

In addition to enforcing traffic laws, responding to motor vehicle crashes and assisting motorists, Florida Highway Patrol Troopers also have the opportunity to conduct criminal and traffic homicide investigations, serve on motorcycle patrols, and work on K-9 and special response teams. The Patrol also provides assistance to local police departments.

The Florida Highway Patrol holds both state and national law enforcement accreditation and is among the finest state law enforcement agencies in the nation.

The benefits of working for the Florida Highway Patrol include:

- Competitive Pay
- Paid Holidays and Annual Leave
- Overtime Opportunities
- Education Incentive Pay and Tuition-Free Education Plan

- Military Leave
- Uniforms, Equipment, and Weapons provided along with Uniform Cleaning Allowance
- Medical and Life Insurance Coverage
- Retirement Benefits
- Deferred Compensation Plans
- No State Income Tax
- Mild Climate

If you believe you have what it takes to become one of Florida's Finest and are up to the challenge of becoming a member of the Florida Highway Patrol, apply today at

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For more information, contact us at 850-617-2315 or BeATrooper@flhsmv.gov.

Commitment to Public Service



Troops to Trooper



The Florida Highway Patrol is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

United States military veterans possess the attributes that make an outstanding civilian law enforcement officer. Your military service reflects your commitment to public service and safety. If you are looking for a way to continue serving the public after your military service concludes, we hope you consider a career with the Florida Highway Patrol.

The mission of the Florida Highway Patrol is to promote a safe and secure Florida through professional law enforcement and traffic safety awareness. A Safer Florida through Courtesy, Service and Protection is the vision through which we perform all of our duties.

Frequently Asked Questions

What training is required to become a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper?

The Florida Highway Patrol trains recruits at the prestigious FHP Training Academy in Havana, Florida (just outside of Tallahassee). For more than 70 years, the Academy has transformed men and women into the Florida Highway Patrol Troopers who protect residents and visitors on Florida's roadways.

How long is an Academy Training Class?

Classes range from 23 to 28 weeks. For recruits who are already certified law enforcement officers, the training begins in the last seven weeks of an ongoing class.

Will I be paid while I am a recruit at the Academy?

Yes. Florida Highway Patrol recruits are full-time state employees. You will start earning a salary and accruing benefits the day you arrive at the Academy. The Academy provides full room and board on campus for the duration of the training program.

What kinds of activities will I do as part of the training?

Recruits undergo a rigorous, military-style training regimen designed to prepare you to be a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper. The training challenges recruits mentally and physically to

ensure you are ready to handle any situation you encounter as a trooper.

Can I leave the Training Academy at night or on the weekends?

Recruits must remain on Academy grounds and reside on campus during the week. However, you are free to leave campus for many of the weekends during the training program.

What are the minimum requirements to apply?

Recruits must:

1. Be at least 19 years old (at the time of application),
2. Be a U.S. citizen,
3. Be a high school graduate (or the equivalent),
4. Possess a valid driver license,
5. Be willing to accept an initial assignment anywhere in Florida and
6. Have **one** of the following:
 - One year of law enforcement experience (sworn or non-sworn),
 - Two years of public contact experience,
 - Two years of active continuous U.S. military service with an honorable discharge or
 - Completed 30-semester or 45-quarter hours of college credit from an accredited college.

Is there a maximum age restriction to apply?

No.

Does FHP have physical fitness requirements for new recruits?

New recruits should be able to run two miles in 18 minutes.

Does FHP have weight standards that new recruits must meet?

Yes. Recruits must meet weight standards based on height and gender. *The Academy Preparation Guide* on www.BeATrooper.com provides the standards.

How many classes per year does the academy hold?

The FHP Training Academy holds two to three classes per year.

How long does the application process take?

Four to six months.

Why does it take so long?

After meeting the minimum requirements and completing a state of Florida application, all applicants must pass:

- The Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test
- A Physical Abilities Test
- A Polygraph Exam
- A Psychological Exam
- A Medical Exam
- A Vision Exam
- A Background Investigation

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