

Butte College Law Enforcement Academy FAQ

- Butte College Law Enforcement Academy will accept up to 50 recruits.
- Sponsored recruits are given priority; any remaining seats will go to eligible self-sponsored recruits.
- A Pellet-B score of 42 or higher is required to be eligible; a T-Score of 42 will not necessarily assure you a spot in the academy.

- A practice test can be found at https://post.ca.gov/portals/0/post_docs/publications/poWrittenPracticeTest.pdf

*Butte College Law Enforcement Academy accepts T-scores up to 3-years old. If you have taken the test several times, we only consider the highest score on file. If you have taken the test with an outside agency, please submit your score on official letterhead.

- The academy is physically demanding with Physical Training multiple times a week. Applicants are required to pass the 1.5 Mile run in 15 minutes or less prior to entrance.
- Accepted recruits will run a 1.5 mile run on the first day of the academy. It is important that applicants prepare for the 23 week program.
- California Government Code Section 1031.4 states that any peace officer employed by an agency that participates in the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) program shall be at least 21 years of age at the time of appointment.

* Those individuals that still wish to attend who are not 21 at the time of the application will need to be 21 upon completion. Example: The academy begins in January and the applicant is 20; his/her birthday will need to fall prior to the June graduation date.

Frequently Asked Questions for Veterans Attending the Academy

CAN I USE MY GI BILL FOR THE ACADEMY?

- a. Yes. The Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay for tuition and fees, book stipend, and a monthly payment based on the local housing rates. For information on the rates look at: <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>
- *Example of what is paid for:*
 - *Mandatory tuition and fees charged by the College*
 - *Book stipend up to \$1000- to help with non-mandatory fees (uniforms, ammo, etc.)*
 - *Monthly Housing Allowance- Living Expenses*
 - *Does NOT pay for:*
 - *Fees not charged by the College (laptop, ammo, uniforms, and other expenses)*
 - *Out of State Fees*

CAN I STILL USE MY GI BILL IF I AM SPONSORED?

- a. Yes. The Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay for the book stipend, and monthly housing. However, it will not pay for Tuition and Fees if you are sponsored.

CAN I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE COSTS?

- a. Yes. Our office highly recommends applying for Financial Aid. If you are eligible for Financial Aid, you can collect both the GI Bill and Financial Aid. This also applies if you are sponsored. Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA) at: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DROP THE ACADEMY OR DO NOT PASS A SECTION?

- a. If a student using Veterans Benefits is dropped from the Academy, the student will owe the VA back all amounts received to include (Housing, Book Stipend, and Tuition/ Fees).
- b. If the student is dropped due to mitigating circumstances, the student may be waived from paying back fees. Contact our office for assistance with this process.

Contact us if you have a question

Butte College Veterans Services Office

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Self-Sponsored Application Process

- Apply by submitting an Application of Interest.
- Sign up for the Pellet-B or submit a passing score of 42 or higher on official letter head from the department it was taken with.
- Attend a mandatory orientation and 1.5 mile run and finish in 15 minutes or less.
- Self-Sponsored selections are made after agencies conclude their hiring processes. Remaining seats are given to those who attended the orientation and have a passing Pellet-B Score

Sponsored vs. Self -Sponsored

Sponsored: Hired by an agency (has passed all department requirements: background, medical, psych, etc.). All academy related fees paid.

Self-Sponsored: Not hired by an agency. Has met Butte College Academy requirements: Pellet-B score 42 or higher, attended orientation and completed the 1.5 mile run under 15 minutes, age 21 upon completion of course. Responsible for all course related fees.

Recruitment Opportunities

During the 23 weeks of the academy there are many hiring opportunities. Agencies from all over Northern and Central California come and present to those who are non-affiliated. Recruits are encouraged to apply while attending.

Quick Tip for Applying:

Filling out a Personal History Statement is a requirement for most agencies. The document is 33 pages total and can be time consuming; information can date back 10 years or since the age of 15. It would be in the applicant's best interest to retain a copy of the completed document. Background investigators will compare documents submitted for the academy versus what was submitted to the agency for hiring. Forgetting information that was previously filled out can be considered an omission.

