

## PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMIES

Prepare for a rewarding career in law enforcement, firefighting or corrections through the public safety training academies.

For more information: <https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/admissions/program-requirements/public-safety-academies-admissions>

### **Corrections Academy – 420 hours**

Florida CMS Correctional Basic Recruit training program.

The Corrections Academy provides the training you need to pass the Florida Department of Law Enforcement State Certification Examination and become a correctional officer. You can serve in local sheriffs' departments, Florida Department of Corrections facilities and private correctional companies. Our academy is held at our FDLE approved training center and uses the curriculum of the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC).

<https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/degrees-training/public-safety-public-policy-and-legal-studies/public-safety/corrections-academy>

### **Law Enforcement Academy – 790 hours**

Train to become a certified police officer in our FDLE-approved training center.

The Law Enforcement Academy gives you the training you need to pass the Florida Department of Law Enforcement State Officer Certification Examination and become a police officer. SPC's Southeastern Public Safety Institute is an approved FDLE training center and uses the curriculum of the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC). These courses count toward subplans of our A.S. degree in Criminal Justice Technology, which transfer to our bachelor's degree in Public Safety Administration.

<https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/degrees-training/public-safety-public-policy-and-legal-studies/public-safety/law-enforcement-academy>

### **Equivalency of Training Academy – 60 – 76 hours**

Out-of-state, federal, military, or previously certified Florida officers train to become a certified law enforcement or corrections officer in the state of Florida.

Our Equivalency of Training Academy is for out-of-state officers, federal officers, military personnel and previously certified Florida officers with a break of service of more than four years. (See Florida Statutes 943.131(2) and Florida Administrative Code 11B-35.009(4)(5).) This EOT Academy exempts you from having to complete the full basic recruit academy and qualifies you to sit for the Florida State Officer Certification Examination (SOCE).

<https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/degrees-training/public-safety-public-policy-and-legal-studies/public-safety/equivalency-of-training-academy>

### **Firefighting Academy – 450 hours**

Our academy is certified as a fire training center by the Florida Bureau of Fire Standards and Training.

As a firefighter, you often risk your life to protect the public. The St. Petersburg College Firefighting Academy prepares you for a challenging and rewarding career as a firefighter at its cutting-edge Fire and Public Safety Training Center. Once you complete the academy courses, you receive a certificate of completion and are qualified to take the state Firefighter II certification exams.

<https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/degrees-training/public-safety-public-policy-and-legal-studies/public-safety/firefighting-academy>

### **Combined Firefighter / EMT - 792 hours**

This combined academy provides the necessary training to become certified firefighters as well as licensed Emergency Medical Technicians. It is not designed for those who are currently certified/licensed as either firefighters or EMTs. Students in this program first complete the Firefighting Academy and then the EMT course.

<https://courses.spcollege.edu/DegreeProgram/FFEM-PSAV>

### **Public Safety Telecommunications Certificate - 244 hours**

In partnership with Pinellas County Safety and Emergency Services and several local agencies, this six-week training includes CPR certification. The program is designed to meet the need for telecommunicators in 911 call centers serving as police, fire, and emergency medical services dispatchers. It includes 12 additional clock hours over two days that supports state exam review.

<https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/degrees-training/public-safety-public-policy-and-legal-studies/public-safety/public-safety-telecommunication-certificate>