

Police Academy – 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 Municipal Police Training Council credentialed academy for Military Police and Security Forces is approximately 16 weeks long. Due to recent police reform laws, 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 confirm a training location and dates for the next 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 of the academy.

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.

We have had graduates get hired by town police departments, city police departments, college and university police departments, and hospital police departments. Some graduates have taken their training certificates and become Police Officers outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well.

Will I receive pay while attending?

Maybe. We are working hard with the National Guard Bureau and the State of Massachusetts Military Division to get a small weekly stipend for recruits. We were able to secure Class 04-23 a stipend of approximately \$1000 a month. At this time, future stipends are not guaranteed.

How much does the course cost?

This program covers all academic costs associated with the course. This is a tremendous benefit to our service members because tuition to a police academy in Massachusetts can cost anywhere from approximately \$3,500 to \$9,000 per student.

What are students required to have?

Students will be required to have a working laptop and reliable transportation. There will be other requirements that are class specific, many of which can be obtained from the Soldier or Airmen's assigned unit.

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 Police Department, Transit Police Department, and the Massachusetts State Police will not accept this MPTC Academy. Those agencies require their Officers to attend their specific agency academy. However, we have reciprocity with our academy with many 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.

Class 04-23 is being held in Worcester and training is from 0700-1600. Class 04-23 did not have any overnight accommodations available for recruits who live far from Worcester.

Are meals provided?

Currently no. This is subject to change with mission requirements and available funding.

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 officer. You have two years from your graduation date to be hired by a police agency without having to redo the academy.