

La Porte Police Department

is now offering a

Lateral Entry/Certified Peace Officer Program

To qualify for the lateral entry program, applicants are exempted from taking the Civil Service Exam. However, applicants must pass the physical fitness exam, comprehensive background investigation, to include psychological, polygraph, medical exam, drug screening and a 12 month probationary period. Applicants must have graduated from an accredited Police Academy and possess a Basic Peace Officer license issued by TCLEOSE by the time of appointment. The lateral entry program will adjust the pay rate for transferring officers and offer up to 7 years credit for prior service. However, previous rank or seniority status will not transfer. Lateral entry or TCLEOSE certified applicants should contact Support Services Lieutenant Ed Swenson @ (281) 842-3114 for more information.

The La Porte Police Department is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants not currently certified as Peace Officers must contact the City of La Porte Human Resources Department to be placed on a list to take the civil service exam. Our department also offers a lateral entry program for both Texas Peace Officers and Out-of-State Peace Officers.