



Duties

A Police Officer plays a crucial role in maintaining public safety and enforcing the law. Their duties encompass a wide range of responsibilities, from preventing crime to ensuring justice is upheld within the community. Police officers must respond to emergencies, investigate incidents, and work closely with the public to foster a safe environment. They are expected to uphold ethical standards and represent the law with integrity. Duties can include:

- Enforce laws and regulations to maintain public order.
- Respond to emergencies, accidents, and criminal incidents.
- Investigate crimes and gather evidence for prosecution.
- Conduct routine patrols to prevent and deter crime.
- Build relationships with community members to promote public safety.

Salary Range

The salary range in East Texas for police officers is \$49,090-\$89,440 with a median of \$68,290.

Employment Outlook

Police and sheriff's patrol officer jobs in Texas are expected to increase 13% by 2030, with a projected 5,420 annual job openings.

Information on this page gathered from ONet OnLine and based on 2023 wage data.



Contact Information

Mark Lamb

Director, Law Enforcement Academy

TJC West

Phone: 903-510-2952

Email: Mark.Lamb@TJC.edu

Taylor Bogue

Professor, Law Enforcement Academy

TJC West

Phone: 903-510-2167

Email: Taylor.Bogue@TJC.edu

Kyle Funderburgh

Staff Technician, Law Enforcement Academy

TJC West

Phone: 903-510-2404

Email: Kyle.Funderburgh@TJC.edu

For more information contact us at
LawEnforcementAcademy@TJC.edu

or visit



TJC.edu/LawEnforcement



LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

*Learn everything you need to answer the call
& take the Texas licensing exam*

TJC.edu/LawEnforcement



Become a Police Officer

TJC's Law Enforcement Academy will prepare you for a career in law enforcement.

We will equip you with knowledge of the law and government along with physical conditioning to perform the daily tasks of being a peace officer.

Successful completion of the academy will enable you to take the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) test. Once a student successfully passes the exam along with 3 credit hours at Tyler Junior College, the student may be awarded for up to 12 hours of college credit.

Necessary Skills

- Conflict Resolution
- Critical Thinking
- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Effective Communication

About the Career

Police officers serve as first responders and are essential to maintaining public safety and security. Their duties encompass not only enforcing laws but also building trust with the public, preventing crime, and providing assistance in emergencies.

By fostering safety and order, they contribute significantly to the overall well-being of society. Through their dedicated efforts, TCOLE-certified peace officers help create a secure environment where communities can thrive.

Peace officers are an essential part of society, and those certified by TCOLE may serve in the following roles:

- Entry-level police officer
- Constable
- Deputy sheriff
- Other licensed peace officer positions

Law Enforcement Academy

TCOLE-approved Basic Police Officer Academy with a total of 736 hours of instruction plus additional physical training.

We offer the Law Enforcement Academy multiple times a year. For upcoming schedules, go to TJC.edu/LawEnforcement.

Some of the classes offered in our Academy include:

- Texas Penal Code
- Patrol Skills
- ALERRT Level 1 Training
- Arrest, Search & Seizure

The academy's cost of \$2,400 does not cover the cost of uniforms and other equipment a cadet must provide. Additional expenses such as physicals, drug screening, criminal background checks, and psychological evaluations must be covered by cadet or their sponsoring agency. Independent cadets are responsible for those expenses.

For more information about third-party support and funding opportunities, contact us at LawEnforcementAcademy@TJC.edu