

# Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy



## Refresher Academy Application Packet

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## Application Packet

### *Classification*

Before selecting a status, please read all four categories carefully.

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I am applying as:

- INDIVIDUAL** – I have no affiliation with a law enforcement agency. My application is neither sponsored nor recommended by the head of a law enforcement agency. Upon acceptance, I will be solely responsible for the payment of tuition.
- SPONSORED\*** – I am currently a civilian employee with the following law enforcement agency:

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As noted below, my full tuition will be paid by my agency, because my application is sponsored by that agency. All academy selection processes (drug screen, medical, background investigation, work keys exam, etc.) will be waived for agency sponsored students.

- RECOMMENDED (EMPLOYEE)\*** – I am currently a civilian employee with the following law enforcement agency:

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As noted below, my application is being recommended by that agency. However, upon acceptance, I will be solely responsible for the payment of tuition.

- RECOMMENDED (NON-EMPLOYEE)** – While not an employee of the following law enforcement agency:

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I have had a significant, professional association with that agency. As noted below, my application is being recommended by that agency. However, upon acceptance, I will be solely responsible for the payment of the tuition.

\* This category of applicant will not pay for or undergo a background investigation. However, if you provide written proof that within the previous twelve months you underwent a physical examination, and/or drug screening in relation to your employment, and the results were accepted by your agency, then you need not undergo another examination and/or screening.



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Certification for **SPONSORED** or **RECOMMENDED (EMPLOYEE)** applicant.  
(To be completed by agency head)

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As the head of the following law enforcement agency: \_\_\_\_\_,  
I verify that our agency conducted a thorough background check on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and date

I further verify that nothing from the background check nor anything made known to us while the applicant has been our employee would preclude his/her admission to the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy (WCPOA).

Accordingly, I hereby:       Sponsor  
    Recommend

the applicant's admission, reserving the right to rescind that sponsorship or recommendation for good cause. By **Sponsoring** the applicant, I recognize that my agency will be solely responsible for paying the applicants tuition. I recognize that by **Recommending** the applicant, he/she will be solely responsible for paying tuition.

I understand that students of WCPOA are required to meet academic, skill, and behavioral standards and are subject to disciplinary actions that may include dismissal for serious and/or repeat violations of the WCPOA rules, regulations, and standards.

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Print Title and Name

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Signature of Head of Law Enforcement Agency

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Date



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Certification for **RECOMMENDED (NON-EMPLOYEE)** applicant:  
(To be completed by agency head)

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As the head of the following law enforcement agency: \_\_\_\_\_,  
I verify that our agency has had a significant, professional relationship with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Based upon that relationship, I further verify that nothing is known by  
this agency that would preclude admission of the applicant. Accordingly, I hereby recommend  
the applicant's admission to the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy (WCPOA). I  
recognize that the applicant will be solely responsible for paying tuition.

- I recommend WCPOA conduct a background check.
- I do not recommend that the applicant pay for and undergo a background check.

I understand that students of the WCPOA are required to meet academic, skill, and behavioral standards, and are subject to disciplinary actions that may include dismissal for serious and/or repeat violations of the WCPOA rules, regulations or standards.

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Print Title and Name

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Signature of Head of Law Enforcement Agency

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Date



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## Application Packet *Applicant Check-List*

Review and check-off each item noted below to ensure that you have provided the required document or information as part of your application packet.

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- Liability Waiver (signed and dated)
- Certificate of Application, Lack of Criminal History, and Release of Information (signed, dated, and NOTARIZED)
- P.O.S.T. fingerprint card completed and mailed by MCC: MCC 1236 North 7<sup>th</sup> St. Grand Junction, CO 81501 or to P.O.S.T. directly by the student.
- Copy of current CPR AND FIRST AID CARDS (If you are not certified a course will be offered)
- Copy of current valid driver's license
- Verification of previous POST (photocopy)
- POST 11-E Form
- POST form 4 if renewing Colorado Certification
- POST form 3 if you are going through the out-of-state provisional process



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*Common Questions*

## ***COMMON QUESTIONS:***

- 1-A WHAT CAN I EXPECT THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS?
- 2-A WHAT PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES CAN I EXPECT?
- 3-A WHAT DOES MY TUITION COVER?
- 4-A HOW CAN I CONTACT THE ACADEMY?
- 5-A HOW IS TUITION TO BE PAID?

