Basic Police Academy

Program Summary
Central Ohio Technical College’s Institute for Public Safety offers the students variations of Basic Police Officer Training. All variations are designed to prepare the students to meet the requirements of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. Successful graduates of this program will be recommended to take the state certification examination. Students will participate in over 675 hours of training.

Daytime Accelerated Basic Police Academy
The Accelerated program will last approximately 15 weeks. The program is typically held 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and requires some weekend and evening class work.

Students wanting the Accelerated Basic will take a physical fitness pre-test. Students must meet the 15th percentile of the Cooper Standard for fitness prior to entering the Academy.

Evening Basic Police Academy
The Evening program will last approximately seven months. The program is typically held 5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and requires some weekend training.

Students wanting the Evening Basic will take a physical fitness pre-test. Students must meet the 15th percentile of the Cooper Standard for fitness prior to entering the Academy.

Important Student Characteristics
- Good physical conditioning
- Leadership skills
- Good judgment
- Perceptiveness
- Good communication skills

Admission Requirements
Specific admission requirements which must be met before a student will be admitted to this program:
- Submit the Application for Admission
- Complete COTC Placement Assessment for Reading. If applicant places into pre-college coursework, those courses must be completed before the start of the BPA program.
- Attend a mandatory orientation and information meeting.
- Submit a completed enrollment packet required by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) for admission into the Academy. This includes a fingerprint background check by the State of Ohio, a check by the State of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation (BCI&I) and the FBI to determine any criminal record such as felonies or any domestic violence convictions which would disqualify the student from the Academy.
- A completed pre-test screening of the physical conditioning requirements including a signed waiver acknowledging the consequences of not passing the final physical conditioning test before the written final exam.
- Approval from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission for the student to enter training.
- Valid driver’s license.
- Submit a signed statement agreeing to refrain from use of tobacco products during the OPOTA training program.

Cadets must meet these additional requirements:
- A grade of “B” or better is required in all Academy courses;
- Must receive a satisfactory mark in all OPOTC required areas;
- Meet the Ohio Peace Officers Basic Training Program Physical Fitness Standards for age/gender;

Any Cadet who is unable to meet all Academy requirements will not be eligible to sit for the State Peace Officer Examination at the completion of training.

Students who are currently Ohio Certified Police Officers may be eligible to apply credit to the Basic Police Academy Certificate upon documentation of current Peace Officer status.

Program Expenses
COTC Basic Police Academy Cadets will be in uniform as prescribed by the School Commander. In addition to tuition and fees refer to “College Tuition and Financial Aid Opportunities” fact sheet) students pay:
- Ammunition fee
- Uniforms
- Books

Enrollment packets will be distributed at information meetings. The first 28 complete program packets that are returned between the prescribed dates will be accepted. In case of a tie, eligibility will be determined by the date COTC received the Application for Admission form and the $20 application fee. A waiting list may be created if there are more than 28 qualified applicants.

Graduates of the Basic Police Academy will earn 19 college credits which can be applied toward an Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement Technology.

See reverse side for more information.
How do I Start?
If you are a new student, you should apply online at www.cotc.edu. If you are a current or returning COTC student, contact one of the Gateway Offices listed below, send an e-mail to cotcadmissions@cotc.edu or connect with the Gateway website at http://www.cotc.edu/current-students/Gateway/Pages/Gateway.aspx.

Newark Campus 740.366.9222
800.963.9275 Ext. 222
Coshocton Campus 740.622.1408
Knox Campus 740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus 740.755.7090

Accreditation/Membership
Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission.
www.hlcommission.org
COTC is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Technical Education Association, the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.

Non-Discrimination Statement
Central Ohio Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other basis under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment. General information, questions, concerns, or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, Holly Mason, or designee, Warner Center Suite 226, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740-364-9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator, Connie Zang, at the same location.