



MDPSTI Independent Police Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the dates for the first Independent Police Academy?

The MDPSTI's first Independent Police Academy class is scheduled to commence on Monday, January 23, 2012.

How long does it take to complete the academy?

The IPA takes approximately 6 ½ months to complete before graduation.

What are the academy training/reporting days and times?

The Independent Police Academy is a full-time Monday thru Friday academy with hours primarily consisting of 7am-4pm. However, hours may vary based on curriculum requirements which may mandate some evening blocks of instruction.

Will you be offering a part-time academy?

As of this time only a full-time academy is being offered. Future plans may include a part-time academy but not as of this time. We encourage that you visit our website periodically at www.mdpdtraining.com for the latest academy information and updates, including information on upcoming classes.

What is the tuition cost and does it need to be paid prior to starting the academy?

The IPA tuition costs are \$5,000.00. The tuition fee can be paid in full prior to commencement of the academy; otherwise a 50/25/25 payment plan is available. 50% (\$2,500) is due prior to the academy commencement date, 25% (\$1,250) is due 30 days after commencement of the academy and the final 25% (\$1,250) is due 60 days after commencement of the academy.

Are there any other fees to be paid outside of the \$5,000 tuition cost?

Yes, in addition to the tuition fee, applicants are required to cover the costs of all screening tests to include: Basic Abilities Test, fingerprint clearance check, medical exam, psychological exam, polygraph exam and Physical Abilities Test. Testing fees are subject to change but total costs usually average near \$450.00. Exact testing costs are provided to applicants during their scheduled orientation day.

Do you accept the military GI Bill?

Yes

How many classes will you offer per year?

It is expected that the MDPSTI will offer up to 2 Independent Police Academy classes per year. The first class will commence on January 23, 2012, while the second class is expected to commence in the summer of 2012. An exact starting date for the second IPA class has not yet been finalized. We encourage that you visit our website periodically at www.mdpdtraining.com for the latest academy information and updates, including information on upcoming classes.

Once I submit my registration packet, do I need to contact the MDPSTI for additional information or updates?

No. In the event that your registration packet is found to be incomplete or in need of clarification, you will be contacted directly by MDPSTI staff. Otherwise, MDPSTI staff will contact you once your background check is complete in order to schedule you for an upcoming orientation session.

Where can I obtain an academy Registration Packet and where do I submit it once complete?

A Registration Packet can be downloaded directly from the MDPSTI website located at www.mdpdtraining.com. Follow the Independent Police Academy hyperlink for access to the Registration Packet, as well as future academy training announcements and all other academy related information. Completed packets need to be hand delivered to:

Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute
9601 NW 58 Street, Building 100
Doral, Fl
Ph #305-715-5000

May I still submit my Registration Packet even after the listed application deadline date?

Yes. However, applications submitted after our listed deadline date(s) will only be processed for future academy classes. The MDPSTI also reserves the right to stop accepting applications for future classes at any time.

Will attending the MDPSTI's Independent Police Academy result in an employment opportunity within the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD)?

NO!!! The sole purpose of the IPA is to allow attendees an opportunity to receive a State of Florida FDLE Law Enforcement Certification. In no way is participation in the IPA intended to be an offer for employment within the MDPD. For inquiries regarding future employment opportunities within the MDPD, concerned parties are encouraged to contact the MDPD Personnel Management Bureau.