POST Academy (Peace Officer Standards & Training)

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Program Information

The Dixie State 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 DSU 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

In order to attend the DSU POST Academy cadets MUST be 21 years of age before the end of the SFO session.

The Special Function Officer session will start in the Fall, September 21, 2020 and the Law Enforcement Officer classes will start in January 2021. Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2020 through August 21, 2020. 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.