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**Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy
First in Missouri to Offer AAS Degree**

As part of an expanded curriculum designed to support enrollment growth based on employment projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the name of the Police Training Institute was recently changed to the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy.

The innovative program is the first of its kind in Missouri to offer students the option of receiving both an Associate of Applied Science degree and Class A certification for completing an additional 520-hour curriculum beyond the standard 480-hour basic program certified by POST (Peace Officers and Standards Training).

Participants will be able to complete the new 520-hour upgrade in only two semesters by attending part-time during the day or evening. The program will start in August and classes will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and selected Saturdays.

Instructional units include police patrol, traffic, legal subjects, the Missouri Criminal Code, criminal investigation, records and reports, juvenile justice, police armament, (the Academy has a state-of-the-art Firearms Training System (FATS) machine on site), physical training and self-defense, first aid, defensive driving, and community relations.

A separate application to attend the Law Enforcement Academy is required after admission to Jefferson College. Enrollment also requires Missouri P.O.S.T. Commission approval.

For more information about registration for the Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy, contact Director Diane Scanga at (636) 797-3000, 789-3000 or 942-3000, extension 425.