

CMPA Basic Academy Restructured for Spring 2017

As has been previously announced, the Central Missouri Police Academy (CMPA) is expanding its Basic Academy format by **going from 650 hours per academy, to approximately 820 hours per academy**, beginning in January 2017; the exact hours have not yet been determined.

This restructuring includes expansion on some of the POST required 600 hour curricula, and the addition of many new, supplemental classes. Our Basic Academy students will receive intermediate, and some advanced level courses that many officers will not receive throughout their careers. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from agencies that have hired our graduates, and we are very happy with developments over the last three years. As we continue to grow, restructuring will put our Academy at the level we believe it should be, and it will make our graduates even more valuable. We understand the dire need of law enforcement agencies when it comes not only to numbers of applicants, but more importantly, the quality of applicants.

In the last year, we have had several new agencies sponsor students to the CMPA. We are very pleased with their decision to do so, and want to encourage all interested agencies to do so by announcing that the ***tuition for the expanded Academy will not be increased***. The University of Central Missouri has provided a great deal of support in both spirit and financial assistance, which allows us to keep our prices down. If an agency sponsors a student to our Academy, under the new curriculum structure, the result will be a more highly trained, new law enforcement officer.

Finally, we want to remind all agencies and in-service officers that you can attend our Basic Academy classes to earn continuing education credits. These courses are great refreshers, and as of January, advanced level courses will also be available through the Basic Academy. Our training schedule is posted on our web site a year in advance. At \$9.00 per hour, these courses are very affordable. We are limited by space, so we must book in-service officers based on availability at any given time.

Call if you have a specific need, as there is a good chance we can accommodate requests. Once the expanded Academy kicks off in January, we plan to focus on expanding our continuing education efforts. We have added some new continuing education courses for the fall. These courses will be offered under the title of the *Institute for Public Safety*, the division title for the CMPA. For more information please contact the CMPA at: 660-543-4090.