, departments would be liable for all tuition and other costs.

### **OPTIONAL TRAINING**

**Optional Training** is available for your recruit to become O.C. and/or X26 Taser certified. The cost of the O.C. training is \$15.00. The cost of the Taser training is \$90.00 and will include three training cartridges for each recruit. You will be billed for this training. Please Note: We will not conduct the training unless at least ten students are enrolled. In addition, during the Academy course of instruction we will certify your recruit in the two courses required to be NIMS compliant. These two classes are FEMA IS-700.a: NIMS, An Introduction and IS-100.LEb: Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS 100) for Law Enforcement. We would direct the recruits to complete these online courses between or after regular academy classes. These classes are free of charge. Your recruit will also have computer time to access Learning Management System (LMS) on-line training site and take the LEADS Less Than Full Access training. Please have your LEADS supervisor supply your recruit with username and password.


**LODGING AND MEAL PLAN**

**Lodging** for the Police Academy is at the Candlewood Suites in O'Fallon, Illinois. The rate we receive is for double rooms, so in most cases your officer/deputy will have a roommate. If your officer or deputy makes other arrangements, the housing cost may not be reimbursed by the Training Board. All rooms will be non-smoking. **No changes can be made to room assignments without the prior approval of the Police Academy.** The academy staff will automatically be making the room reservations for police and sheriff departments who choose it. During a normal academy week reservations will run from Sunday evening, with check in time 3:00 pm, until Friday morning, with check out time 11:00 am. Reservations will also be made by the academy staff for the night before the Power Test if you indicate on the form that you want it. Billing for that night only, will be directly from the motel to the department. **A meal plan** is now offered by the Police Academy. The meal plan includes 3 meals a day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, but DOES NOT include snacks or drinks between meals.

**SMOKING POLICY**

On July 1, 2015 in accordance with the Smoke Free Illinois Act and the Illinois Smoke Free Campus Act, SWIC will prohibit smoking and the use of tobacco products, to include smokeless, e-cigarettes or other devices that simulate visual, sensory and behavioral aspects of smoking, in all college-owned buildings, on all college-owned property (to include parking lots), within all spaces leased by the college and in all college-owned, rented or leased vehicles.

Sincerely,

  
Van Muschler, Director  
Police Academy