

## COURSE DATES AND TIMES

**Peace Officer Course:** Academy Peace Officer courses are conducted each year. Most are evening classes, and are approximately 32 weeks long, and are held from 6 pm – 10 pm Monday – Friday, and on most Saturdays from 8 am – 5 pm. When day classes are held, they are approximately 19 weeks long, and scheduled from 8 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Corrections Officer Course:** Basic Corrections Officer Courses (County Jailer Certification) are held on an as-needed basis. Each course is 3 weeks long, and classes are from 8 am - 5pm Monday through Friday.

### COST

Tuition fees are \$2100\* + cost of required uniforms and ammunition for the Basic Peace Officer Course, and \$400\* for the Basic Corrections Officer Course. In addition, a physical exam, psychological exam and a comprehensive background investigation is required. Students who are accepted in the **Basic Peace Officer Course** are required to furnish a pair of good athletic shoes, exercise clothing, filler paper and dividers for student notebooks, and a handgun for firearms training.  
*\*Tuition applies to courses held in Abilene only.*

*\*Basic Peace Officer course currently qualifies under the G.I. Bill benefits.*

### Steps for Attending the Academy

- ◇ Complete and return a pre-enrollment form as soon as possible
- ◇ Approximately 90 days before the start date of the appropriate class, the Academy will automatically send you the application paperwork
- ◇ Take and pass TSI Assessment Reading Comprehension Test
- ◇ Follow all application instructions and return all necessary application paperwork to the Academy
- ◇ Be interviewed and approved by the Oral Interview Board
- ◇ Take and pass the physical and psychological examinations
- ◇ Pay tuition

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Academy Director

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Criminal Justice Planner

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# West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy

*A Division of the West Central  
Texas Council of Governments*



### Entry Requirements

for

**Basic Peace Officer and Basic  
Corrections Officer Courses**

# WCTLEA

*The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) sets the standards for certification of peace officers and corrections officers in Texas. Each certified academy in the state has an advisory board which is responsible for establishing entry requirements and rules and regulations for the academy.*

## STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

No individual shall be admitted to any course offered by the Academy unless he/she meets the following minimum standards:

- ◆ Be employed by or sponsored by a law enforcement agency.
- ◆ Has attained his/her 20th birthday before the first day of class, if applying for Peace Officer Course.
- ◆ Has attained his/her 18th birthday before the first day of class, if applying for Corrections Officer Course.
- ◆ Graduated from high school or completed a GED test or proof of an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States after at least 24 months of active duty service.
- ◆ Has not been convicted at any time of any offense involving family violence.
- ◆ Is not under indictment for any criminal offense.
- ◆ Has not ever been convicted of an offense above the grade of Class B misdemeanor

or a Class B misdemeanor within the last 10 years.

- ◆ Has not ever been or currently on court-ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last 10 years.
- ◆ Has been examined by a licensed physician and found to be physically sound and free from any defect which may adversely affect the performance of law enforcement duties
- ◆ Has been examined by a licensed Psychologist/Psychiatrist and found to be in satisfactory psychological and emotion health to serve as a peace officer.
- ◆ Is not prohibited by state or federal law from operating a motor vehicle.
- ◆ Is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition.
- ◆ Has submitted a copy of his/her DD214 if discharged from military service.
- ◆ Pass a Reading Comprehension test selected by the academy
- ◆ Be fingerprinted and be subjected to a search of local, state, and national records and fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record.
- ◆ Note: *Costs of medical testing and/or costs of the background investigation will not be paid by the Academy.*

## PRE-ENROLLMENT FOR WEST CENTRAL TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Mail to: West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy, 3650 Loop 322, Abilene, TX 79602

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Select a course: \_\_\_\_\_ Peace Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Corrections Officer

Course Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Abilene \_\_\_\_\_ Brownwood \_\_\_\_\_ Sweetwater

I am interested in: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Class \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Class