Lake Area Technical College
LAW ENFORCEMENT
Admissions Guide

In order to be considered for acceptance to the Law Enforcement
program at Lake Area Technical College, the following steps must be completed.

Step 1: Application Submission/Meet Academic Requirements
- Apply online at https://www.lakeareatech.edu/getting-started/apply-now/
- Pay $25 non-refundable application fee.
- Submit a copy of your high school transcript or GED.
- If needed, you may be asked to submit ACT or ACCUPLACER test scores.

NOTE: Once academic requirements have been met, proceed with the following steps:
Step 2: Campus Visit and Interview with Law Enforcement Panel
- Upon completing admissions file you will be invited to campus to meet with the program instructors and participate in interview with a law enforcement admissions panel. This must be completed prior to admission. Contact Law Enforcement Program Supervisor Asa Stiles to schedule your interview at Asa.stiles@lakeaereatech.edu

Step 3: Formal Acceptance Letter Sent
- Following the campus visit and interview a final review of your application materials will take place.
- Acceptance letters will be sent to all students meeting admissions requirements.

Step 4: Attend New Student Orientation Day
- Attend New Student Orientation Day in the summer with all incoming first year students.

NOTE: On the first day of the semester, the following additional requirements will be carried out:
Step 5: Submit Supplemental Materials*
- **Criminal Background Check**
  - Every Law Enforcement student will be required to complete a criminal background check. The background check will be completed the <u>first day</u> of the fall semester. The background check will be conducted through Castle Branch, a screening and compliance tracking company.
    - *Cost is $50.* Results will be sent directly to Lake Area Tech.
    - **(Please note:** Results may affect your ability to continue the program.)
- **Medical Verification of Physical Ability Form** (completed and signed by a physician)
- **Drug Test**
  - Completed at Sanford Clinic-Watertown   901 4th St NW   Watertown, SD 57201   605.886.8471
    - *Cost is $38.* Results will be sent to Lake Area Tech College
  - If you do not want to test in Watertown, you may complete with a physician/facility of your choice. Must be at least a 7-panel drug test, and must be submitted to LATC. **Make sure you keep a hard copy of your test results.**
- **Take M-PULSE**
  - Once on campus, we will assist to schedule a test time. The test takes 90-120 minutes to complete.
    - *Cost is $40*

*The supplemental materials and tests are at the student's expense and required to stay in the program.