



Police Academy
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Dear Deputy or Officer:

Please read the following information thoroughly as it pertains to your Part Time Police Academy Session.

POWER Test:	Saturday, August 1, 2026 – 8:00am Alan Dixon Center – Building 4 - Room DC103
Start Date and Orientation:	Saturday, August 22, 2026 – 8:00am
Parking:	Parking is available on the corner of West Main and S. 23 rd Street. See attached Police Academy (Belleville West) Map.

POWER TEST

The Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report (POWER) Test.

Recruits must pass the POWER Test in order to attend the Academy.

1. Recruits must be in **Room DC103, first floor Police Academy (Dixon Center) Building #4, by 7:45 am.** Enter on the west side of the Dixon Center and go upstairs.
2. Firearms will not be carried or brought on campus unless requested or permitted by the academy staff or the range master.

The POWER Test will be administered at 8:00AM sharp. Recruits who **do not** have a completed medical form on file, (this is the physical fitness exam form in the application) or with them the morning of the testing **CAN NOT** be tested and **WILL NOT** be admitted to the academy. **No one will be admitted to the Academy that fails to arrive on time for this test.** **Clothing for the POWER Test (locker room facilities will be available):**

1. Short sleeve, athletic T-shirt.
2. Athletic shorts (must have on during "sit and reach" exercise, knees must be clearly visible).
3. Hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants (if necessary) or other clothing as weather dictates, **RECRUITS SHOULD PLAN ON RUNNING OUTSIDE.**
4. Athletic socks.
5. Running shoes.

DRESS CODE FOR THE POLICE ACADEMY

Part Time Police Academy Uniform:

- Grey Police Academy BLE Polo – Two (2) provided by the Police Academy.
- Black 5.11 Tactical Pant (Mfg. #74251) or Black 5.11 Tactile Pro Pant (Mfg. #74273) – Two (2) recommended **provided by department or student.**
- Department issued shoes or boots; black.

SPECIAL NOTE

Any missed class sessions or part thereof, as a result of illness or injury will result in the recruit being marked absent. In the event of an excused absence, recruits are required to make up all missed hours. An unexcused absence could result in dismissal from the part time police academy. An officer will be considered absent even if present, when he/she is unable to perform or participate in the classes scheduled activities.

ITEMS TO BE SUPPLIED BY OFFICERS AND/OR DEPARTMENT DURING THE BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM

- 5.11 Tactical Pants, black. Two (2) recommended.
- Duty Belt
- Duty Weapon Holster
- Duty belt magazine case
- Duty belt handcuff case and handcuffs (with key)
- One police style flashlight for night training exercises
- Pocket size notebook
- **Department squad car if possible should be provided for defensive driving and traffic stop procedures. (Recruits will be notified of the exact dates when they receive their schedule)**
- Electronic or hard copies of the following forms should be sent with the recruit officer.
 - Photo or electronic copy of department's Notice to Appear form.
 - 60 photocopies or electronic copy of department's traffic citations.
 - 5 photocopies or electronic copy of department's misdemeanor complaint form.
 - 1 photocopy or electronic copy of department written Miranda form.
 - 1 photocopy or electronic copy of department's field sobriety report form.
 - 1 photocopy or electronic copy of department's domestic violence report.

(Your department may not utilize all of the above-mentioned reports and forms. Bring with you the reports and forms your department does use.)

I am looking forward to meeting you. If you have any questions please call the Academy office (618) 235-2700, extension 5396.