## ***FORMS:***

- 1-B LIABILITY WAIVER
- 2-B CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION AND LACK OF CRIMINAL HISTORY, AND  
RELEASE OF INFORMATION – **NEEDS TO BE NOTARIZED**
- 3-B APPLICATION
- 4-B HOUSING INFORMATION
- 5-B QUESTIONNAIRE
- 6-B EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM
- 7-B DIRECTIONS TO THE ACADEMY



# *Common Questions*



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### *Common Questions*

#### 1-A WHAT CAN I EXPECT THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS?

- The day begins with an orientation that covers topics such as examinations, tuition payments, etc. Courses will also be presented.
- WCPOA uniforms are the appropriate attire. Uniforms will consist of Academy T-shirt, Black BDU Pants, Black Belt, and Black tennis shoes or black boots.
- Students must pay their full tuition payment by the first day of the academy (check or money order payable to WCCC).
- Bring materials for taking notes.

#### 2-A WHAT PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES CAN I EXPECT?

Most classes will be conducted in the classroom, and won't require much physical activity. There will be two days of driving and two days of firearms which will require some physical activity.

#### 3-A WHAT IS PROVIDED AS PART OF MY TUITION?

Use of academy firearms, ammunition, equipment, facilities, housing (if applicable), POST Exam, academy shirt, hat and related instruction. Extra shirts will be at the expense of the student.

- Students need to provide their own duty gear and black BDU pants (gun, belt, etc.).  
The academy will provide holsters and magazine pouches.
- Students must also have the latest edition of the "Colorado Peace Officers Handbook".  
The handbook can be purchased at the Mesa State Bookstore (970-248-1422)

#### 4-A HOW CAN I CONTACT THE ACADEMY?

The local phone number is (970) 255-2600 or toll free at (888) 455-2617. You can also call or email the director at (970) 255-2821 – [joreece@mesastate.edu](mailto:joreece@mesastate.edu). You are welcome to visit us at 2508 Blichmann Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81505.

#### 5-A HOW IS TUITION TO BE PAID?

Tuition is \$1500 with housing and \$1300 without housing. Tuition must be paid in full prior to the beginning of the academy.



# *Forms*



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## Liability Waiver

The undersigned certifies and agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. I have no pre-existing condition that would prohibit me from engaging in all training at the WCPOA.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

2. I understand that Arrest Control Tactics (ACT) Class(es) require physical exertion and physical activity which is undertaken with other persons. My participation in ACT training poses a risk of physical injury, illness or other harm to me and I expressly assume all risk and responsibility for any and all injury, illness, and harm of whatever nature, kind or degree.

\_\_\_N/A\_\_\_ Initials

3. I represent that I am mentally and physically capable of completing 64 hours of Arrest Control Tactic Training (ACT), which will include a minimum of performing:

- Push ups (daily while in ACT training)
- Sit ups (daily while in ACT training)
- Running in formation for 1½ to 2 miles (daily while in ACT training)
- Strength training drills to include personal weapon strikes, e.g. front punches, kicks, etc. to the body
- Handcuffing drills, e.g. stress-inducing drills
- Baton drills
- Control hold/take down techniques, e.g. joint manipulation & stress-inducing drills
- Pressure point application, e.g. application to nerve endings throughout the body

\_\_\_N/A\_\_\_ Initials

4. I agree to read and abide by all policies, procedures, instructions, and training methods provided or otherwise made available by the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy (WCPOA), its instructors and staff, including orientation procedures for new students, WCPOA medical treatment policies and procedures, and all other related WCPOA, policies and procedures, written and oral.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

5. I agree that the health, welfare, and safety of all students, instructors, and staff of WCPOA are of paramount importance. I certify that I do not have a communicable or contagious disease or other health condition that poses or could pose a medically recognized, unreasonable or dangerous risk of harm to other students, instructors, or staff at the WCPOA.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

6. I understand that I am responsible for all personal property I choose to bring to WCPOA, and I expressly assume all risk of loss of, or damage to such personal property.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

