



SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO

Law Enforcement Academy



I. Clothing & Equipment Needed for the Academy

NOTE: Make sure that all of your leather gear and black boots are highly polished prior to your arrival on the first day. Also, make sure your T-shirts and BDUs are clean and pressed. You will be subject to uniform inspections at any time.

A. Classroom Uniform Standards: Placement and size of name is specific.

All cadets will be required to wear the following clothing during all classroom instruction:

- Black BDU Trousers - three (3) pair are mandated; however, it is recommended that cadets bring **four** pairs of BDU pants. Note: BDU trousers will be clean, pressed and “bloused” [tucked into the boots]. *BDU trousers need to have the LAST NAME ONLY embroidered in ¾” white block letters above the right rear pocket.*
- Black Polo Shirts - three (3) shirts are mandated; however, it is recommended that cadets have **four** shirts. Note: Shirts will be clean and pressed. *Shirts will have LAST NAME ONLY embroidered in ¾” white block letters right chest area on the cadet.*
- Uniform under-belt (black) will be worn at all times with BDU trousers.
- Black boots (similar to the Rocky Duty Boot). Uppers may be constructed of smooth leather or contain black cordovan type material as long as the boot toes can maintain a high shine.
- Socks must be worn with the uniform and must be black in color.
- Plain black baseball cap. (These caps are not authorized for indoor wear. At the instructor's discretion, they may be worn during outdoor training and related activities.)

B. Gym Equipment / Uniform Standards

During physical fitness related instruction all cadets will be identical in their attire. All cadets will be required to wear the following clothing during all physical fitness related instruction:

- Black hooded pullover sweatshirt – cotton material, no lines, zippers or buttons, logos, lettering or design. *LAST NAME will be centered and printed on back of sweatshirt in 2” white block letters.*
- Black sweatpants – cotton material, no lines, zippers, or buttons, logos, lettering or design.
- Black, short-sleeve, high-neck, athletic T-shirt – three (3) shirts are mandated; however, it is recommended that cadets have four shirts. *LAST NAME will be centered and printed on back of T-shirt in 2” white block letters.*
- Plain black athletic shorts. Cotton material, no logos, lettering or design.
- A pair of good quality shoes to be used for running. Gym shoes, basketball shoes, etc., are not allowed because they do not provide the necessary support for sustained running. Consult a sporting goods store for the proper shoe.

- Optional -It is recommended that wrestling shoes be purchased for defensive tactics training. Otherwise, you will be required to perform all defensive tactics exercises with no shoes [socks only] as all techniques will be conducted on rubber mats.

Note (1): *Warm weather or indoor physical training uniform will be a black, short-sleeve, high-neck, t-shirt and black athletic shorts.*

Note (2): *Black gloves and/or a black toboggan may be worn during inclement weather at the direction of academy staff.*

Note (3): *Athletic supporters should be worn by male cadets while engaged in physical training.*

Note (4): *A special support athletic bra or other bra will be worn during physical training.*

Note (6): *Gym gear will be in good repair at all times. If shirts or pants are torn during a class, it will be the responsibility of that cadet to replace or repair it before the next physical education class.*

C. Equipment Needed on Arrival at the Academy

- Duty belt with the following attachments to include: duty holster (**do not bring your firearm to class**), handcuff case and handcuffs, magazine case (do not bring your magazines to class), belt keepers (4).
- Flashlight – duty flashlight. (Do not bring a flashlight any larger than a 3-C/D cell). Mini-flashlights are acceptable.
- Vests – Ballistic vest, plate and a traffic vest. (Academy will provide ballistic vest and plate for self-sponsored cadets.)
- Wrist watch with the capability of second timing. Cadets will be required to have a digital/mechanical watch at all times. *Smart watches of any kind are prohibited.*
- Swimsuit. Female cadets need to bring a one-piece swimsuit. Male cadets need to bring long swimming trunks. Swimming goggles are optional but we highly recommend you bring a pair. Each cadet will also need to bring several of their own towels.
- Two (2) 3” 3-ring binder, black in color
- One 1” 3-ring binder, black in color
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- Black ink pens, and yellow highlighters
- Small pocket notebook for field notes
- One can of Lysol Disinfectant Spray

D. Optional Equipment / Supplies

- Cadets should consider bringing a topical odorless ointment and aspirin/ibuprofen due to the fact that you may experience some soreness following the 24-hour day.
- Cadets are strongly encouraged to bring a laptop computer in the academy classroom for educational/training purposes only. NOTE: Any unauthorized use of the laptop in the classroom may result in disciplinary action and will result in the computer being removed from the classroom environment. For example: note taking and instructor-directed written exercises would be authorized uses. Games, email, internet use would be non-authorized uses.
- Laundry: Cadets are responsible for providing their own laundry detergent (liquid only). A standard washer and dryer are available in the dormitories for their use.

E. Grooming Standards

Cadets must present themselves in a neat and well-groomed manner. Cadets should not use excessive cologne or perfume. Cadets are expected to shower/bathe regularly and use an effective deodorant. The use of make-up is prohibited; however, body cream must be kept to a minimum.

Male cadets will be clean shaven every morning. No mustaches, long sideburns or beards of any type will be permitted. Hair must be neatly trimmed and conservatively short (no longer than 2" in length).

Fingernails will be kept short and clean.

Females must have their hair in a tight bun with no loose bangs. Clear nail polish only and no make-up will be worn during academy training hours.

We look forward to your participation in our Academy. If we can answer any questions prior to that date, do not hesitate to contact us.

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