

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
MANUAL OF GENERAL ORDERS**

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PROMOTIONS: EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department has long encouraged its members to pursue their formal education. A strong foundation upon which to build is also in place, whereby successful graduates from our Criminal Justice Academy are awarded credit hours from the Northern Virginia Community College.

A. The minimum educational requirements for promotion to the following ranks are:

1. **Sergeant** – No Degree required
2. **First Sergeant** – No Degree required
3. **Lieutenant** – No Degree required
4. **Captain** – Bachelors Degree
5. **Major** – Bachelors Degree
6. **Deputy Chief** – Bachelors Degree

B. All credit hours shall be earned prior to promotion and must be in a structured program leading to a Bachelors or Masters Degree.