

To Prospective BLET Students;

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your decision to pursue a career in Law Enforcement. It is a career that will take you to places you would otherwise never see or experience in your life. It can be personally rewarding and challenging and will expose you to both the worst and best in our society.

Please do not take this commitment lightly. The academy is 26 weeks long (six months) and will be a huge commitment in both, your time, your stamina and your resolve. You will take 36 separate blocks of instruction, all of which will have written tests and many of which will have practical exercises that you must successfully complete in order to be eligible to take the State Exam at the end. You will be tested on all 36 blocks and must pass six areas of examination in the State Exam.

In addition to the academic portions of the course, you will be required to participate in a rigorous physical fitness program. The physical fitness program is designed to have you in condition to pass the final physical fitness test, the POPAT (Police Offices Physical Agility Test). You must successfully complete this test before being eligible to take the State Exam. I urge you to begin physical conditioning even before the academy begins even if all you do is start a walking program. Running, sit ups, and pushups would also be helpful. If you are out of shape, start slow and build up.

The POPAT course is designed to differentiate between those individuals who can and those who cannot perform the physical functions of a police officer's job at an adequate level of proficiency. The POPAT course is a timed course and consists of running short sprints, broad jumps, climbing over a four foot fence, push-ups, a roll drill, step tests and a rescue-dummy drag. The final POPAT test will be given at the end of the academy after many weeks of physical conditioning but you need to start preparing for this now.

Please look over this packet carefully. There is information included to assist you in preparing the packet. Read over it before you begin. You must submit **all** of the required documentation prior to the first night of the academy. You should try to have all the required paperwork completed at least two weeks before the academy begins. You must be physically present the first night of the academy. Failure to turn in all required paperwork or failure to be present the first night will bar you from participation in the academy.

If you require any assistance or clarification of any pre admission requirements please do not hesitate to contact myself or my Qualified Assistant, Mr. John Trogdon. Mr. Trogdon will be your best point of contact prior to the first night of the academy and you will be able to contact

him at the college. Mr. Trogdon is the Lead Criminal Justice Instructor for college. His office is in Building 1, room 125, and his office telephone number is 910-879-5536.

**There will be a required meeting of all prospective students on Tuesday night, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Please be present and bring any information you have not already turned in. The purpose of this meeting is to insure you have all necessary paperwork turned in prior to the first night of class, The meeting will be held in Building 4, the Law Enforcement Building on the main campus of Bladen Community College. This building is at the rear of the campus and is near the auditorium. Please be prepared to take a required TABE reading test on this night. The meeting, including the reading test will last approximately three hours.**

Again, welcome to the beginning of your new career. The faculty and staff of Bladen Community College are committed to helping you achieve your goal.

Sincerely,

Larry S. Guyton

BLET School Director