

## Resources for Applicants

### Benefits to the Applicant

An informal survey of police officers revealed that most people will apply to more than a dozen departments before getting a full-time law enforcement position. This means that more than a dozen times you may have to travel to a different city to take written and physical abilities tests. All these testing dates could require missing work and/or classes. Given that most departments give the written and physical abilities tests on different days, you may have to double the number of trips you take.

By participating in the FVTC Wisconsin Law Enforcement Employment Prescreening, you will be able to take both the written and physical abilities test at one time - for multiple departments. This means one trip one time, and you will have taken the first step toward a career in law enforcement.

### Written Exam Information

Fox Valley Technical College administers the [National Police Officer Selection Test](#) created by Standard & Associates. The POST is a valid, job-related test designed specifically for law enforcement use, which measures these basic skills: arithmetic, reading comprehension, grammar, and incident report writing. This test helps law enforcement agencies select the most qualified applicants by ensuring that candidates possess the basic cognitive skills necessary to successfully perform the job.

The POST exam is already used by a majority of police departments in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association has partnered with Standards & Associates to recognize the POST exam as the preferred entry-level police examination.

### Physical Abilities Exam

Fox Valley Technical College administers a physical abilities exam based on the validated standards set by the Cooper Institute. The Cooper Institute, founded in 1970, is a research and educational institution that studies human performance and wellness. In 1976, the Cooper Institute began to research fitness in public safety. Since that time, the Institute has created standards that are scientifically valid and defensible in court. These tests are able to predict an officer's ability to perform essential physically demanding tasks of the law enforcement role.

The test includes:

- Vertical Jump
- 300 meter sprint
- 1 minute sit-up test
- 1 minute push-up test
- 1.5 mile run

### Next Test Dates

February 8, 2015 - Class number [33383](#)

April 19, 2015 - Class number [33384](#)

### How to Apply

The tests are held several times each year. [Search for test dates and register.](#)

You will enroll online via [MyTraining](#). If you do not have a MyTraining account, you will need to create one. Cost for testing is \$99. All scores are good for one full year from the date of testing.

Testing is held at the **Neenah High School Fieldhouse** located at 1275 Tullar Road, Neenah, WI 54956. When you arrive for testing, please use door #8.