

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY AND TRAINING CENTER

BASIC PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION COURSE
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANTS MUST BE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS EITHER A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM AN ACCREDITED SECONDARY INSTITUTE OF LEARNING OR A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMA.

APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE BY THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE A FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND MILITARY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.

APPLICANTS MUST SCORE AT LEAST 70% ON AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, WHICH CONSISTS OF READING, WRITING AND MATHEMATICS SKILLS.

APPLICANTS MUST NEVER BEEN NOR CURRENTLY ON COURT-ORDERED COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OR PROBATION FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE ABOVE THE GRADE OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR OR A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR WITHIN THE LAST TEN (10) YEARS.

APPLICANTS MUST NOT CURRENTLY BE UNDER INDICTMENT OR INFORMATION FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

APPLICANTS MUST NEVER HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE ABOVE THE GRADE OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, NOR CONVICTED OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR WITHIN THE LAST TEN (10) YEARS.

APPLICANTS MUST NEVER HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFENSE, REGARDLESS OF THE CLASS OF THE OFFENSE.

APPLICANTS MUST NOT BE PROHIBITED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW FROM OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE.

APPLICANTS MUST NOT BE PROHIBITED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION.

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, A DRUG SCREENING, AND A PSYCHOLOGICAL SCREENING.

IF THE APPLICANT IS UNDER 22 YEARS OLD AS OF THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS, THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A MENINGITIS VACCINATION WITHIN THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

TUITION FROM THE BASIC PEACE OFFICER COURSE IS \$2,200. THE TUITION DOES NOT COVER THE COST OF UNIFORMS, FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, WEAPONS, DUTY EQUIPMENT, HANDCUFFS, OR ACADEMIC SUPPLIES. CONTACT THE ACADEMY REGARDING THE AVAILABLE PAYMENT PLAN.

THE DAY ACADEMY IS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8AM TO 5 PM.

THE NIGHT ACADEMY IS MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 6PM TO 10PM AND SATURDAY 8AM TO 5PM.

PLEASE CONTACT THE REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY AND TRAINING CENTER AT (956) 364-4507 OR (956) 682-3481 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CASH OR PURCHASE ORDER. PERSONAL CHECKS MAY BE ACCEPTED IF AUTHORIZED BY THE ACADEMY DIRECTOR.