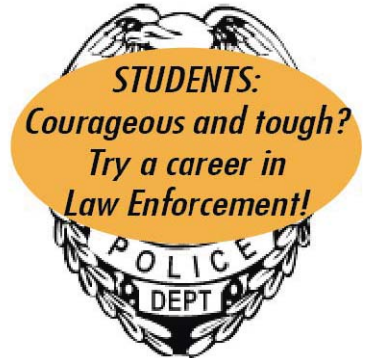


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“An Honor to Serve, a Duty to Protect”

Manatee Technical Institute East (MTI) is the premier destination for students seeking career preparation skills, industry standard certifications, and continuing education in their chosen fields of fire fighter, law enforcement, and health occupations. The campus is comprised of the Richard T. Conard, MD, Medical and Dental Building, the MTI Fire Training Facility, and the Charlie B. Wells Law Enforcement and Allied Health Buildings. MTI East is staffed with expert instructors, many who maintain active involvement in their respective fields.

Mike Rushing worked as a Florida Highway Patrol trooper for 33 years before retiring in 2003. It was just one year later when he was recruited to lead MTI's Law Enforcement program and unexpectedly found himself excited about getting back into the workforce as Law Enforcement Program Director.

“I couldn't pass up the opportunity to influence who is representing law enforcement,” Mike said. “It is so rewarding to see our students be successful and obtain employment. Our classes are small and the applicants for MTI's Law Enforcement program are highly scrutinized. They must pass a drug screen test, a polygraph, and a background check including employment, education, and prior military history, if any. Upon successful completion of the application, they must then receive vetting from the advisory board which includes myself, the Manatee County Sheriff, and the Manatee County Chiefs of Police. Our motto is ‘An Honor to Serve, a Duty to Protect’ and only the finest candidates are selected.”

“We are very proud of our pass rate, which is higher than the state average,” Mike continued. “It is our responsibility to prepare the students for the state exam as we are judged by their success. Our graduates are the people the public calls to assist them in their time of need, and it is essential that our graduates have strong ethics and are compassionate, respectful, and empathetic as well. Their interaction with the public leaves a lasting impression and they should conduct themselves as if a camera and tape recorders were rolling at all times. It is critical for law enforcement to be trusted by the community and for the graduates to be confident and proud of the service they render. This is a partnership between the school district, the law enforcement community, and the citizens of Manatee County and it is my obligation to meet their needs.”



L-R: MTI East Law Enforcement Program Director Mike Rushing with instructors Pat Proudler and Randy Petroskey.



Model train wreck HAZMAT scene created by Law Enforcement instructor Randy Petroskey for SkillsUSA National Tech Prep Showcase competition on June 19th in Kansas City.



Some of the amazing MTI East Campus staff.

JOBS



Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers
Salary: \$40,600 – \$60,000
Workplace: the streets
Hours: 24/7



Probation and Corrections Officers
Salary: \$32,400 – \$42,100
Workplace: city, county, and state offices and correctional facilities
Hours: varies



Detectives and Criminal Investigators
Salary: \$49,100 – \$72,800
Workplace: crime scenes and police stations
Hours: 24/7



Manatee Tech Law Enforcement Academy is committed to state-of-the-art instruction for the preparation of students to pass the state's Law Enforcement certification exam. It is further committed to the continued education and enhancement of officer's skills through various advanced and specialized courses to fit the needs and demands of our law enforcement personnel.

PARENT CORNER

- ✓ Discussion starter: in addition to practical training in firearm proficiency, defensive driving, defensive tactics, first responder, and academic areas of criminal justice, law enforcement candidates must have specific character traits. Brainstorm with your child about what character traits are necessary for law enforcement professionals. (Hint: start with absolute honesty!)
- ✓ Did you know that MTI students have won a record-breaking number of medals at regional, state, and national level SkillsUSA competitions for the past seven years? Or that last year's MTI Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) students captured the most medals in the nation for the first time ever? Now that's impressive!
- ✓ For further information regarding the MTI East Law Enforcement program, contact Sharon Niel at 941-751-7900, ext. 2016 or niels@manateeschools.net. For additional program information and career pathways, contact MTI's Main Campus at 941-751-7900, the MTI East Medical and Dental Building at 941-752-8100, or the Fire Science Training Facility at 941-751-7344.

FCAT reading comprehension QUESTION

★ What are the five areas of practical training for law enforcement students? (Hint: see Parent Corner.)

Answer: firearm proficiency, defensive driving, defensive tactics, first responder, and academic areas of criminal justice.

What's on the WEB?

- www.ManateeTechnicalInstitute.org
- www.TechTimesOnline.org
- www.manateesherrif.com

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