



Santa Rosa Junior College Public Safety Training Center

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COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT **Ranger Academy - AJ 200.3** **Certified by the U.S. Department of Interior**

Course Description: The Ranger Academy provides basic law enforcement training to qualify graduates for seasonal ranger law enforcement employment by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management. A number of other park and natural resource agencies on the regional or local level recognize and use the Ranger Academy for training.

The Ranger Academy is a Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program (SLETP) approved by the Department of Interior. The program was pioneered in 1977 at the Santa Rosa Junior College Public Safety Training Center to prepare the seasonal ranger to perform law enforcement in areas administered by the National Park Service. The Ranger Academy has conducted more than 100 sessions and served as the model for additional programs in other parts of the country.

A successful graduate is eligible to receive a Type II law enforcement commission from the employing federal agency. This commission enables the bearer to carry firearms, make arrests, investigate violations of the Code of Federal Regulations and assist in the execution of warrants. It does not authorize the seasonal ranger to investigate felonious crimes. (See Page 4 for additional NPS seasonal ranger job requirements.)

The program consists of 334 hours of training covering 35 subjects. Topics range from constitutional law, criminal law, laws of evidence, arrest, search & seizure, to defensive tactics, driving techniques, and firearms. A considerable amount of time is spent on practical, hands-on training. Students participate in life-like scenarios recreating vehicle accident investigations, domestic violence calls, hunter violations, driving under the influence stops, and crime scene management. Additionally, the course fulfills the PC 832 requirements for California.

Five written tests are given during the academy. An overall score of 75% is required to graduate. Students are also required to pass Firearms, Driving, Defensive Tactics, Report Writing, Practical Exercises and Staff Evaluations.

Class Dates

Fall 2009

10/6/09 to 12/15/09

Section # 2619

Spring 2010

1/12/10 to 3/18/10

Times:

Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Several Monday and evening sessions will be scheduled throughout the course.

- College Credits:** 5 Semester Units from SRJC
- Location:** The Public Safety Training Center is located at 5743 Skylane Blvd., Windsor, CA. just north of Santa Rosa, near the Sonoma County Airport. The facility was completed in 2002. It is a 20 acre campus specially designed to prepare students for public safety careers.
- Course Cost:** Fall 2009 \$1068.00 California Residents* (*estimate for 2009*)
Spring 2010 \$1068.00 (*estimate for 2010*)
This includes all required fees: registration, ammunition, driver training, handouts, and health fee. Parking fees are not included.
- Out-of-State Cost:** Fall 2009 \$2018.00 (*estimate for 2009*)
Spring 2010 \$2018.00 (*estimate for 2010*)
Any person who has not been a California resident for one year prior to the first day of the semester when he/she will attend is required to pay out-of-state fees. All students are required to register, whether desirous of units or not.
- *A California resident is one who has established legal residence for one year prior to the first day of the semester of attendance. Exemption from non-resident tuition for certain eligible California high school graduates is available. Information about this exemption can be obtained from the SRJC Admissions and Records Department at (707)527-4685.
- Registration:** To register for this course please go to www.santarosa.edu . If you have any questions please call Susan Dado at (707) 836-2902, Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 3:00pm.
- Financial Aid:** In general, there is no financial aid available to students enrolled with less than six units. However, if you are currently attending a college or university and are working toward a degree or certificate, then your college may be able to assist you in getting financial aid. California residents may receive a Board of Governor's (BOG) Enrollment Fee Waiver if they meet income qualifications. The amount that can be waived is the unit fee portion of the tuition and the health fee (currently \$20 x 5 = \$100). Applications are available on line at www.santarosa.edu or from the Financial Aid Office at (707) 527-4471. You must receive the BOG fee waiver prior to registering.
- Learning Disabilities:** Learning disability accommodations should be completed prior to the first day of class. Disability Resources can be contacted at 707-527-4278.
- Preparation:** A good physical fitness routine is suggested in preparation for the Defensive Tactics portion of this course. Also, we will be introducing students to the NPS law enforcement physical efficiency battery (PEB). This includes push-ups, sit ups, bench press, vertical jump, as well as agility, 300 meter, and 1.5 mile runs.
- We will provide weapons and ammunition. Personally owned handguns may be used with approval of the Academy Director. Those students that will be firing a pistol for the first time are highly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the 9mm at a local pistol range before and during the Ranger Academy. Additionally, some students may need to improve their hand/arm strength ahead of time to be successful in this portion of the course. It is mandatory to pass firearms qualification in order to graduate from this academy.
- Housing:** There is no campus housing available. Students must make their own arrangements. See separate page for a list of suggested housing arrangements.
- Classroom Attire:** Ranger Academy students are required to dress in a specific uniform. (See Uniform

Requirements).

YOUR COMPLETE UNIFORM IS REQUIRED FOR THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS!!!

National Park Service Park Ranger Qualification Requirements*:

GS-05: Successful completion of one year of specialized experience that demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to perform successfully at the trainee level of this position **OR** successful completion of a full four year course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's or higher degree with a major study or at least 24 semester/36 quarter hours in natural resource management, natural sciences, earth sciences, history, archaeology, anthropology, park and recreation management, law enforcement/police science, social sciences, museum sciences, business administration, public administration, behavioral sciences, sociology, or other closely related subjects pertinent to the management and protection of natural and cultural resources. A combination of post high school education and specialized experience, when combined, would be equivalent to the knowledge, skills, and abilities normally gained while successfully completing a full four year course of study in one of the fields mentioned above may also be qualifying.

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: Specialized experience may have been in technical, administrative, or scientific work, fish and wildlife management, recreation management, law enforcement, or other park-related work such as: park guide or tour leader; law enforcement or investigative work; archeological or historical preservation research work; forestry and/or fire management work in a park, recreation, or conservation area; or management, assistant, or program specialist work involving the development and implementation of policy related to protection, conservation, or management of park areas or similar operations.

Positions that involve law enforcement duties generally are restricted to persons at least 21 years old. They must be in excellent physical condition and are required to have a valid driver's license. Background checks and physical medical screening will be performed.

*The above qualifications are in **addition** to successful completion of the Ranger Academy.

For additional job information see:

United States Federal Employment Official Job Site: <http://www.usajobs.com>

National Park Service Seasonal Employment Web Site: <http://www.sep.nps.gov/>

NOTE: There are a number of agencies at the city, county, and state level where the qualification requirements, including educational requirements, may be less stringent than the National Park Service.

Sonoma Regional Parks Web Site: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/parks/>

Mid Peninsula Regional O.S.D. Web Site: <http://www.openspace.org>

Marin Municipal Water District Job Site: <http://www.marinwater.org/employment.html>

City of Palo Alto Open Space Job Site: <http://www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/community-services/nat-employment.html>

County of Santa Clara Job Site: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/santaclara/>