

Police – Protection Partnership Program (P3)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How do I enroll or ask for more information?

To enroll, you must be a member in good standing of the Air or Army National Guard. At this time, we are only accepting Military Police Soldiers and Security Force Airmen. If you are not yet a member of the National Guard, speak with a recruiter and tell them you are also interested in the Protection Partnership Program. Our contact information is on the main Protection Partnership Program page. We look forward to speaking with you!

How long is the training?

The full-time academy for Military Police and Security Forces will be approximately 16 weeks long.

The reserve academy program is no longer being offered.

What is the start date of the course?

To be determined. We will update this once we secure a training location and dates for the class.

What are the qualifications I need to enroll in the course?

The P3 requires that all Soldiers and Airmen that attend must have a current physical fitness test, PHA, and no adverse actions. Furthermore, Soldiers and Airmen must be able to pass a background check, drug screening, and be of good moral character.

The MPTC requires that anyone attending a police academy must meet the 30th percentile on the Cooper standards. This consists of pushups, sit-ups, a 1.5 mile run, and a 300m run. This test is held approximately one month prior to the start date.

How are candidates selected to attend one of the courses?

Attendance in our course is limited and our selection process is highly competitive. We select our attendees based on recommendations from the chain of command coupled with the other qualifications listed above.

Will I be guaranteed a job after I complete the course?

You will not be guaranteed a job, however, we have many Soldiers and Airmen that get hired while in the academy and we have a 100% hiring rate for those that attend the course and wish to be civilian police officers upon graduation. Our program is unique because we constantly advocate on your behalf so that you will get employment.

Within three months after graduation 75% of class 02-19 had full time employment.

Will I receive pay while attending?

Maybe. We are working hard with the National Guard Bureau to get a small weekly stipend. At this time it is not guaranteed.

How much does the course cost?

Tuition is approximately \$2500 per student. This covers all costs associated with the course. We are working with National Guard Bureau and other National Guard entities to have these costs covered, but it is not guaranteed at this time.

Will I have employment protection with my current employer?

Yes you will receive State Active Duty (SAD) orders while you attend the course which will provide USERRA rights.

Is the certificate applicable throughout Massachusetts?

Yes, with a few exceptions. Boston PD, Transit Police, and the Massachusetts State Police will not accept MPTC Academies. However, we have reciprocity with surrounding states.

Will I be required to stay at the academy?

This will be contingent upon the location of the next academy class. Some MPTC academies require students to stay overnight at the academy and some do not. We will update this information as soon as we have secured a training site for the next class.

Are meals provided?

Yes, meals will be provided.

Is there a reenlistment requirement for attending this course?

There is a four-year extension requirement from the date of graduation.

Is there an entrance exam to attending the academy?

There is no entrance exam to attend. However, for those Soldiers and Airmen that are looking to get hired by a civil service department we encourage you to take the civil service test.

What is the age requirement?

To be a police officer in Massachusetts, you must be at least 21 years of age. You may participate in our program as early as age 19 and be fully trained so that upon your 21st birthday, you are eligible to be hired as a sworn police officer. For those candidates who are interested in the program before their 21st birthday, our graduates have taken positions in a department as a civilian member doing dispatch work, clerical work, etc. and then upon their 21st birthday were sworn in as a fully credentialed police officers.