

Palomar College Police Academy is an Extended Format, part-time academy that is completed in Modules. The training is conducted on nights and weekends, which allows a recruit to maintain employment while transitioning toward a law enforcement career.

Each Module provides the required training for the different levels of Reserve Peace Officers in California. Upon completion of all three Modules, a graduate would be eligible to be hired as a full-time sworn Peace Officer in California.

Financial Aid and Veterans benefits may be applied toward some academy costs.

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www.palomar.edu/policeacademy

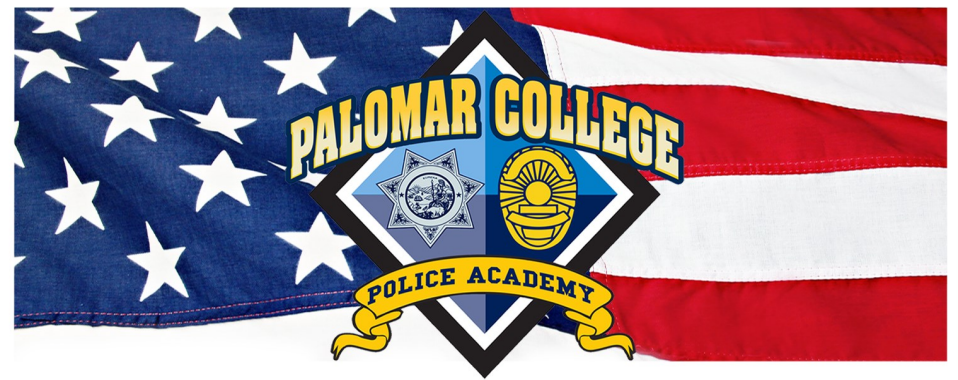
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PALOMAR COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY

"Professionalism Through Training"



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HOW TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER



WHAT ARE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES LOOKING FOR?

- Integrity
- Good Moral Character
- Life Experience
- Maturity
- Responsibility
- Good Decision Making / Judgment
- Strong Work Habits
- Impulse Control
- Communication Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Stress Tolerance
- Ability to Handle Adversity
- Physical Fitness

APPLY TO AN AGENCY:

Candidates compete against 200+ other applicants for a limited amount of Entry Level positions.

Those hired at the entry level are hired by an agency first, then sent to an academy as an employee of a law enforcement agency.

They must successfully complete a police academy before entering a field training program.

ATTEND A POLICE ACADEMY:

Candidates first complete a police academy by putting themselves through training as a "self sponsored" or "open enrollee" recruit.

They then apply as an Academy Graduate applicant; agencies have more positions to hire those who have already completed academy training.

When hired by a department, these applicants immediately start a Field Training Program.

HOW DO I PREPARE?

Stay out of trouble – Legally, financially, personally, and professionally.

Make good choices – Choose carefully in who you associate with and what decisions you make.

Go to school – College education is highly desirable by many agencies and required by some.

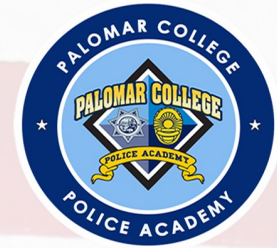
Develop a strong work ethic – Whether it is in school, at a job, or other activities, be on time, work hard, go above and beyond, and perform at your best.

Get involved – Explorer Posts, community groups, volunteering, community service oriented employment, civilian employment within an agency, etc.

Learn to be self-sufficient – Find answers and solutions without help.

Gain life experience – This brings with it many of the desired character traits agencies seek.

WHY CHOOSE THE PALOMAR COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY?



PCPA RECRUITS ARE EXPOSED TO A VARIETY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

By attending Palomar College Police Academy, you are able to apply to a greater variety of agencies since most departments prefer to hire Academy Graduates. Recruits may apply to multiple agencies at once and begin the hiring process while attending the academy.

SHOWCASE YOUR ABILITIES IN POLICE ACADEMY TRAINING:

Showcase your successful performance in a law enforcement training environment. This allows an agency to consider your abilities exhibited in the academy along with other aspects of your personal background. Most significantly, it shows an agency your drive to become a peace officer when you are willing to obtain the training yourself rather than waiting to be hired so an agency will pay for it.

HIGHLIGHT THE DESIRABLE TRAITS AGENCIES ARE LOOKING TO HIRE:

Demonstrate to law enforcement agencies that you can handle the rigors of balancing the academy training, employment, family, personal obligations, and finances over the course of a year.

Managing the stressors that go with this challenge exemplifies a strong personal work ethic, stress tolerance, organizational skills, initiative, and dedication. These are all qualities which are highly desirable in a peace officer.

MAXIMIZE CREDITS TO APPLY TOWARD A COLLEGE DEGREE:

The academy will help you achieve your academic goals. Upon successful completion of training, you can earn college semester units that may be applied toward an Associate's Degree in Administration of Justice - Law Enforcement.

Law enforcement officers with college degrees obtain specific law enforcement certifications at an accelerated rate. Many departments offer degree incentive pay.

WE OFFER FLEXIBILITY IN YOUR TRAINING:

The part time schedule is designed for those who still work full time and desire to transition into a law enforcement career. Our training classes are held on weeknights and Saturdays, which does not interfere with most employment schedules.

The Modular Format allows you to attend the training in sections if you are unable to attend the entire year of training at once.

Financial aid and military tuition assistance are available to those who qualify. Palomar College offers payment plans for enrollment fees.

MILITARY & VETERANS

Palomar College is a proud military ally. Active duty personnel and military veterans may utilize tuition assistance and GI Bill benefits, and may be eligible for additional grants.

For additional information please contact Veterans Services and the Financial Aid Office.