

12-9-204. Academy instructors -- Law enforcement powers.

(a) All full-time basic police training course teaching and instruction personnel at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, the Arkansas Police Corps Training Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and the Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy are classified and designated as law enforcement officers after meeting minimum qualifications for law enforcement officers certification as established by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

(b) (1) The personnel shall have and exercise all authority and functions of other law enforcement officers in the State of Arkansas.

(2) The personnel shall have general law enforcement authority to cooperate with, assist, and support local law enforcement officers in all law enforcement activities and functions.

(c) The personnel shall:

(1) Be credited with service toward maintaining and increasing certification levels for time employed at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and the Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy; and

(2) Receive credit for years of law enforcement service for time employed at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, the Arkansas Police Corps Training Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, or the Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy upon employment as law enforcement officers elsewhere in the State of Arkansas.

(d) An Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, Arkansas Police Corps Training Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, or Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy instructor classified and designated as a law enforcement officer under this section:

(1) Is not qualified to enroll in a different retirement system because of the classification or designation; and

(2) Shall not qualify for any benefit enhancement other than that available under his or her current retirement system.