



# POLICE OFFICER APPLICANT INFORMATION

## FALL 2018



Read all of the material thoroughly before submitting your application. Failure to electronically submit a complete application will result in delays and possibly your application being rejected.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

- \* Age 21 by September 8, 2018
- \* High school diploma or equivalent
- \* Good driving, police, personal, & employment record
- \* U. S. Citizen
- \* Valid Driver's License
- \* Males between 18 & 26 registered with the Selective Service

Out-of-state officer must provide documentation of ability to become KY certified at time of application

Tattoos cannot be visible while in uniform and body studs and/or earring will not be worn while on-duty

**SALARY:** \$40,304 annually; Police earn an additional \$4,000 annual supplement upon completion of basic training; supplement is paid on a monthly basis.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018** your application and other forms must be fully completed, submitted and uploaded by this date. **No application will be accepted after the deadline.**

Applicants will be mailed a packet (background packet) containing the following information:

- Letter confirming application receipt
- Form I-2 Pre-Polygraph Questionnaire
- Bowling Green Police Department Law Enforcement Application
- List of Required Documents (accompanies BGD Law Enforcement Application)
- Request for Military Documents (complete if applicable)

### APPLICANTS WITH RELATED EXPERIENCE:

**KENTUCKY:** Applicants presently certified in Kentucky as a police officer may be exempt from taking all/portions of the POPS testing IF proof of certification is provided with the application. This test exemption applies only to police officer applicants **currently certified** as a sworn police officer by the Kentucky Justice Cabinet - Police Basic Training Academy. The applicant must pass all other phases to make the eligible list. **Applicants must submit necessary documentation with the application** in order to be exempt. A copy of the Basic Police Science Diploma from the Department of Criminal Justice Training is sufficient for KY certification.

**OUT-OF-STATE:** Experience or certification from outside of Kentucky may exempt the applicant from certain phases of POPS Testing if proper documentation is provided at the time of application (**contact the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (859) 622-6218, to see if your experience/certification qualifies**). Police officers certified in other states may be required to test but may not be required to complete the full twenty-three weeks of basic training. The candidate will be asked to submit detailed documentation of training, which could exempt him/her from most of the basic training requirements.

*The City of Bowling Green is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug-Free Workplace*

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## REGISTRATION/TESTING INFORMATION

Applicants will be contacted by Human Resources the week of August 13 via email regarding POPS Phase I testing requirements. Human Resources will email applicants regarding: testing dates; POPS Phase I physical testing; the Law Enforcement Suitability Inventory (LESI); and the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI).

**ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 FOR POPS PHASE I PHYSICAL AGILITY TESTING.**

**On Saturday, September 8 ALL testing will be offered to applicants. Applicants not completing their LESI and PAI tests before Saturday, September 8, should plan on being at testing facilities from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to complete all of the State required testing.**

In order to accommodate schedules, Human Resources will provide several opportunities for applicants to complete the written portions of POPS Phase I testing. Written testing consists of the Law Enforcement Suitability Inventory (LESI) and Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI). **While the majority of the test is not timed, the written testing could last 5 hours and must be completed in one session!**

**Applicants must pre-register for testing sessions on their application.** Human Resources will offer the LESI and PAI testing ONLY on Saturday, August 25 and Wednesday, August 29 (times and location below). Applicants will be notified of their testing session in their initial confirmation letter and through reminder emails.

**NOTE: You will still have to attend on Saturday, September 8 to complete the POPS Physical Testing!**

<b>Saturday, August 25</b> Registration: 8:00 a.m. Testing begins: 8:30 a.m.	Police Headquarters 911 Kentucky St	LESI and PAI Testing <b>ONLY</b> – Applicants will still report on Saturday, September 8 for physical testing
<b>Wednesday, August 29</b> Registration: 8:00 a.m. Testing begins: 8:30 a.m.	Police Headquarters 911 Kentucky St	LESI and PAI Testing <b>ONLY</b> – Applicants will still report on Saturday, September 8 for physical testing
<b>Saturday, September 8</b> Registration: 7:00 a.m. Testing begins: 7:30 a.m.  Time announced at physical test	Bowling Green High School 1801 Rockingham Ln  Police Headquarters 911 Kentucky St	POPS Phase I Physical Test  LESI and PAI Testing (those applicants not completing their testing before September 8)

Testing will be given promptly at the times and dates indicated. Anyone arriving late will not be allowed to take the test. Applicants not familiar with the test site should plan extra time to allow for any unforeseen circumstances: i.e., finding a parking place and registration. Applicants will be required to present positive identification (driver's license is sufficient) upon registering at the test site.

