

NIAGARA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/11/2013	SUBJECT: TRAINING; BASIC POLICE COURSE; FIREARMS TRAINING	Number 201.00 (NYSLEAP T-32-1; T-32-3)
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I. POLICY:

- A. All entry-level police officers must attend and successfully complete a certified basic police officer school within one year of appointment date as required by Executive Law and certified by the New York State Office of Public Safety.
 - 1. The course must meet or exceed the requirements established by the Municipal Police Training Council.
- B. No entry-level police officer may perform regular police duties on their own until he/she has successfully completed the Basic Course for Police Officers.
 - 1. Officers who have not completed the Basic Course for Police Officers can perform regular police duties if they are accompanied by, and under the direct supervision of a law enforcement officer who has successfully completed such a course.
- C. No recruit officer shall be issued a police badge or firearm during the basic course, except for firearms training purposes or participation in Supervised Field Training.
- D. During the Basic Course for Police Officers and before completion of the course, recruit officers may be assigned to Supervised Field Training with a New York State Certified Field Training Officer from the Niagara Falls Police Department. For the duration of the Supervised Field Training, each recruit officer will be issued a police badge and authorized firearm. Recruit officers may wear a full NFPD uniform during this training.

II. PROCEDURE:

- A. Each person appointed to the position of police officer by this agency shall obtain police officer certification by successfully completing the prescribed course of training. The title of Police Recruit Officer shall be used during training at the police academy. Recruit Officers shall not purchase firearms

on their badge or pistol permit until they graduate from the Basic Course for Police Officers and are certified by the Office of Public Safety. All previously owned weapons shall be secured and will not be carried by a recruit officer unless directed to do so by an authorized police academy staff member.

- B. Before a recruit officer is authorized or permitted to carry or use any firearm in connection with the performance of their official duties, all police recruit officers will have satisfactorily completed the portion of the Basic Course for Police Officers that constitutes instruction in the use of deadly physical force and the use of firearms. New York State Police Officer Certification shall be granted only after successful completion of all phases of training as mandated by the State of New York Office of Public Safety.

III. PROBATIONARY OFFICERS:

- A. A twelve-month probationary period for police officers shall commence upon appointment as a Police Officer.

IV. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

- A. Newly appointed police officers will be continuously evaluated during their course of instruction at the police academy and during any additional recruit on-the-job training and probationary training mandated by the Niagara Falls Police Department, including the Field Training and Evaluation Program. Failure to maintain the satisfactory level of performance will be cause for dismissal.