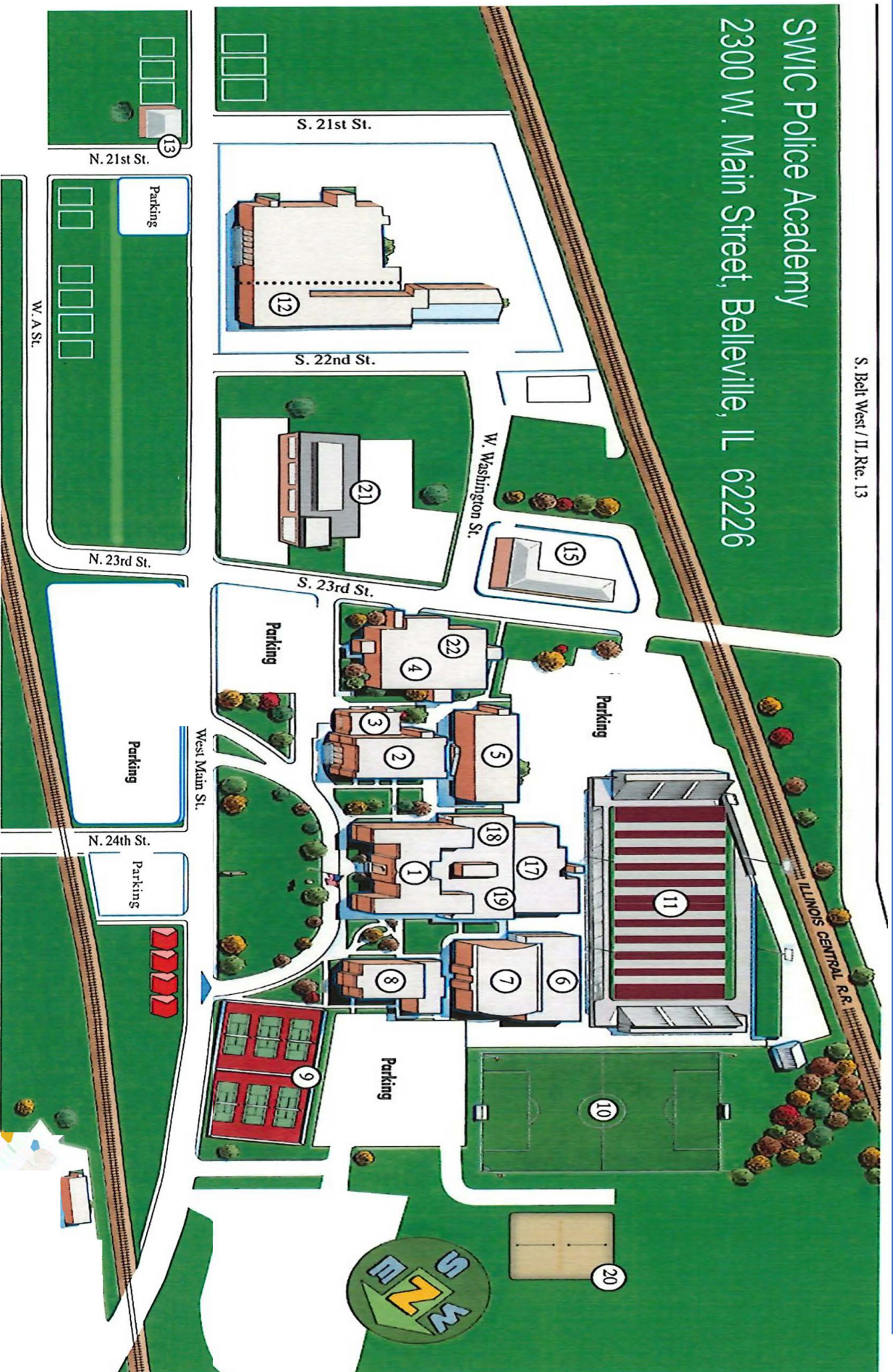
Sincerely,



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SWIC Police Academy

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1. Main Hall
2. Auditorium
3. Welcome Center
4. SWIC Police Academy
5. Classroom Hall
8. Fitness And Training Center

9. Tennis Complex
10. Athletic Field
11. Stadium
12. Dormitory #3
15. Dormitory #2
16. Dormitory #1

20. Sand Volleyball Courts
21. Illinois State Police Metro-East Forensic Science Laboratory
22. SILEC

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