**ADA ACCOMMODATION:** In order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any candidate needs an accommodation to be made for an eligible disability, in order to complete a written or physical test on the date assigned, please notify the Human Resources Coordinator by the advertised application deadline and specify the accommodation needed.

## POPS PHASE I PHYSICAL TESTING

**PRACTICE POPS PHASE I PHYSICAL TEST:** The Bowling Green Police Department will offer a **practice POPS physical test session at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 11 at Bowling Green High School, 1801 Rockingham Lane**. Candidates will be able to see the State Certification Physical Agility Test demonstrated and be given an opportunity to practice the test. If applicants want to participate in the practice session they can indicate on their application.

**POPS PHASE I PHYSICAL TEST:** The POPS Phase I Physical test will be offered **ONLY on Saturday, September 8!** Applicants will be emailed by Human Resources the week of August 13 regarding requirements to complete POPS Phase I testing. The email will confirm testing date(s); contain information/instructions on completing **Form T-1 Medical Release – Phase I Testing and T-1A Physician’s Medication Release Form**.

**FORM T-1 AND T-1A MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 in order TO TAKE THE POPS PHASE I PHYSICAL TEST!!!!**

**FORMS T-1 MEDICAL RELEASE - PHASE I TESTING AND T-1A PHYSICIAN’S MEDICAL RELEASE FORM:** Completion/submission of these forms is **required** for all candidates not already working as a certified Kentucky officer or for out-of-state officers who cannot provide documentation of achieving KY certification at the time of application. These forms must be completed and brought to POPS Phase I testing on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. These forms are **REQUIRED** by DOCJT (Department of Criminal Justice Training) in order for the candidate to be registered for the physical agility and psychological tests. If the applicant answers “**yes**” to any of questions 1 through 10 on **Form T-1**, then the **Form T-1a Physician’s Medical Release Form** must be completed and signed by a licensed physician. **Remember to sign Form T-1.**

## POPS PHASE II - POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

A polygraph is required during the selection process. The polygraph includes the following: general truthfulness; truthfulness on the application; drug usage, buying, or selling; serious crimes committed; past thefts; arrest record; currently being wanted; and withholding background information. During the pretest portion of the examination, the examiner will review the actual questions with the candidate. If there are any admissions or problems regarding any questions, notations will be made and the questions will be reworded to address any admissions or problems.

## SCHEDULING AND NOTIFICATION

It is imperative candidates make themselves available for the next phase. If an applicant is unable to participate in any of the scheduled events beyond Saturday, September 8, it is the candidate’s responsibility to provide ample notice (documentation may be required) to the Human Resources Department. Depending on circumstances, the testing/hiring phase, and the overall hiring schedule it is at the sole discretion of the Human Resources and Police departments to grant an accommodation. However, since candidates are provided the testing/selection schedule prior to testing, it is important that they do everything in their power to make themselves available on those dates – scheduling is tight and consumes a lot of different resources. Accommodating a candidate’s rescheduling request is **NOT** guaranteed and therefore will require the candidate to have to withdraw from the process.

Except for the final notification of eligibility, candidates continuing onto each phase will be notified by telephone. It is important to provide phone numbers where you can be contacted or a message left for you. If you have a change of address, phone number, or work location after submitting your application it is important you notify and provide the information to the Human Resources Department. Candidates will be provided final notification of their status in writing.

