

Basic Course for Class Two Special Law Enforcement Officers

Essex County Police Academy

The **Basic Course for Class Two Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO II)** is approved by the **New Jersey Police Training Commission (PTC)** and consists of more than **450 hours of mandated law enforcement training**.

The program is designed to provide appointed Class Two Special Law Enforcement Officers with the knowledge, skills, physical conditioning, and practical training necessary to perform their authorized law enforcement duties in accordance with New Jersey law and Police Training Commission standards.

Training Schedule

The SLEO II program is conducted primarily during **evening and weekend hours**.

Classes are generally scheduled as follows:

- **Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- **Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- **Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Additional training dates or hours may be scheduled when necessary to satisfy curriculum, testing, practical exercise, firearms, physical training, or other Police Training Commission requirements.

Recruits are expected to attend all scheduled training and comply with all Academy attendance requirements.

Eligibility and Appointment

Applicants must meet the applicable entry qualifications established by New Jersey law and the New Jersey Police Training Commission.

Prior to attending the Essex County Police Academy, an applicant **must first be appointed as a Class Two Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO II) or other qualifying position by an authorized sending law enforcement agency**.

Applicants who have not been properly appointed and sponsored by an authorized agency will not be accepted for enrollment.

Registration

Law enforcement agencies seeking to enroll an appointed recruit may request a complete application and registration package from the **Essex County Police Academy**.

The completed application package, including all required forms and supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Academy **no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduled start of the class**, unless otherwise directed by the Academy.

Important Registration Notice

Individuals cannot register themselves for this course. All recruits must be appointed, sponsored, and registered by an authorized law enforcement agency.

Submission of an application package does not constitute final acceptance into the program. All recruits must satisfy applicable eligibility, medical, documentation, and Police Training Commission requirements prior to enrollment.

Training Standards

The SLEO II program includes classroom instruction, practical exercises, scenario-based training, physical conditioning, firearms training, defensive tactics, examinations, and performance evaluations as required by the New Jersey Police Training Commission.

Recruits are expected to meet all applicable **academic, physical fitness, firearms, practical skills, attendance, conduct, and performance standards** throughout the program.

Recruits must also demonstrate the professionalism, discipline, integrity, judgment, and ethical conduct expected of New Jersey law enforcement officers.

Agency Information

Law enforcement agencies interested in enrolling an appointed SLEO II recruit should contact the **Essex County Police Academy** for current class dates, availability, application materials, tuition and fees, and enrollment requirements.

All registration and enrollment matters must be coordinated through the recruit's appointing law enforcement agency.