Private Armed Security Training Academy
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Certification

Dates/Time: January 24–March 9, 2011, Monday–Friday 5–10 p.m.
Location: Center for Emergency Preparedness, Owens Community College
Cost: $1,450
Application Packet: To apply, call (567) 661–7357.
Application Deadline: Friday, Nov. 12, 2010

Outcome
This seven-week course is supported by ASIS International, the world’s largest security organization, and provides the base knowledge and skills to become an armed security officer. Each student will receive an Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission certificate upon successful completion.

Classes
Instructed by faculty from the Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy, a selection of the courses include Role of Private Security; Overview of the Legal System; Criminal Law; Laws of Arrest; Search & Seizure; Public Relations; Crisis Situations; Unarmed Self Defense; Armed Response; Dealing with Persons with Developmental Disabilities; Cultural Sensitivity; Report Writing; Physical Security; First Aid/CPR; Retail Security; Personnel Security; Crime Prevention; Fire Safety; Patrol Techniques and Crowd Control.

Employment and Wages
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for private armed security guards will increase by 14 percent through 2018. The BLS cited concern about crime, vandalism and terrorism as the need for the increased security. The bureau also reported guards will grow as private security firms increasingly perform duties – such as providing security at public events and in residential neighborhoods – that were formerly handled by police officers. Additionally, the BLS wrote that private security firms are expected to provide more protection to facilities, such as hospitals and nursing homes.

The medium annual wage for security guards nationally was $23,500 in 2008. In a recent survey of private firms in Northwest Ohio, the average wage was $15 per hour, which equates to $31,200 annually.

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