## 2018 FALL POLICE OFFICER REGISTRATION/HIRING SCHEDULE

DATES/TIMES	LOCATIONS	EVENTS
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 10</b>		Deadline for submitting application
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 11</b> 8:00 A.M. – REGISTRATION 8:30 A.M. – BEGIN PRACTICE	<b>Bowling Green High</b> 1801 Rockingham Ln Bowling Green KY	<b>PRACTICE POPS PHASE I FITNESS TEST</b> <i>(OPTIONAL)</i>
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 25</b> 8:00 A.M. – REGISTRATION 8:30 A.M. - TESTING	<b>Police Headquarters</b> 911 Kentucky St	<b>LESI &amp; PAI TESTING ONLY:</b> State required LESI Psychological Testing and PAI (Personality Assessment Inventory) <b>NOTE: Still required to attend Saturday, September 8</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 29</b> 8:00 A.M. – REGISTRATION 8:30 A.M. - TESTING	<b>Police Headquarters</b> 911 Kentucky St	<b>LESI &amp; PAI TESTING ONLY:</b> State required LESI Psychological Testing and PAI (Personality Assessment Inventory) <b>NOTE: Still required to attend Saturday, September 8</b>
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8</b> 7:00 A.M. – REGISTRATION 7:30 A.M. - TESTING	<b>Bowling Green High</b> 1801 Rockingham Ln Bowling Green KY  <b>Police Headquarters</b> 911 Kentucky St <i>(LESI and PAI ONLY)</i>	<b>POPS PHASE I TESTING &amp; PAI ADMINISTRATION– MUST PRESENT COMPLETED TI AND T1a FORMS TO ENTER.</b> Tests being administered: State certification physical agility (POPS); LESI Psychological Test; & PAI (Personality Assessment Inventory). Applicants who have not taken the LESI and PAI before this date will have to stay the entire day to complete all required testing (POPS; LESI & PAI).
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 –</b> <b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5</b> <i>Various dates and times</i>		Human Resources contacts applicants to schedule Polygraph and Psychological Evaluation
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 -</b> <b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19</b> <i>Various dates and times</i>	Various locations	Polygraph/Psychological Evaluation
<b>OCTOBER 22 – NOVEMBER 16</b>		Backgrounds
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 -</b> <b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7</b>	<b>Police Headquarters</b> 911 Kentucky St	Interviews & Essential Skills Testing
<b>DECEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 28</b>	Various Locations	Physical/Commission Appointments
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 28</b>	<b>Police Headquarters</b>	Candidates Start to Work
<b>TBD</b>	Richmond, KY	20 week Basic Training Begins

*This schedule is tentative. Dates, times and locations are subject to change.*

# PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE SALARY & BENEFITS

## **SALARY**

\$40,304/year; paid bi-weekly. Police earn an additional \$4,000 annual supplement after completing basic training; supplement is paid on a monthly basis.

## **PAID TIME**

Police officers accrue 15 vacation days per year. Maximum accrual of vacation leave is equal to number of days earned in two years. Police earn seven additional holidays scheduled like vacation. Two additional personal days are allowed per year, beginning January 15, after one year employment.

## **SICK LEAVE**

Accumulated at the rate of one day per month up to 180 days maximum.

## **RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

Employees join County Employee Retirement System, which is part of a state retirement system. The City contributes 35.34% of employee's salary to that fund and the employee contributes 8% (9% if new to CERS). Employee contributions are tax deferred and refundable upon termination. Public safety personnel do not pay FICA (Social Security 6.35%), but do pay 1.45% toward Medicare.

## **DEFERRED COMP**

Tax-deferred supplemental retirement plans available for employee contribution through 401(k) and 457 deferred compensation plans.

## **INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Comprehensive Major Medical Group Health Plan with a two tier level of coverage. City pays most of the premium.

\$50,000 Term Life Insurance Policy provided by the City. Additional term coverage and/or whole life plan with supplemental retirement savings are also available.

Dental and Vision Care Insurance for employee is provided by the City; available for dependents at a reasonable cost to the employee. Whole life, disability, critical care, and accident insurances are also offered for the employee and dependents at a reasonable cost to the employee. ***INSURANCE BENEFITS ARE EFFECTIVE THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING HIRE DATE.***

## **CITY CARE CENTER – ON-SITE HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER**

Available to eligible employees and their dependents. The center treats acute and chronic conditions (i.e., cold, flu, high blood pressure, and diabetes); provides annual physicals, health coaching, lab work, on-site dispensary of select generic medications and much more at no charge to the employee.

## **FLEXIBLE SPENDING**

Daycare and eligible medical expenses can be paid from pre-tax dollars through flexible spending accounts.

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

The City helps pay for qualified college courses by reimbursing employees for approved tuition and book expenses. Time to take classes must be negotiated and approved in advance.

## **OTHER BENEFITS**

All initial uniforms and necessary equipment are provided. An annual allowance is provided for replacement. Body armor is available at police officer's choosing.

Free access to fitness facility and equipment; discounted rate for immediate family.

Free employee assistance counseling program for employees and dependents.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Bowling Green is located in south central Kentucky, one hour north of Nashville, TN. The City has a population of 64,000; the entire county's population is over 120,000. The area is one of the fastest growing in Kentucky. Western Kentucky University has over 21,000 students.