7. I also understand that many other aspects of the training at WCPOA, such as Law Enforcement Driving and Law Enforcement Firearms Training, will involve me in situations that could result in harm or injury to me. I further understand that my participation in all of the courses that make up the Basic Law Enforcement Program is required in order for me to take the P.O.S.T. examination for certification as a Colorado Peace Officer. Accordingly, on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, agents, personal representatives, dependants, and all others who may act on my behalf, I forever hold harmless and unconditionally release WCPOA, its instructors and its staff, the Board of Trustees of Mesa State College, Mesa State College, and all current and former employees of Mesa State College from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and courses of action whatsoever arising from any and all damage, loss, injury or other harm to myself or my property while participating in Arrest Control Tactics or any other aspect of my training and education while participating in the WCPOA program, whether such loss, damage, injury, or harm is caused by my own conduct or that of another person.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

8. The terms of this Liability Waiver may be modified only with the written consent of WCPOA and are governed by and subject to the laws of the state of Colorado.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

9. I certify that I read and understand the English language, and that I have thoroughly read and now understand all the terms and conditions of this Liability Waiver. I further agree that if any section, condition, or term of this Liability Waiver is adjudicated to be unenforceable under applicable law, the remaining sections, conditions, and terms shall not be affected and shall remain enforceable and binding upon me.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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## *Certification of Application and Lack of Criminal History, and Release of Information*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have personally completed all aspects of this application and all attachments. I certify that all the answers are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I certify that all of the information provided in my application is accurate and complete.

I certify that I have never been a) convicted of a felony crime/offense in any state or federal court, b) convicted of any of the Colorado misdemeanors listed below, and c) convicted of a crime/offense comparable or similar to any of the Colorado misdemeanors listed below in any federal or other state's court. I further certify that no felony or listed or comparable or similar misdemeanor is pending against me. I authorize the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy and any of its staff, employees, or agents to perform a background investigation to verify the truth of these statements.

18-3-204	Assault in the third degree	18-8-208.1	Attempt to escape
18-3-402	Sex assault	18-8-212	Violation of bail bond conditions
18-3-404	Unlawful sexual contact	18-8-304	Soliciting unlawful compensations
18-3-405.5	Sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist	18-8-305	Trading in public office
18-3-412.5	Sex offenders-duty to register-penalties	18-8-308	Failing to disclose a conflict of interest
18-6-403	Sexual exploitation of children	18-8-403	Official oppression
18-7-201	Prostitution prohibited	18-8-404	First degree official misconduct
18-7-202	Soliciting for prostitution	18-8-503	Perjury in the second degree
18-7-203	Pandering	18-8-611	Simulating legal process
18-7-204	Keeping a place of prostitution	18-8-612	Failure to obey a juror summons
18-7-208	Promoting sexual immortality	18-8-613	Willful misrepresentation of material fact on juror questionnaire
18-7-302	Indecent exposure	18-8-614	Willful harassment of juror by employer
18-7-601	Dispensing violent films to minors	18-8-802	Duty to report use of force by peace officers
18-8-102	Obstructing government operations	18-9-111	Harassment
18-8-103	Resisting arrest	18-9-121	Ethnic intimidation
18-8-104	Obstructing a peace officer, firefighter, emergency medical services provider, rescue specialist, or volunteer	18-18-404	Unlawful use of controlled substances
18-8-108	Compounding	18-18-405	Unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale, or possession of a controlled substance
18-8-109	Concealing death	18-18-406	Offenses relating to marijuana and marijuana concentrate
18-8-111	False reporting to authorities	18-18-411	Keeping, maintaining, controlling, renting, or making available property for unlawful distribution or manufacture of controlled substances
18-8-112	Impersonating a peace officer		
18-8-113	Impersonating a public servant		
18-8-114	Abuse of public records		
18-8-201	Aiding escape		
18-8-204.2	Possession of contraband in the second degree		
18-8-208	Escapes		



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History, and Release of Information (Continued)*

**I understand that any misstatement of fact or willful withholding of information during the application process will disqualify me, or if selected to attend, will be cause for immediate dismissal from the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy (WCPOA). Should I be so disqualified or dismissed, I understand that I will remain liable for all charges incurred as part of the application process, and that I will not be eligible for any refund for money I paid for such things as a background investigation and a fingerprint check. If a student is dismissed after completion of a portion of the academy, the student will be receive a tuition refund consistent with refund schedule set forth on page 6 of the academy bulletin.**

