

DISTINCTION

The Certified Public-Safety Executive (CPE) Program is designed to elevate professionalism, enhance individual performance and recognize excellence in the public safety communications industry. Participants may be managers, supervisors, agency executives or others whose work and life experiences have motivated them to learn the necessary skills to successfully lead organizations within the complex and ever-changing environment in which public safety agencies operate. ■



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“CPE graduates will be uniquely positioned to provide the type of informed, principled leadership that the future of our industry demands.”

– Derek K. Poarch
Executive Director & CEO
APCO International

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A C H I E V E M E N T

The program consists of two 12-week online courses and one nine-day capstone course at APCO's headquarters in Daytona Beach, FL.

Drawing on resources from renowned leadership professionals and distinguished academic sources, the CPE program allows participants to explore topics that include management versus leadership, models/theories of leadership, leadership styles, public safety leadership issues, and executing and managing change.

Program instructors include master's and doctoral level professionals in the field of organizational development and leadership who bring a wealth of academic and practical experience. Program graduates will earn the designation of Certified Public-Safety Executive (CPE).

CPE 101 – INTRODUCTION TO EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

A twelve-week online course that serves as an introduction to leadership concepts, leadership issues, models of leadership and leadership in the 21st century.

COURSE TOPICS:

- Management Versus Leadership
- Models/Theories of Leadership
- Public Safety Leadership Issues
- Situational Leadership: Employee
- Situational Leadership: Leader
- Adaptive Leadership: The Self
- Adaptive Leadership: The Organization
- Leadership Styles
- Ethical Leadership in the 21st Century



CPE 202 – DEFINING LEADERS

A twelve-week online course that explores how leaders provide vision, manage change and ensure accountability.

COURSE TOPICS:

- How Leaders Define Themselves
- Leadership: Relating to Others
- Understanding Your Organization
- Providing Vision
- How Leaders Take Responsibility
- Identifying Problems & Recognizing Opportunities for Change
- Leadership: Formulating Courses of Action
- Executing Change
- Managing Ongoing Change
- Leaders in Action
- Leadership for the 21st Century

CPE 303 – EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

A nine-day capstone course, held at APCO's headquarters in Daytona Beach, FL. Students will put all the key points of the coursework together in a high-paced seminar featuring case studies of leadership in the public sector and insights from distinguished guest speakers with years of experience in the public safety communications industry. Students will learn how the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) provides insight into personal leadership styles and how it can inform hiring and team building decisions.

C O M M I T M E N T

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must:

- Possess an associate's degree or higher **OR**
- Be a graduate of APCO's Registered Public-Safety Leader (RPL) Program **OR**
- Have a high-school diploma **AND** a minimum of 10 years' experience in public safety communications at the supervisor, manager or director level.

TUITION

Cost for the CPE Program is \$3,500 per person and includes all course materials and distance learning fees. Program participants may apply for tuition assistance through APCO's scholarship program, which is open for applications from January 1 - March 31 each year. To learn more about the scholarship program, visit www.apcointl.org/scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is designed to identify individuals whose professional goals align closely with the goals of the CPE Program. APCO is committed to selecting only those applicants who are fully committed to the successful completion of the program.

As part of the process, applicants are asked to reflect on personal and professional experiences that have influenced their careers and to articulate their interests and career goals, as well as obstacles and solutions to those goals.

Application forms and deadlines can be found at apcointl.org/cpe.

For more information, contact cpe@apcointl.org.

Graduates of the program will earn the professional designation of Certified Public-Safety Executive (CPE) and will be recognized at APCO's Annual Conference & Expo.