The City consists of 39 square miles. The Bowling Green Police Department employs 117 sworn officers and a civilian support staff of over 50 full-time and part-time employees. Central communications personnel are responsible for dispatching City Police, City and County fire calls, and all 911 emergency calls.

Sworn public safety personnel are selected after completing a rigorous testing process, consisting of written, physical skills, oral interview, polygraph, and personality profile testing, as well as a complete background investigation. Each phase must be successfully completed before continuing on to the next.

Once employed, personnel are expected to complete required training, maintain an adequate level of physical fitness, follow all rules and regulations of the City, deal fairly with citizens, exercise good judgment in complex situations, and act within the law at all times. For police officers, the training/probation period does not end until twelve months after completion of field training.

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be 21 years old by September 8, 2018

**NOTE:** If no previous CERS covered service, there is a twenty-five (25) year service requirement for full retirement benefits; however, the City strictly enforces a mandatory retirement age of 57, regardless of years of service. Contact Human Resources (270) 393-3689 for clarification of eligibility.

3. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

**NOTE:** KRS requires candidates to have a high school diploma or GED, and that the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (KLEC) will not accept a home-school certificate as documentation to meet this requirement. However, a certificate of degree from an accredited college or university will satisfy this requirement.

4. Must be U. S. Citizen.

5. Males between the ages of 18 and 26 must be registered with the Selective Service to be eligible for employment with the City.

6. There are no specific height/weight requirements; candidate must pass physical agility/skills test. There are minimum vision and hearing standards for entry-level police officers. The following is a brief summary. In compliance with the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council statute KRS 15.310:

**Vision** - visual acuity greater than 20/40 corrected and at least 20/100 uncorrected binocular for far vision. No single eye should be 20/200 or greater, uncorrected. Near vision should be no worse than 20/40 corrected.

Vision requirements for police include peripheral/horizontal visual fields of at least 140 degrees uncorrected, and potential disqualifications for specific eye diseases and impairments.

**Hearing** - hearing deficit in the pure tone thresholds in an unaided worse ear should be no worse than an average of 30db at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hz.

7. The following are examples of violations that will result in rejection of an applicant:

- Failure to disclose any convictions on employment application
- Any felony convictions
- Significant use of illegal drugs/substances within the past two years; *use of illegal drugs that would be considered a felony*; or a history of regular drug use, unless rehabilitated
- Conviction for sale or trafficking of illegal drugs/substances
- Conviction for driving under the influence within the past two (2) years (2016).
- Illegal sexual misconduct
- Acts of domestic violence
- **Tattoo(s) and Body Piercing(s):** Unwillingness to follow Police Department's policy pertaining to Tattoo(s) and Body Piercing(s), dictating that tattoos cannot be visible while in uniform, and body studs and/or earrings will not be worn while on duty.

Applicant's driving record history is verified with the state driver's licensing authority. Misdemeanor convictions and other traffic violations will be reviewed on an individual basis; the nature, frequency, and time elapsed will determine whether rejection might occur. Patterns of driving violations are reviewed. The City's general driving rules and regulations are as follows:

- Employees who accumulate 7 or more points within a two-year period are required to attend a driver improvement clinic. Any employee accumulating 9 or more points within a two-year period will be subject to review by the Human Resources & Risk Management Department and the employee's respective supervisor/manager.
- Employees convicted of any moving violation during the operation of a City vehicle, or their own vehicle while performing City business will be subject to review.
- Any employee who is habitually involved in preventable vehicle accidents will be subject to review.
- Any employee who exhibits gross negligence while operating a vehicle while performing City business will be subject to review.

**\*\*** Any employee involved in two or more at-fault accidents within a one year period, or more than three within a two year period (regardless of accident type or monetary loss), will be required to attend a driver improvement clinic. The employee's respective department shall be responsible for ensuring that the employee receives this training within a reasonable time frame, training is documented, and all documentation is forwarded to the Human Resources & Risk Management Department. The respective department shall be responsible for determining the appropriate corrective/disciplinary action for any employee whose driving privileges have been denied, withdrawn, suspended, or revoked under the Transportation Cabinet's administrative regulations.

8. Must not be related to the City Manager, or a member of the City Board of Commissioners, and may not work in a position where he/she would be supervised by a relative.

