Academy Training

It is the mission of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy (POST) to provide the citizens of Idaho with ethical, physically and psychologically competent, well educated, professionally trained, career oriented, motivated peace officers who are sensitive to the needs of the public.

Idaho's POST Council requires all peace officers to complete a ten week basic academy and detention officers to complete a five week basic academy. The strenuous curriculum focuses on the foundation of knowledge and practical skills necessary to perform the job. Upon successful completion of the course, a student will be eligible for basic certification as a patrol officer or level I certification as a detention officer.

Once the academy is completed, officers must complete a field training program and satisfactorily complete a probationary period of at least six months in order to become POST certified.

Patrol Academy Coursework:
Professional Orientation- 7 hours
Introduction to the Criminal Justice System- 12.5 hours
Police and the Law- 44 hours
Police Practical Skills and Health & Fitness- 256 hours
Police Human Relations- 30 hours
Investigations- 60 hours
Patrol Procedures- 37 hours
Traffic Enforcement- 56 hours
Administration/Examinations- 23 hours
**There is also 83 hours of pre-Academy coursework.

Detention Academy Coursework:
Jail Standards Procedures- 11 hours
Detention Legal Issues- 34 hours
Practical Skills- 68 hours
Jail Medical Issues- 14 hours
Human Relations- 17 hours
Detention Techniques- 21 hours
Incident Procedures- 18 hours
Emergency Procedures- 13 hours
Physical Fitness/Wellness- 13 hours
Administration/Examinations- 11 hours
**There is also 40 hours of Jail Training Manual.

The POST Academy is located at 700 South Stratford Drive, Meridian, Idaho. For more information, visit their website at http://www.post.idaho.gov/.