Victor Valley College

Regional Public Safety Training Center

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**About the Center:**

The Regional Public Safety Training Center is deeply committed to Victor Valley College’s mission to deliver high quality learning and learning related services to students and the community we serve. Our top priority is to provide educational, vocational, and technical training that will lead to transfer to a university, specialized employment, or career advancement.

All the programs offered at the Regional Public Safety Training Center, the P.O.S.T. Modular Law Enforcement Academies, and our Criminal Justice Academic program, are flexible to meet the constantly changing training needs of the criminal justice professions. These needs are generally established collectively by the affected Municipal, County, and State criminal justice agencies / entities.

State certification standards for police officers via P.O.S.T. and the criminal justice field in general are constantly in transition to meet the ever-changing demands placed upon the field in the State of California.

**Our Programs:**

***Police Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Modular Academies and PC 832 courses.***

The Modular Law Enforcement Academies are designed to satisfy all State of California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requirements for students wanting to be hired by law enforcement agencies as Level II or III reserves or for those who must have the PC 832 status for applicable jobs.

The Modular Law Enforcement Academies (Module III and II) are 16-week intensive courses that are best described as college courses with strict para-military discipline. Students attending the academies will be academically and physically challenged, as well as being faced with solving complex problems in a highly stressful, disciplined, and structured environment. Recruits receive rigorous and challenging training in all phases of law enforcement. Prior to graduation, recruits must demonstrate acceptable proficiency in:

* Human relations & communication skills
* Problem solving
* Job knowledge
* Professional reasoning
* Physical Fitness
* Firearms
* Emergency Vehicle Operations
* Arrest and Control skills
* Scenario skills
* Report Writing

The standards and values of the Law Enforcement Academies are high and very demanding. Those who are willing and capable of meeting the standards in academics, leadership ability, tactical skills, general performance, and physical ability will be certified to join the ranks of professional law enforcement.

All graduating students will be able to meet or exceed the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) professional standards and successfully pass all written and practical skill tests required for a California peace officer. Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to perform the duties and responsibilities of a peace officer based upon principles of ethics, integrity, honesty, courage, self-discipline, determination, teamwork, compassion, and the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

***Associate Degree in Criminal Justice***

The associate degree in Criminal Justice is considered an educational foundation if your goal is to pursue a career in the law, law enforcement, probation, parole, or investigations. Depending on your career interest, a bachelor’s degree may be required for employment. Many law enforcement and probation positions require a higher level of education.

Our degree program is designed to provide you with a pathway leading to a bachelor’s degree by offering four areas of emphasis:

* Law Enforcement
* Corrections
* Forensics
* Criminology

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement covers a broad range of career opportunities and depending on your interest; there are a variety of pathways you can choose.

CORRECTIONS

The field of Corrections includes employment opportunities with federal, state and local parole, probation and correctional agencies. Probation and Parole officers supervise adult or juvenile offenders in community-based corrections programs. Correctional officers work in prisons, jails, or youth detention centers; supervising inmates while in custody serving sentences or awaiting trial.

FORENSICS

Those whose emphasis is in forensics will be trained in the scientific process, helping solve crimes by collecting and analyzing physical evidence and other facts found at a crime scene.

CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology is primarily a research or teaching-based profession and involves the study of crime theories and the impact of criminal behavior on the criminal justice system and society.