## HIRING INFORMATION

**TRAINING & UNIFORMS:** If a new police recruit requires basic training, the City employs them during the twenty week program (sometimes longer depending on holidays). The City/State pays all costs relating to training and room and board. Training is provided at the basic training academy at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, south of Lexington. After completion of basic training new officers spend approximately eighteen weeks with a Field Training Officer before being "put on the street".

New public safety employees are provided with all necessary uniforms and equipment.

**NOTE:** New hires will be required to sign a Reimbursement of Police Training Costs Agreement, by which the officer agrees to re-pay the City for a proportionate share of training costs, including salary and benefits paid prior to academy graduation, if the officer leaves employment within three years of graduation. The training costs are forgiven at a rate of 2.8% per month following graduation.

**WORK HOURS:** Police officers work an eight or ten-hour shift and have semi-permanent shifts.

**PERTINENT PERSONNEL POLICIES:** Public safety employees are subject to random drug testing. A mandatory physical fitness or essential skills program covers all public safety positions as well. Probationary employees are required to pass the departmental physical standards, which are similar to the entry-level requirements. Unless excused by a written physician's statement, employees must participate in the annual fitness assessment. Public safety employees may also receive a series of vaccinations to prevent hepatitis.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Is there a written test?**  
**A. YES and NO,** there is no entry level written test **HOWEVER** candidates still have to complete a series of State required written testing in order to be admitted to the academy if hired.
- Q. When will the City be hiring?** New employees may start to work **in January**. Other candidates may be placed on an eligible list for any openings that might occur before the next list is created.
- Q. How many will you be hiring?**  
**A.** The number hired depends on the actual number of vacancies at that time. Candidates on the eligible list could fill any vacancies occurring before the next testing phase.
- Q. I am only 20 years old. Can I apply?**  
**A.** If you turn 21 by **September 8, 2018**, you can apply. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the next recruiting period. Applicants must be 21 by the time they take the State Certification Test.
- Q. What is the starting pay?**  
**A.** The starting pay is \$40,304/year. Upon completing basic training, officers make an additional \$4,000 per year. New employees are paid while in training.
- Q. When will interviews be held?**  
**A.** Interviews have not been scheduled yet, but are tentatively planned to be the first week of December.
- Q. What kinds of shifts do personnel work?**  
**A.** Police officers work a semi-permanent shift. Shifts typically work from 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.; 11:00 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *(continued)*

**Q. What qualifications are required to apply?**

A. Minimum qualifications to apply are: to be age 21 by **September 8, 2018**; high school diploma or equivalent; valid driver's license; and males between the ages of 18 and 26 must be registered with Selective Services.

**Q. What is involved with the Physical Skills Tests (Essential Skills and POPS Physical Abilities Tests)?**

A. The Police Department uses what is called an Essential Skills Based Test. It was developed after a two-year period of collecting and analyzing data on actual physical skills used in police work. The test consists of a 440-yard run during which fifteen different exercises are completed. At present there is no minimum allowed time; data will be collected from employee and applicant testing for setting future standards.

The Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training implemented a new physical skills test for cadets entering the academy starting in 1999. The test includes ability to bench press at least 64% of body weight; completing at least 18 sit-ups in one minute; running 300 meters in 65 seconds; completing at least 20 push-ups in one minute; and running 1.5 miles in under 17:12 minutes. The DOCJT has slightly more stringent standards for a cadet to complete the academy.

**Q. I am a police officer in another state. Do I have to take the POPS Phase I test? Will I have to go to the training academy if hired?**

A. You may not have to take the POPS Phase I test. Although Kentucky does not have reciprocal agreements with other states you may be able to count your training toward Kentucky certification. Contact the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (859) 622-6218, to see if your experience/certification will transfer.

If hired, you can take an equivalency test at the academy and possibly "test-out" of several weeks of the twenty-three week training. You will probably have to attend the section on Kentucky laws as well as any other sections you do not pass on the equivalency test. This would all be done after you are hired.

**Q. Is there a lateral transfer program?**

A. No. The City does not have an automatic lateral transfer program. Police officers certified in Kentucky do not have to take the POPS test with evidence of passing the basic training academy but, do have to pass other phases of the selection process. Preference is given to candidates who are certified. Kentucky does not have reciprocal agreements with other states regarding transfers or automatic acceptance of training credentials. The department does participate in KLEC's Career Development Program. Previous Kentucky experience and related training can help a newer officer achieve advanced and/or master police officer status (with assignment pay) faster than normal.

