

## SUCCESS STORIES FROM VETERANS:

*"The ILETSB Intern Program I feel gave me a great advantage in the hiring process. It put me leaps and bounds above other applicants. The Southwestern Illinois Police Academy is a great institution and I believe without the ILETSB Intern Program I would not be where I am today."*

**Deputy C. Boling**  
Williamson County Sheriff's Office

*"As many applicants experience, getting your foot in the door at a department can be hard. Especially for smaller departments without a budget to pay for recruit training. The ILETSB Intern Program offers the opportunity for aspiring applicants to earn their certificate and make themselves more marketable in a very competitive profession. I can honestly say without a doubt in my mind, I may not be where I am today if it wasn't for the ILETSB Intern Program."*

**CPO William C. Mueller No. 491**  
Illinois Conservation Police  
Region II District IV

*"After separating from the military it was always my plan to become a police officer. The ILETSB Intern Program made it possible to take the next step in achieving my goal. The opportunity to complete the police academy, and possess a certificate, made me so much more marketable in a very competitive field. Having Veterans Affairs benefits pay for not only the program but also supplying a housing allowance made it all possible. I was fortunate enough to be hired by the Fairview Heights Police Department before I graduated from the academy. There is no doubt in my mind that without having completed the academy before the hiring process I would not have been offered this position."*

**Patrolman Zachary Adrian DSN 2104**  
Fairview Height Police Department



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### For an application or information:

[www.swicpa.com/intern.htm](http://www.swicpa.com/intern.htm)  
[swic.edu/police-intern](http://swic.edu/police-intern)  
618-235-2700, ext. 5396  
Fax: 618-236-1094

### For veterans benefits:

[swic.edu/veterans](http://swic.edu/veterans)  
618-235-2700, ext. 5226

### For scholarships, grants, loans and employment:

[swic.edu/financial-aid](http://swic.edu/financial-aid)  
618-235-2700, ext. 5288



## ATTENTION VETERANS:

# A Career in LAW ENFORCEMENT Could be Yours!



Illinois Law Enforcement Training  
and  
Standards Board Intern Program

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE  
**Police Academy**

**Veterans, you can train for a challenging and rewarding career in law enforcement through the ILETSB Intern Training Program at the SWIC Police Academy and be qualified to work as a police officer or sheriff's deputy.**

### **How does the ILETSB Intern Police Academy Training Program work?**

Through the Illinois Law Enforcement Intern Training Act, qualified individuals may apply to the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy and attend the required Basic Law Enforcement Training Course. Traditionally, peace officers are hired by a law enforcement agency and then sent to a police academy for training. Now, qualified civilians pay their own tuition and are trained prior to employment. Law enforcement agencies will then have the opportunity to hire police academy-trained individuals ready for service.

### **What are the benefits?**

While completion of the ILETSB Intern Training Program does not guarantee employment with a law enforcement agency, there is a strong interest by police agencies to hire select individuals who have completed the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course.

- Tuition and housing covered by the Illinois Veteran's Grant and GI Bill for qualified applicants.
- Earn college credit that may be applied to the SWIC Administration of Justice Associate in Applied Science degree program.

### **Academy Statistics**

90-95% of interns have been hired as part-time or full-time peace officers...one-third are veterans!

100% SUCCESS ON STATE CERTIFICATION TEST



### **The ILETSB Intern Police Academy Training Program**

The program is 10 weeks of intensive academic and physical training. The course includes all aspects of basic law enforcement such as legal issues, citizen interaction, communications, investigations, firearms, and defensive tactics. Once you have completed the program and passed the State Certification Exam, you will be eligible for employment as a law enforcement officer.

### **ILETSB Intern Police Academy Program REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum 21 years of age
- High school diploma or GED
- United States citizenship
- Health insurance
- Illinois Firearms Owner Identification Card
- Valid Illinois driver's license
- No felony convictions\*
- Successful completion of Police Academy Application Process

### **ILETSB Intern Police Academy Training Program APPLICATION PROCESS**

*Submit completed application on time!*

Successfully pass the following:

- Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report Test (POWER Test)
- Drug screening
- Cognitive test
- Psychological test
- Criminal history background investigation\*\*
- Oral interview

Once you have successfully passed the Police Academy application process, you are eligible for training at the SWIC Police Academy.

*\*Illinois Statute: 50 ILCS 705.6 (e) No applicant will be admitted to a certified academy unless the applicant is a person of good character and has not been convicted of a felony offense or a crime involving moral turpitude under the laws of this state or any other state which if committed in this state would be punishable as a felony or a crime of moral turpitude.*

*\*\*Under Federal Law, conviction of any offense as a result of domestic violence incident prohibits possession of a firearm, resulting in automatic ineligibility for hire as a police officer.*

### **PROGRAM TUITION AND FEES**

#### **Tuition:**

- 10-week, 400-hour spring/fall program – \$2,612
- Tuition includes books, paper supplies, physical training shirts and shorts, ammunition for handgun and shotgun.

#### **Additional Costs:**

- Application and POWER Test – \$100
- Cognitive test, psychological test, drug test, oral interview, background • Investigation and fingerprinting – \$350

#### **You will be responsible for arranging and paying for the following:**

- College transcripts
- Physician certification examination
- FOID Card
- Health insurance

#### **Housing (if required):**

- 10-week, 400-hour program – \$1,550
- All tuition, housing costs, and fees set by the ILETSB are subject to change.



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