

FARGO POLICE ACADEMY

Course Descriptions

Academy Orientation/Introduction

This course will provide students with an introduction to the Fargo Police Department Academy. Training objectives, rules, standards, and other orientation material will be covered.

Police Training Officer Program

Students will receive training on adult learning concepts and how they apply to the FPD Police Training Officer program.

Criminal Law

The purpose of this block of instruction is to provide officers with knowledge of the criminal statutes in the North Dakota Century Code and how to apply that knowledge to the day to day activities of a North Dakota law enforcement officer.

Traffic Law

This block of instruction will present the various definitions found in Title 39 of the North Dakota Century Code dealing with vehicles and their application in law enforcement. Students will also learn City of Fargo Municipal Code applicable to policing.

Intelligence Led Policing/COP/Crime Prevention

This course will enable the basic recruit to understand the complexities of informants and intelligence, as well as realizing that informants can be utilized and cultivated by patrol officers. Students will also learn current crime prevention strategies used by the FPD.

Cultural Awareness

This course is designed to introduce the student to different types of cultures and issues that a police officer may have to deal with in the course of their duties.

Crisis Intervention Training

The purpose of this instruction is to introduce the student to the basic skills and practices which will enable the officer to bring disputes under control, manage conflict and recognize/handle situations involving persons in crisis.

Juvenile Justice

Students will develop a basic understanding of the philosophy and purpose behind the North Dakota juvenile laws.

Criminal Investigations

This block of instruction will provide students with the knowledge on safely and effectively responding to criminal incidents, the related statutes and services available for victims. Students will also learn current criminal investigative techniques and procedures that are in use today.

Interview and Interrogation

This course is designed to give the student an overview of the interview and interrogation process. The student will understand the difference, and the importance of both.

Emotional Health and Stress Management

This course is designed to provide the participant with a basic concept of stress and the effects of stress on the human body's physical, mental and emotional well-being.

Crime Scene Investigation

This block of instruction is to provide the students with the knowledge and techniques used in the identifying, collecting, and processing of evidence from a crime scene.

Case Presentation

This course is designed to provide the student with clear and concise techniques and procedures to effectively prepare for and testify in civil and/or criminal court.

Academy Physical Fitness

The purpose of this block of instruction is to provide the students with a program of development to maintain/increase their physical fitness performance levels.

Narcotics Investigations

This block of instruction will provide students with information on the identification of controlled substances commonly encountered in North Dakota. Students will also learn the related criminal laws and steps to be taken into safe handling of the controlled substances.

Motor Vehicle Crash Investigations

This block of instruction will provide the student with a basic level of understanding and competency in conducting a traffic accident investigation. The student will also be able to recognize the pertinent evidence available at the scene of the accident.

Impaired Operator Investigations

The purpose of this instruction is to provide the students with a working knowledge of the procedures, laws and techniques for the detection, apprehension and processing of a driver who is impaired from the use of alcohol or other substance.

Search and Seizure

Students will have a basic understanding of applicable 4th Amendment Provisions and how to apply these provisions in practice as a police officer.

Patrol Procedures

This course will provide the student with the techniques and skills for patrol preparation such as equipment checks and patrol planning. This course will also cover current skills and practices utilized during patrol activities.

Crowd Management

This block of instruction is intended to provide the student with the basic understanding of police crowd and riot control procedures.

Street Crime Investigation

This course will give the student officer a basic understanding of the gangs most common to North Dakota. The student will be able to recognize the signs and colors most commonly associated with these gangs.

Room Clearing Tactics

Students will learn how to properly identify, respond to, and resolve an active threat situation, in addition to safe building search tactics.

Patrol Communications and Technology

This block of instruction will teach students the information and techniques required for the efficient and skillful use of the police radio and related equipment and technology.

Hazardous Materials

To provide students with training that complies with Federal, State, and local standards and procedures for Level I Hazardous Materials response.

Defensive Tactics

This block of instruction will provide students with techniques and procedures to effectively protect themselves from injury in the course of their duties.

Law Enforcement Firearms

This block of instruction will provide students with the knowledge and skill requisite to the safe and proficient use of their duty weapons.

Emergency Vehicle Operations

This course will provide information that supports a need for advanced emergency vehicle drivers training for police officers.

Law Enforcement First Aid

The purpose of this block of instruction is to provide the necessary information and techniques for the caring for injured persons encountered until emergency medical services can arrive.

Civil Process and Handling Arrests

Students will become familiar with the types of civil pleadings usually served and enforced by law enforcement officers.