**Q. How many times will I have to come for different parts of the selection process?**

A. It may not seem like it at times, we do try to make the schedule convenient for the candidate. However, when dealing with as many different phases and people, it is not always possible. The scheduling is always difficult and inconvenient for some.

Police candidates who live further away (more than an hour from Bowling Green) at a minimum will have to come once for the State fitness and psychological tests (POPS Phase I ); once for the psychological interview/polygraph; once for interview/essential skills test and then once for the medical physical. Since it is hard to coordinate so many different schedules, those who live in Warren County or adjacent counties may have to make several visits to complete these phases.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *(continued)*

**Q. I do not get out of the military until later and I cannot come in September. Is there a make-up date?**

A. No. The final testing date for the State required tests will be September 8. This is necessary so we can maintain our schedule to complete the selection process by mid-December. Interviewing will be completed in early December

**Q. Does the Police Department have a take home fleet?**

A. Yes. To qualify, employees must complete their probationary period. Home fleet is limited to officers living in Warren County.

**Q. What do I do if I can't make one of the events after September 8?**

A. **Contact the Human Resources Department ASAP!** Depending on the circumstances, the testing/hiring phase, and the overall hiring schedule it is at the sole discretion of the Human Resources and Police departments to grant an accommodation. Accommodating a candidate's rescheduling request is NOT guaranteed and therefore will require the candidate to have to withdraw from the process. Your application can be updated and resubmitted for the next recruitment cycle.

# BOWLING GREEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ESSENTIAL SKILLS PHYSICAL TEST

*(Test will be completed concurrent with interviews)*

The skills test consists of a 440-yard run during which fifteen job-related activities shall be performed. The test is conducted with the candidate wearing a duty belt. A uniform, jumpsuit, or other clothing may be worn but **for safety reasons long pants will be required**. Once begun, the candidate must continue in a forward motion unless failing to successfully complete one of the stations. The candidate may immediately go back through that portion of the test twice more before failing the entire course. Time does not stop until the completion of the course.

All of the measurements (distances, heights, and weights) are averages of measurements that were taken from obstacles and records in Bowling Green, with the exception of the machine that simulates subjects resisting arrest.

The following is a list of the fifteen different activities (**in bold**) followed by an explanation of the job-related activity each simulates.

### **BEGIN**

1. **Enter and exit vehicle. Open vehicle door, sit in driver's seat, close door, fasten seat belt, unfasten belt, open door, exit vehicle.** Duplicates the daily task of getting in and out of vehicles.
2. **Run/walk approximately 220 yards.** Duplicates running after a fleeing subject.
3. **Jump 2 hurdles (1 foot and 2 foot in height).** Simulates low-height an officer might have to jump over, for example, a bush or small fence.
4. **Jump over 4-foot wide area.** Simulates short-distance obstacles an officer might have to jump over, for example, water or a ditch.
5. **Crawl/jump a 4-foot high wall.** Simulates climbing over a 4-foot fence.
6. **Walk/run length of 8-foot railroad tie.** Simulates running or walking over elevated objects while maintaining balance.
7. **Weave through 3 traffic cones without knocking any over.** Simulates avoiding obstacles in your path, for example, vehicles or trees.
8. **Enter building through window, 3<sup>1/2</sup> feet above floor. No diving through window allowed.** Duplicates entering or exiting a building by the window.
9. **Ascend and descend 3 flights of stairs. Each step must be stepped upon and use of the handrail is required.** Duplicates climbing and descending stairs.
10. **Open door and exit building.** Duplicates the daily task of opening doors.
11. **Crawl 6 feet under a three-foot high obstacle.** Simulates crawling under obstacles, for example, a house or fence.

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12. **Push and rotate 80 pounds 180 degrees, pull and rotate 80 pounds 180 degrees.** Simulates controlling a resisting subject by controlling in both a pushing and pulling manner.
13. **Carry a 30-pound doll 50 feet. No dragging allowed.** Simulates carrying small objects weighing approximately 30 pounds, for example, children or animals.
14. **Drag a 150 pound dummy 25 feet.** Simulates dragging a weight of approximately 160 pounds, for example, intoxicated subjects, elderly subjects, etc.
15. **Dry fire a duty weapon 6 times with each hand.** Simulates firing your duty weapon

**END**

### **OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

All candidates are required to sign the written statement on the Employment Application Supplement, relieving the City of Bowling Green of any liability for any injury received during the physical fitness test/practical exercises.

