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Where/how to get training

Law Enforcement is the most diversified Public Service Career. The Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) Program provides the training necessary to receive certification through the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division in order to become a Law Enforcement Officer in North Carolina. The BLET Program at Johnston Community College is full time, 40+ hours per week, and lasts approximately 15 weeks. This provides 18 Semester Hours college credit.

Jobs Available

- Police Officer
- Sheriff's Deputy
- Company Police Officer
- Investigator

Scholarship Information

Scholarships at Johnston Community College are provided by a number of organizations and individuals. The College also cooperates with a number of agencies and organizations for other types of assistance, such as the Federal Pell Grant, Workforce Investment Act and Vocational Rehabilitation Financial Assistance. For more information on scholarships, contact the College's Office of Financial Aid at 919-209-2028. Similar scholarships are also available at Wake Tech.

Recommended High School Classes

- English
- Political Science
- Social Science
- Biology
- Physical Science
- Math

Future job opportunities

Law Enforcement career opportunities are rapidly expanding due to the current world situation.

What you wear



Typically, Law Enforcement Officers wear uniforms on the job. Plain-clothes assignments require officers to wear a variety of clothing ranging from suits to blue jeans.



For more information on federal financial aid programs, call (800) 4-FEDAID

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Law enforcement officers are trained to respond to high-risk incidents such as barricaded subjects and hostage situations, conduct high-risk searches, and often act as the entry team in the service of warrants.

Are you committed to the prevention of crime? Are you driven by goals to enhance your community? The "Law Enforcement" career path has an unlimited numbers of jobs that are available in North Carolina. The City of Raleigh, for example, has the Special Operations Division that includes Drug Enforcement, Crime Prevention, Park Police Patron, the Impact Squad and Community Police Assistance Stations.

The Impact Squad patrols by vehicle, horse, foot, bicycle or Cushman to provide police protection in selected areas that are not easily accessible for the uniform patrol units.

Most small communities in North Carolina recruit from graduates of community college programs. Many of the larger towns may require candidates to attend their own "Police Academy." However, previous training from a community college program will show initiative and interest in becoming a police officer.



Extensive training is conducted during training and throughout most of the year. Competing in various types of events help to maintain a continuous state of readiness.

Skills required

Law Enforcement Officers must have mastery of a variety of skills. Academic course work includes; Constitutional, Criminal, Juvenile and Civil Law, Motor Vehicle and Traffic Enforcement, Communication Skills, etc. Practical Skills mastery includes; Firearms, Driver's Training, Physical Fitness, and Subject Control and Arrest Techniques.

Activity

Law Enforcement Officers are required to perform their duties in a variety of circumstances and environments. Law Enforcement Officers must be adaptable, quick thinking and resilient.



Want to know more?

Johnston Community College
919-934-3051
www.johnston.cc.nc.us

Wake Technical Community College
919-662-3500
www.wake.tec.nc.us

Jobs in the Field

Job Titles	Place of Work	Kind of Work	Average Salary*
Police Officer I	Community	Enforces Criminal Laws	\$26,000+
Sheriff's Deputy	Community/Courts	Enforces Criminal/Civil Laws	\$26,000+
Company Police Officer	Private Enterprise	Enforcement on behalf of private clients.	\$24,000+
Investigator	Office/Field	Check the legitimacy of claims	\$35,000+

*These are average starting salaries. Salaries may vary widely depending upon prior experience, specific position and size of employer.

Profile

Jason Guseman
Smithfield, NC



Guseman graduated from Berne Union High School, Lancaster, Ohio, in 1989. After graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Germany and in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War. In 1993, Mr. Guseman was stationed at Fort Bragg, where he joined the 82nd Airborne Division as part of the infantry unit, graduating from Jump Master School.

In 1986, Guseman was given an honorable discharge from the army and moved with his wife, Karen, to Smithfield, NC. He enjoyed the regimented life that the military offered and, after three years working as an electrician, he decided that he wanted to work with the Johnston County Sheriff's Office as a jailer. He felt his experience in the army would help him work with inmates in a positive way. While working as a jailer, he learned about processing and overseeing inmates. He said, "I was still not completely satisfied with my career choice and that is when I decided that my future would be as a Johnston County Sheriff's Deputy. I felt that this career would give me a feeling of personal success and accomplishment." He learned that Johnston Community College (JCC) had one of the most comprehensive and respected programs in Basic Law Enforcement. It was a three-month commitment devoted to training and preparation for certification as a sheriff's deputy. While in training, Guseman won awards in Physical Training and Firearms Qualifying. He was taught professionalism, patience, and fairness that are required to do a difficult and rewarding job as a deputy.

Since joining the Johnston County Sheriff's Department in April 2001, Guseman has attended JCC to take a variety of courses to extend his training and certification in law enforcement. Guseman said, "I feel that I have been given a wonderful opportunity to attend JCC and to represent the Johnston County Sheriff's Department as a deputy. Hard work and determination do make dreams come true."

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