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FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND LAWYERS

Being a police officer is a meaningful and impactful way to serve a community. Becoming a police officer doesn't rely heavily on formal education; in fact, a high school diploma is often the minimum formal education required. An associate's, bachelor's or graduate degree is rarely mandatory. Instead, extensive and specialized training is required. This training is often provided by police academies on the local, regional or state level.

So why get a law enforcement degree? Two reasons: Potential higher pay and better advancement opportunities.

Most local police forces require officer candidates to hold at least a high school diploma or equivalent. Some also require a certain amount of postsecondary education. For example, the Memphis Police Department requires candidates to have an associate's degree or a minimum of 54 semester hours of college credit, although the educational requirement is waived for applicants who were honorably discharged after at least two years of military service.

Getting hired as a cop isn't as simple as filling out an application and having an interview with the human resources department. The application process can be stringent and time consuming. For example, the process at the Philadelphia Police Department includes the application, reading exam, physical fitness test, drug screen, background check, and medical and psychological evaluations before you are accepted into the training program. The San Diego Police Department requires candidates to submit a completed application. Once you submit the application, the City of San Diego testing center processes it within 7 to 10 days. Only after the application is processed will the candidate be allowed to take the city's written test. The SDPD's hiring process usually takes about three to four months.

Each state's Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training or equivalent agency dictates the level of training required to become a cop in that state.

Candidates who make it through the hiring process typically must still graduate from their local police academy before they become full -fledged police officers. Academy training includes classes in firearms, first aid, criminal law, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, physical fitness and report writing. The length of time required completing academy training averaged 21 weeks, or 840 hours, as of 2003, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The Memphis Police Department Academy usually takes 22 weeks, or 880 hours, to complete. San Diego's program lasts six months and requires recruits to train nine hours a day for five days a week. San Diego's recruits can expect to run several days each week and end the program running six miles a day.

Once you graduate from the police academy you might get to wear the badge and carry a gun, but your training is not over. Most police department's pair newly-minted officers with a more experienced partner to continue their on-the-job training. For example, the San Diego Police Department schedules new academy graduates for four additional months of training alongside a Field Training Officer. The Memphis Police Department puts new officers under Field Training Officer supervision for one year. The Philadelphia Police Department has a 30-week training program followed by 18 months of on-the-job probation.

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