

Private SECURITY FAQs

I am qualified to be armed, do I need to carry any other weapon? Yes, if you are authorized to carry a firearm you also must qualify with an additional protective device such as a baton or pepper spray.

Where do I go for my drug screen? Lab Corp, you will use the St. Louis County account number.

Do I have to display my license? Yes, all licenses must be worn on the outer most garment unless you have a uniform exempt license.

Is training at the St. Louis County Police Headquarters. No, training is held at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy in Wellston.

I missed my training date, what do I do? It's against the law to work on an expired license. Immediately come see us at police headquarters so we can set your training date.

I am a full-time Missouri peace officer, do I need to obtain a metropolitan security license? Only if you plan on working outside your jurisdiction in either St. Louis County or St. Louis City.

What are the requirements to apply for a security officer license? Must be 21 years old, a U.S. citizen or legal resident, not a fugitive from justice, no felony convictions or pleas of guilt to any felony within the previous 36 months of applying and not on felony probation, no misdemeanor or city ordinances that include an element of stealing, crimes of violence, drugs, or moral turpitude within the last 36 months of applying, and not on probation for those criminal offenses previously listed.

My license has expired, what do I do? It's against the law to work on an expired license. Immediately come see us at police headquarters so we can renew your license.

How do I renew my license? You will need to present your expiring license(s), along with a company letter requesting renewal of the license with authorized endorsements of weapons/protective devices and method of payment at Police Headquarters. Please note that all licenses must be renewed at the same time, separate renewal letters will need to be presented for each organization. Additionally, if you have an armed license, you will need to present a copy of annual and semi-annual firearm qualifications along with a completed drug screening from St. Louis County's LabCorp account that yields negative results.

What is the renewal cost? Security: \$85 and Courier or Watchman \$69 (\$80 with training).

How do I apply? Appear in person to the St. Louis County Police Department Headquarters, Room B-021, located at 7900 Forsyth Boulevard, Clayton, Missouri 63105. Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please bring a letter of intent to hire from the company, Missouri ID or Driver's License, social security card, and payment. Unfortunately, we do not accept American Express. Please note you will need to go through security to enter Headquarters.

Any other questions? You can reach the Private Security Section at 314-615-4272.

