



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the authorized strength of the KPD? Currently 416 officers

Is there an age limit to apply to become an officer? You will need to have reached your 21st birthday to apply for a police officer position with the KPD.

Do you allow lateral transfers from another Police Department? All new police recruits must attend the full Police Academy and FTO program. KPD does offer an accelerated advancement program if the new officer has previous certified patrol experience.

Does KPD acknowledge self-sponsored academies, like Cleveland State or Walter State? All new police recruits must attend our full academy, regardless of any previous academy experience.

Can I join a specialized unit after completion of the academy? New officers are assigned to the patrol division as a patrol officer for at least two years before being eligible to apply for a special team or unit.

Is there a tattoo policy? Officers will be required to cover all visible tattoos while on-duty.

How long is the police academy, and do you have to live there? The Academy is held in the City of Knoxville by our training staff and is 24-26 weeks long. It is non residential, which means you will return home after completion of your daily training.

Will I be paid while attending the police academy? You become a paid employee with benefits once you start the police academy and are paid the current rate for a police officer recruit.

Does the KPD offer tuition assistance for continuing education? The KPD encourages every officer to increase his/her education level. Officers are eligible for tuition reimbursement while enrolled in an accredited institution.

Does the KPD assign officers their own patrol cars? Officers are assigned a vehicle and allowed to take it home if they live within a 25 mile radius of the City of Knoxville.

What types of shifts do KPD officers work? Our patrol officers work a fixed day, evening or night shift. The shifts are four days on and three days off. Officers work and off days alternate every 28 days.

**Contact a recruiter today at 865-215-7111
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