POST Academy (Peace Officer Standards & Training)

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Program Information

The Utah Tech University Regional Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy (also known as the Police Academy) offers Special Function Officer (SFO or Cat I) training and Law Enforcement Officer (LEO or Cat II) training. The SFO training is approximately 12 weeks in length, and the LEO training is approximately 16 weeks in length. SFO is a prerequisite to LEO. Our mission, through the direction of the Council of POST, is to provide professional standards and training, leadership and certification for peace officers as we work to protect the rights and privileges of Utah’s citizens.

The classes are held from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Monday through Friday at the Hurricane Education Center, located at 112 South 700 West, Hurricane, Utah. Instructors include local law enforcement officers, attorneys, and educators.

NOTE: The Utah Tech Regional POST Academy does NOT offer the Emergency Vehicle Operations Training (EVO). After graduating and employment, by any department, cadets need to attend the Utah POST EVO training. It is the cadet’s responsibility to inform employers and/or potential employers of this… YOU CANNOT BE CERTIFIED UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE EVO.

Special Function Officer (SFO) Training

Special Function Officer Training (SFO) provides training for Special Function Officer/Auxiliary Officer. Positions requiring SFO training include constables, auxiliary officers, bailiffs, reserve officers, and other special function officers, as approved by the department. SFO must be completed before LEO or Correctional training.

Law Enforcement officer (LEO) Training

Law Enforcement Officer Training (LEO) provides the remaining training necessary for certification of a Peace Officer (Police Officer). Positions requiring both levels of training include police officers, highway patrol troopers, and deputy sheriffs. SFO training is required before taking the LEO training.

Schedule & Admissions

The Special Function Officer session will begin on September 13, 2022, and the Law Enforcement Officer classes will begin in January 2023. Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2022, through August 13, 2022. You may receive up to 19 credits for this course and we are approved for Financial Aid and VA/Military benefits for those who qualify.

Acceptance into the Police Academy is by application only. To attend the Utah Tech POST Academy:

- Cadets must be 21 years of age before the end of the SFO session
- Be able to pass a background investigation
- Have a High School Diploma or GED
- Pass entrance/exit physical exams

Professional Licensure/Certification (PLC) Requirements

The curriculum for programs at Utah Tech University customarily leading to licensure have been designed to meet the educational licensure/certification requirements in Utah as well as to prepare students to apply for licensure exams in the State of Utah. The licensure boards in each state are responsible for establishing the requirements for licensure/certification for their state. Requirement may vary state to state and may change at any time. Students who intend to use their Utah Tech degree to secure licensure in any state other than Utah will need to review the professional licensure disclosures in that state pertaining to their program and consult with the state professional licensing board. For more information, visit the State Authorization and Professional Licensure (https://academics.utahtech.edu/state-authorization/) web page and select your program, or speak to the director of your program.