





## **Drug Screen Information**

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission has mandated that all students that enroll in a peace officer basic training academy pass a drug screen. The types of drugs and concentrations that would be considered a positive test result are set by federal guidelines developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA).

The drug screen should be administered by an agency licensed/certified by the Department of Health or SAMHSA, medical professional's office (medical doctor (MD), osteopath (DO), physician's assistant (PA) or certified nurse practitioner (CNP)), or hospital. Over-the-counter tests may be acceptable as long as they are able to test for the concentrations developed by SAMHSA. Over-the-counter tests must have temperature controls to ensure the recency of a sample as well as a control to ensure the substance being tested is urine.

The drug screening must be completed within 150 days of the start of the academy and the results shall be provided to the field agent at the 21 day opening audit on the new SF106bas.

If an applicant does not pass the drug screen, the applicant cannot attend the academy. An applicant can take another drug screen within the testing window and attend the academy if the applicant passes the subsequent screen. If an applicant feels their results are due to a prescription drug they are taking or for any other reason(s), they should contact the facility that conducted the test or the manufacturer if they used an over-the-counter test.