

## **SPONSORSHIP POLICY AND PROCEDURE BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING**

Registration for CJC 100, BLET, is restricted to individuals who have applied for admission to the program through the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Coordinator and have been formally accepted for The BLET Academy. Acceptance requires meeting all requirements set forth by Vance- Granville Community College and the North Carolina Criminal Justice Standards Division.

The first requirement for applicants is to obtain sponsorship from a North Carolina public law enforcement agency. It is the applicant's responsibility to secure sponsorship and submit the signed Letter of Sponsorship to the BLET Program Coordinator. A copy of the Letter of Sponsorship is included in the Application Package. Applicants currently employed by a public law enforcement agency are not required to furnish a Letter of Sponsorship. There will be no exceptions to this sponsorship requirement other than those applicants that are already hired.

Not all public law enforcement agencies will sponsor candidates in basic law enforcement training and we do not refer applicants to any specific agencies. Each agency that does sponsor applicants has its own requirements and limitations regarding whom they will sponsor for law enforcement training. Therefore, the applicant must seek sponsorship in the same manner one would seek a job. The following recommendations are made to assist applicants:

1. Apply for sponsorship in the same manner you would apply for a new job by making an appointment with an agency's sheriff, chief, or recruitment officer.
2. Complete the Criminal Justice Standards F-3 Form prior to the appointment.
3. Ask the agency to interview you for their approval for sponsorship as a law enforcement officer trainee.
4. Sell yourself as a future law enforcement officer.
5. Assure the agency that you understand that:
  - a). sponsorship is not a promise of employment.
  - b). sponsorship does not obligate the agency to financial assistance.
  - c). that although agency has no supervisory authority to VGCC during the training, you will adhere to all rules and regulations of VGCC's BLET program and you will conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times.

The Letter of Sponsorship must be completed and submitted to the BLET Coordinator before an applicant will be allowed to continue with the registration process.

If you have any questions about the sponsorship requirement or procedure, please contact Brandon Bishop, Law Enforcement Training Coordinator, at 252-738-3263.