

Basic Police Academy Requirements

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be 20 years of age by the start of the Academy.
- Must be a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
- Must possess a valid Ohio driver's license.
- Must pass Lakeland's Psychological exam prior to acceptance into the Academy.
- Must pass the OPOTC Physical Fitness Assessment evaluation prior to acceptance into the Academy.
- Must pass a Drug Screen test prior to acceptance into the Academy.
- Must not have ANY felony convictions or serious misdemeanors.
- Sealed or expunged felony convictions as an adult and/or juvenile **may exclude** applicant from entering the police academy.
- Must not have a conviction of any domestic violence offense as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2919.25.
- Must not have more than one (1) OVI conviction within the past three (3) years. OVI convictions greatly reduce your potential to be hired by a police department.
- Must not have ANY misdemeanor convictions within the past two (2) years of the start of the application process (minor misdemeanors excluded*).
- Must not have ANY convictions for a sex offense as defined in Ohio Revised Code 2907.
- Must not have ANY convictions for any offense of violence as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2901.01(A)(9).

***Minor Misdemeanors:** On February 19, 2010, the Court of Appeals for the First Appellate District of Ohio in *State v. Robinson*, 2010-Ohio-543, determined that a minor-misdemeanor violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2925.11 (possession of a drug of abuse, to include marijuana) creates a disability prohibiting the possession of a firearm by state standards, unless the person convicted has been relieved from disability. Accordingly, Peace Officer Basic Training candidates who have previously been convicted of minor-misdemeanor possession will be barred from participating in the Academy, unless the disability is relieved by court order.