I authorize WCPOA and/or its staff, employees, or agents to release any and all information concerning my application to, participation in or graduation from the WCPOA to any agency or its representatives or agents requesting such information as part of my application for employment by that agency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires:



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## Application

### Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS APARTMENT/UNIT #  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you during normal hours:  Home  Cell  Work

Are you a citizen of the United States?  Yes  No If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.?  Yes  No

Which Class are you applying for?  Day  Night Do you have any previous Law Enforcement training?  Yes  No  
 If "yes", with what agency? \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
FULL NAME

Attended From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? Yes No  
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR   Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
FULL NAME

Attended From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? Yes No  
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR   Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
FULL NAME

Attended From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? Yes No Degree/  
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR   Diploma/  
 Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Education (Continued)

If you didn't graduate from high school, provide specifics of where and when you received your G.E.D.

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## References

Please list three professional references.

Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Occupation: _____	Years Known: _____
Address: _____	Phone: _____
Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Occupation: _____	Years Known: _____
Address: _____	Phone: _____
Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Occupation: _____	Years Known: _____
Address: _____	Phone: _____

## Employment

Please include all employment for the past five years, beginning with the most recent employer first. You may include additional pages if needed.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR



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## Employment (Continued)

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_  
          MONTH/YEAR           MONTH/YEAR

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_  
          MONTH/YEAR           MONTH/YEAR

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Military Service

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR

Rank at Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

If other than honorable, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## Disclaimer and Signature

*I certify that the following answers are true and complete.*

*If this application leads to acceptance, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my dismissal from the academy.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Housing Information**

**Contact information:** Chip Thomas (970) 248-1536

**Location:** Mesa State College Main Campus

## **Fingerprint Information**

**Contact Information:** MCC

**Location:** 1236 North 7<sup>th</sup> St. Grand Junction, CO 81501



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## *QUESTIONNAIRE*

1. Is there any information we need to know about your name or your use of another name in order for us to be able to check your work, driving and criminal records? Please specify:

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2. Do you have any relatives or close friends who are presently attending or who have graduated from WCPOA?

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3. How did you first learn about WCPOA? \_\_\_\_\_



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EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Student Emergency Information
College

Please Print

Student Information

Name: Last First MI (Name other than legal)

Local Address: Street City State Zip

Phone: ( ) Alt. Phone: ( )

Gender DOB Student ID(700 #)

Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name: (Last, First, MI) (Relationship to student)

Phone: ( ) Alt. Phone: ( )

Preferred Physician: Phone: ( )

Preferred Hospital:

State diseases, medication, etc., that may affect your activities in class:

Four horizontal lines for providing state diseases, medication, etc.

Other Information

Permanent Address: Street City State Zip

Phone: ( ) Alt. Phone: ( )

Student's Major: \_\_\_\_\_



## Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy

### *DRIVING DIRECTIONS*

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#### ***How to get here***

It's easy! I-70 is just minutes from the WCCC campus and airport service is offered through major carriers. Bus and rail services are also available.

#### ***From Denver***

Take I-70 west for 259 miles to Grand Junction, exit 28 (24 Road). Go left through the roundabout, and turn south (left) on 24 Road to Patterson Road. Go east (left) on F Road (AKA Patterson Road) to 25 Road. Go north (left) on 25 Road to Blichmann Avenue. Turn east (right) on Blichmann Avenue.

#### ***From Utah***

Take I-70 east, 24 miles past the Colorado/Utah border, to exit 28 (24 Road). Go south (right) on 24 Road to Patterson Road. Go east (left) on F Road (AKA Patterson Road) to 25 Road. Go north (left) on 25 Road to Blichmann Avenue. Turn east (right) on Blichmann Avenue.

#### ***From Highway 50***

Take Highway 50 north, which turns into 5<sup>th</sup> Street in town. Take 5<sup>th</sup> Street to North Avenue. Go west (left) on North Avenue through 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Shortly after 1<sup>st</sup> Street, North Avenue merges with Highway 6 & 50. Continue on Highway 6 & 50 to 25 Road. Go north (right) on 25 road past F Road (AKA Patterson Road) to Blichmann Avenue. Turn east (right) on Blichmann Avenue.

