

Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO 1) Training Course Announcement

The Bergen County Police Academy located at 281 Campgaw Road in Mahwah, New Jersey is announcing the Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO 1) Training Course for 2026. The course orientation day will take place on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7 pm. The course will conclude on graduation day which will take place Thursday, May 21, 2026.

The Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer training course is overseen and certified by the New Jersey Police Training Commission (PTC). This 80-hour course provides training in expandable baton, handcuffing, defensive tactics, disorderly person's offences, first aid, use of force, various patrol concepts, and ethics. Upon successful completion and graduation, the candidate will be a PTC certified Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer.

The Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers course is a commitment of two (2) nights per week for fourteen (14) weeks (Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 pm till 11 pm). Candidates must be duly sworn in by their sending appointing authority prior to orientation day. Candidate applications must be completed and submitted into the Bergen County Police Academy twenty-one (21) days prior to orientation day. Pursuant to P.T.C. Rule N.J.A.C. 13:1-8.1, a background investigation, a medical evaluation with clearance and the requisite training for all trainee enrolled.

Individuals cannot register themselves for this course. SLEO candidates must be registered by a police department.

Minimum application requirements:

1. Must be able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently and has a high school diploma or its equivalent.
2. Must be a citizen of the United States and must possess a valid New Jersey driver's license.
3. Be of good moral character.
4. Shall not have been convicted of any offense involving dishonestly or which would make him/her unfit to perform the duties of his office.
5. Must successfully undergo psychological testing, which is required of all full-time police officers.
6. Must have had fingerprints taken, which shall be filed with the Division of the State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation.
7. Must be at least 18 years of age.