It is recommended candidates wear loose fitting clothing and appropriate running shoes. **Again, the candidate should bring long sweat pants or equivalent.** Applicants may wish to bring a towel and drink.

**CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY**  
**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**TITLE: POLICE OFFICER**

**DATE: MARCH 2012**

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**PURPOSE OF POSITION**

The purpose of this position is to protect life and property by enforcing all City statutes, ordinances and the laws and regulations of the state for which the Police Department is accountable. Duties and responsibilities include assisting fellow officers with interdepartmental duties and City activities; responding to the needs of the general public by performing rescues, giving information and direction, mediating disputes and deterring criminal activity within the community; compiling reports, preparing cases for trial and appearing in court; maintaining and updating records for proper documentation; working to achieve the highest level of cooperation and to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement within the City of Bowling Green.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.**

- Enforces all City ordinances and state laws, both traffic and criminal, in order to protect life and property and to prevent crime; maintains high visibility by patrolling City streets, parks, neighborhoods and businesses to ensure security.
- Responds to alarms and calls for assistance; backs fellow officers on traffic stops, domestic and theft calls; participates in raids and riot/crowd control operations; communicates effectively and coherently over law enforcement radio channels while initiating and responding to radio communications.
- Performs rescue functions at accidents, emergencies and disasters to include directing traffic, calling for or administering emergency medical aid, and managing dangerous situations; interacts with E.M.T. teams, Fire Department and other emergency agencies.
- Gathers information in criminal investigations by searching the crime scene, interviewing and obtaining statements of victims, witnesses, suspects and confidential informants; determines reasonable suspicion to detain and/or probable cause to search; pursues fleeing and subdues resisting suspects; effects arrests; processes and transports prisoners.
- Identifies illegal drugs and hazardous materials; remains knowledgeable of prescription drugs.
- Operates a law enforcement vehicle during day and/or night hours; utilizes and maintains



weapons and equipment in functional and presentable condition; performs firearm requirements at prescribed departmental levels.

- Coordinates and conducts roadblocks; administers roadside field sobriety tests; identifies wanted persons/vehicles; assists stranded motorists; escorts funerals, bank personnel and merchants as required.
- Obtains and/or serves warrants, summons, subpoenas, domestic violence orders and other court documents; cites parking and traffic violators.
- Assists with interdepartmental duties and City activities as needed; performs public relations by giving information and directions, mediating disputes and advising of rights and process; assists with community activities, programs and crime prevention.
- Gathers and submits physical evidence in addition to compiling and preparing documentation on cases for prosecution; communicates with court personnel and appears in court to present evidence and testimony.
- Prepares daily activity reports, vehicle maintenance requests, crime, incident and accident reports; documents arrest bookings, evidence, traffic citations; completes daily time sheet and various forms.
- Attends shift meetings, seminars and training sessions as required to stay current with departmental operations, to promote improved job performance and to remain knowledgeable of changing state/municipal codes and criminal/civil case law.
- Cooperates with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and its officers or representatives when their activities or investigations are related to on-going investigations being conducted by the Bowling Green Police Department; works to achieve the highest level of cooperation and efficiency possible.

#### **ADDITIONAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Substitutes in the absence of school crossing guard; provides radio dispatch relief when necessary.
- Performs other related duties as required.

#### **MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

High school diploma or equivalent. Must become certified through the Basic Training Academy operated by the Kentucky Justice Cabinet and possess a valid Kentucky driver's license.

#### **PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITIES REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

##### **LANGUAGE ABILITY AND INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION**

- Ability to analyze data and information using established criteria, in order to define

consequences and to consider and select alternatives. Ability to compare, count, differentiate, measure and/or sort data and information. Ability to assemble, copy, record and transcribe data.

- Ability to classify, compute, tabulate, and categorize data. Ability to persuade, convince, sell and train others, including the ability to act in a lead capacity. Ability to advise and interpret on how to apply policies, procedures and standards to specific situations.
- Ability to utilize advisory data and information such as technical operating manuals, procedures, guidelines, non-routine correspondence and laws.

**MATHEMATICAL ABILITY**

- Ability to add and subtract, measure, multiply and divide, and calculate percentages, fractions, and decimals.

