



# **Criminal Justice Academy Candidate Requirements**

In order to attend the Academy, you must meet the FDLE requirements listed below. In compliance with Florida Statute 943.13, all applicants must:

- ◆ Be 19 years of age or older
- ◆ Be a U.S. Citizen
- ◆ Have a valid Florida driver's license
- ◆ Completed the criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) with a passing score (72 for Corrections, 79 for Law Enforcement)
- ◆ High School diploma or GED equivalent
- ◆ Medical Physical exam
- ◆ Students must have a physician's approval to participate in physically strenuous activity and exposure to oleo-resin capsicum (OC) and/or orthochlorobenzal-malonotrite (CS).
- ◆ Background investigation by school through Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- ◆ Have never been convicted of any felony charge.

- ◆ Not have been convicted of any felony or of a misdemeanor involving perjury or false statement. Any person who, after July 1, 1981, pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, a felony, or of a misdemeanor involving perjury or a false statement, shall not be eligible for employment or appointment as an officer, notwithstanding suspension of sentence or withholding of adjudication.
- ◆ Have good physical agility and hand-eye coordination.
- ◆ Never have received a dishonorable discharge from any of the Armed Forces of the United States.
- ◆ Be of good moral character.
- ◆ Pass a random drug screening.

Additionally, all applicants must be eligible to possess a firearm and participate in firearms training pursuant to the Federal Firearms Law 18 U.S.C. 922, the Gun Control Act of 1967 and the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997. Amendments to the Gun Control Act of 1968 make it unlawful for any person convicted of a "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" to ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms or ammunition. The amendments also make it unlawful for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of a firearm or ammunition to any person knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe, that the recipient has been convicted of such a misdemeanor. The new prohibitions apply to all persons, including law enforcement officers.