



# READING POLICE ACADEMY

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Dear Prospective Cadet:

The Reading Police Academy is located on the campus of Alvernia University, Francis Hall, 400 Saint Bernardine Street Reading, Pennsylvania. The Academy has been certified since 1976 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission to teach the basic police officer curriculum. The Reading Police Academy is owned by the City of Reading and operated by the Reading Police Department.

The Basic Training Course as prescribed by Act 120, is designed to provide students with the initial skills necessary to begin their police careers. The Act 120 course is required training for all Pennsylvania municipal police officers. Two types of students attend the academy. The first are newly hired police officers enrolled to satisfy the requirements of Act 120. The second are pre-service students who are not hired by a police department. The pre-service students are taking the course in the hopes of enhancing their chances of police employment.

The course consists of 820 hours and is completed in a 20-week program. Classes run from 0700-1600 hours, Monday through Friday with few exceptions and can last until 1700 hours on testing dates. A 1/2 hour is provided for lunch. Prospective students should be aware that the Reading Police Academy operates as a structured paramilitary school and the course is both academically and physically challenging.

It is important that all applicants are aware of the physical training standards and be able to meet the minimum standard to gain admission into the program. A copy of the Cooper Institute standards is provided in the application packet. Applicants failing to meet the standard **will not be accepted** into the program.

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Additional information is available at:

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