**JUDGMENT AND SITUATIONAL REASONING ABILITY**

- Ability to apply situational reasoning ability by exercising judgment, decisiveness and creativity in situations involving the evaluation of information against sensory or judgmental criteria.
- Ability to use functional reasoning development in performing functions within influence systems such as associated with supervising, managing, leading, teaching, directing and controlling.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Essential Functions:**

1. Must be able to operate a police vehicle to perform routine patrol and emergency response.
2. Must be able to pass basic firearms qualifications and maintain safe firearms operations
3. Must be able to perform investigative duties requiring both physical and mental aptitude.
4. Must be able to pursue, apprehend and restrain individuals/suspects.
5. Must maintain records of daily activities and prepare routine reports.
6. Must attend staff meetings, in-service training and technical/professional classes or seminars as required.

**Physical Demands of Job:**

<b>Never</b>	<b>Occasional</b>	<b>Frequent</b>	<b>Constant</b>
0% of an 8 hour day	1-33% of an 8 hour day	34-66% of an 8 hour day	67-100% of an 8 hour day
0 hrs of an 8 hour day	≤ 2.6 hours	≤ 2.7 - 5.2 hours	≥ 5.3 hours

**Standing:** (Constant) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

**Walking:** (Constant) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

**Sitting:** (Constant) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

**Lifting:** (Occasional) Required to lift various equipment or persons weighing up to **80 pounds from ground to waist level**. Also, required to lift equipment weighing up to **25 pounds to overhead/crown level**.

**Carrying:** (Occasional) Required to complete either front or side carries of equipment or materials weighing **50 pounds for distances of up to 100 feet**.

**Pushing/Pulling:** (Occasional) Required to generate **push and pull forces of  $\geq 100$  pounds** for the moving of equipment, vehicles and persons in emergency and non-emergency situations and restraining of individuals/suspects.

**Climbing:** (Occasional) Required to ascend/descend steps, ladders, fences, walls and/or various outdoor terrain.

**Forward Bending/Stooping:** (Occasional) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

**Trunk Rotation:** (Occasional) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

**Kneeling:** (Occasional) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

**Crouching:** (Occasional) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

**Crawling:** (Occasional) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

**Squatting:** (Occasional) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

**Reaching:** (Occasional) Required to complete overhead and forward reaching to complete various duties associated with essential job functions

**Manipulating/Handling/Gripping:** (Frequent) Required to allow for gripping, pinching and manipulation of various pieces of equipment utilized for the performance of essential job functions. A **grip force of  $\geq 75$  pounds** is necessary for the completion of essential job functions.

**Postural Balancing:** (Constant) Required to complete various duties associated with essential job functions.

### **Work Level:**

**Heavy Work** (Level 4\*) as defined by the Dictionary of Occupational Titles.

***Note: A Work Level Score of 3.5 achieved during a "fit-for-duty" evaluation is considered acceptable.***

	<b>Sedentary (1)</b>	<b>Light (2)</b>	<b>Medium (3)</b>	<b>Heavy (4)</b>	<b>Very Heavy (5)</b>
<b>Occasional</b>	≤ 10 lbs.	≤ 20 lbs	≤ 50 lbs.	≤ 100 lbs.	> 100 lbs.
<b>Frequent</b>	Negligible	≤ 10 lbs	≤ 25 lbs.	≤ 50 lbs.	> 50 lbs.
<b>Constant</b>			≤ 10 lbs	≤ 20 lbs.	> 20 lbs

**Significant Worksite Measurements:**

**Equipment:** weighing up to 25 pounds (i.e. bullet resistant vests and duty belt).  
**Other:** weighing up to 100 pounds (i.e., various materials or individuals).

**Tools/Equipment Used to Perform Job:**

Bullet resistant vest, duty belt, motor vehicle, investigative tools/supplies, etc.

**Additional Fitness Standard Requirements**

The following tests shall be successfully performed while wearing the duty belt.

1. Run approximately 110 yards.
2. Jump 2 hurdles (one foot and two feet in height)
3. Crawl over/jump a four foot wall
4. Walk/run the length of an eight foot railroad tie (or equivalent object)
5. Weave through three traffic cones without knocking any cone over.
6. Crawl the length of six feet under an obstacle three feet in height
7. Ascend and descend a flight of eight steps, six times. Each step must be stepped upon and use of the handrail is required.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTABILITY**

- Ability, in regard to environmental factors such as temperature variations, odors, toxic agents, violence, noise, vibrations, wetness, disease and/or dust, to work under unsafe and uncomfortable conditions.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE**

The City of Bowling Green is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ADA requires the City to provide adequate accommodations to qualified persons with disabilities. Prospective and current employees are encouraged to discuss ADA accommodations with management.