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Basic Recruit/Alternate Route Academy

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Aspiring police officers who do not have a municipality promising them work can enroll in the Passaic County Police Academy paying their own way through an alternate route training program.

Applications are available beginning September 2, 2008 and must be submitted before September 26, 2008. The academy is scheduled to begin on February 23, 2009. This program gives would-be-officers a better shot at employment as they become eligible for full police certification as a result of graduations. Passaic County Police Academy is one of eight police academies offering this program throughout the state.

Robert A. Lyons, Director of the Passaic County Police Academy, says the program saves tax dollars by allowing aspiring officers to pay their own tuition. The alternate route program has no guarantee of employment, but increases a civilian's chance of being hired by certain departments.

Director Lyons says, although the investment seems substantial, the payoff can be worth it. Studies have shown that 98% of all Alternate Route Candidates were subsequently hired for law enforcement jobs.

Alternate Route applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have at least 60 college credits or 2 years military service at the time of testing. To be eligible for selection, the candidates must pass written, oral, physical and psychological exams, as well as an agility test and a background check.

Applications must be picked up in person, Monday through Friday, from September 2, 2008, 2008 through September 19, 2008. Deadline for submitting completed application along with fees is **September 26, 2008**.

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