



## University of Akron/Summit County Sheriff's Office Police Academy



Thank you for your inquiry about the Basic Peace Officer Training Academy with The University of Akron and Summit County Sheriff's Office.

### **Minimum Requirements to enter the academy:**

- 1) Must have a high school diploma or GED
- 2) Must have a valid driver's license
- 3) Must be in good physical condition. (see link to minimum physical fitness requirements)
- 4) Must have no felony convictions, or any arrests for domestic violence

### **Our Fall 2025 academies**

- 1) Full-time Day Academy: Our Summer academy runs May to August, 2026. Classes meet Mon-Sat from 8-4:30 pm.
- 2) Part-time Evening Academy: Our Summer evening academy runs April to Nov. 2026. Classes meet Mon-Thurs from 6-10 pm & Sun from 8-4:30 pm.

The tuition for the academy is \$5,600 (includes a \$200 registration fee).

We do offer a payment plan:

**Full-time day academy:** \$200 registration fee due with application; \$2,300 due by orientation (which is a week before the academy starts, then \$1,100 by end of first month, \$1,000 by end of second month, and \$1,000 by end of third month)

**Part-time evening academy:** \$200 registration fee due with application; \$1500 due by orientation; \$1,050 by end of first month; \$950 by end of second month, \$950 by end of third month, and \$950 by end of fourth month

Students will be required to purchase the following:

- 1) Academy polo shirt, tshirt, hat, shorts, sweat pants/sweat shirt
- 2) Khaki BDU's, shineable boots, and a leather belt
- 3) A parking pass.
- 4) A copy of the current Ohio Revised Code book.

**Additional application requirements: (all requirements below must be dated within 150 days of the first day of the academy)**

- 1) Get a physical by either a MD, DO, CNP, or PA

- 2) Must pass a 10-panel urine drug screening within 90 days of the start of the academy conducted at SUMMA Corporate Health Center on State Road in Cuyahoga Falls. Cost is \$55.
- 3) Get fingerprinted at the Summit County Jail within 90 days of the start of the academy. There must be no felonies or domestic violence charges on your record. Cost is \$15.

The Basic Police Academy is V.A. approved, so eligible students can use their Montgomery G.I. Bill or Post 9/11 benefits. Please provide a copy of your DD214 Form with your completed application packet.

If you are interested in becoming a Summit County Sheriff's Deputy, they are hiring cadets and paying for them to attend the academy if hired. You will also get paid while attending the academy. Go to <https://sheriff.summitoh.net/pages/Academy-Qualifications.html>, for more information.

We are also a certified training program through Ohio Means Jobs. If you qualify financially, you can get financial assistance which includes: tuition, uniform, drug screen, finger prints, ORC Handbook.

Cadets have 2 years from the date of the state exam to obtain a commission. If after 1 year you do not secure a commission, you will be required to take a refresher course, and if after 2 years you do not secure a commission, you will be required to retake the entire academy.

**For more information, go to our website at [www.uakron.edu/police-academy](http://www.uakron.edu/police-academy). Check back often to see when applications come out.**