Please follow the link for a fillable version of the Personal History Statement-

https://post.ca.gov/portals/0/post_docs/publications/2-251-phsPeaceOfficers.pdf

How to search for hiring agencies-

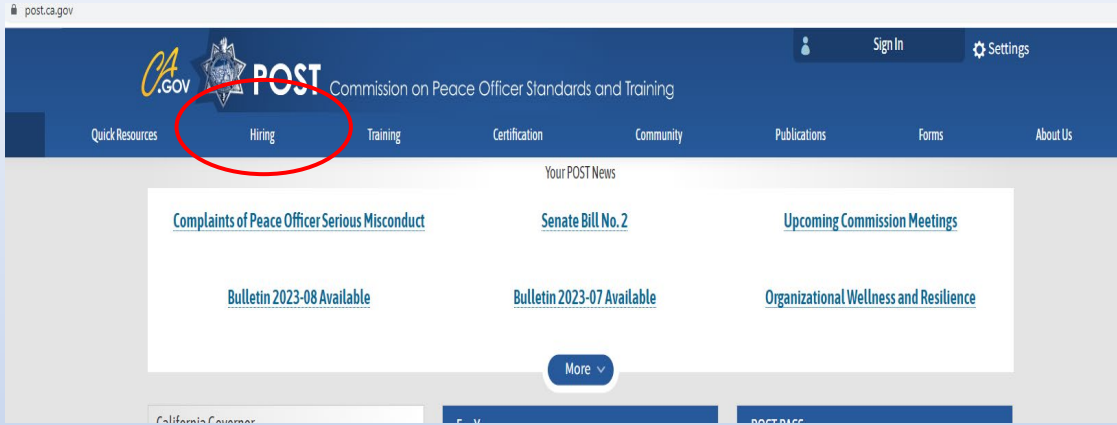
Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T) maintains a database that shows agencies that are hiring by Agency. This tool allows potential applicants to view all current vacancies in California.

<https://post.ca.gov/law-enforcement-jobs>

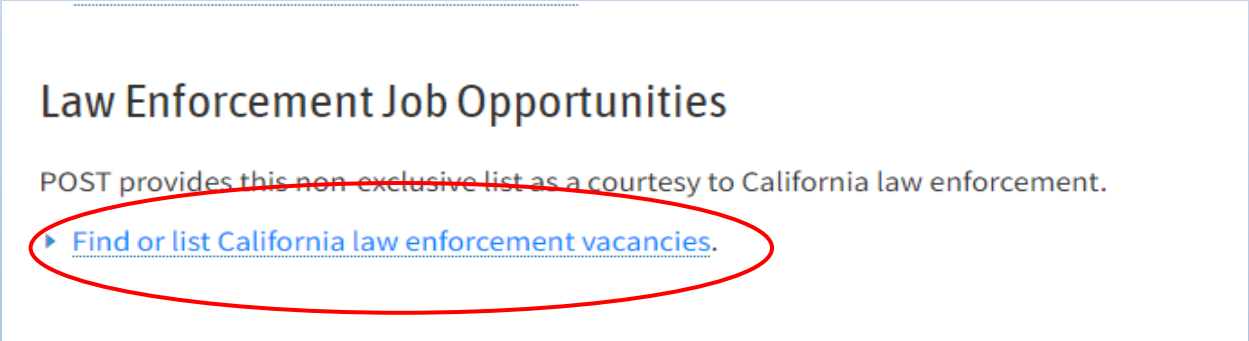
*Please note if you are trying to get into an academy as a Sponsored recruit the hiring process can take several months to complete. Butte College Law Enforcement Academy runs twice a year; one in January and one in July.

Navigating the P.O.S.T website

Go to <https://post.ca.gov/> and select the **Hiring** icon



Select Law Enforcement Job Opportunities



Agencies are listed alphabetically and sponsored positions are labeled as **Trainee**

Paradise, Town of	Police Officer Trainee	Continuous
Paradise, Town of	Police Officer (Academy Graduate)	Continuous