

## Peace Officer Basic Training Academy

### Age Issues

North Central State College does not have a policy which prohibits recruits under the age of 21 from enrolling in the Peace Officer Basic Training Academy; however, the potential recruit should be made aware of the difficulty of obtaining a job with a police department until he or she is 21 years old.

The following OPOTC standards are in place and should be made known to any potential recruit who is in the age issue window.

#### Enrollment in North Central State College's Peace Officer Basic Training Academy

- Can enroll in the Basic Police academy as long as the recruit is 18 on the first day of class

#### **The following standards apply to all candidates who successfully complete the Basic Police Academy:**

- **They have 1 year after taking and passing the OPOTC final state test to obtain a commission (employment as a police officer) without having to take any further classes.**
- **If hired after the 1 year anniversary of having taken the state test, must have enough time to complete a refresher course before the anniversary date of the test occurs for the second time. If deadline is not met, he/she must repeat entire OPOTC Peace Officer Basic Training Academy course.**
- **If candidate does not receive a commission by the second year anniversary of having sat for the passed the state exam, he/she must successfully complete another OPOTC Basic Police Academy course.**

#### Firearm Procedure for Underage Recruits:

North Central State College furnishes the firearms for Firearms Training in the Police Academy.

#### Hiring After Successful Completion

- Although the college will allow a student less than 21 years of age to enroll, it will be difficult for the graduate to obtain employment as most agencies are designated as civil service and you must be 21 years of age to take civil service exams.
- Some smaller agencies are not civil service and this is where employment can be obtained