NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY. Department of Civil Service

EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICE

Statement of Physical and Medical Requirements for Police Investigator Academy Cadet

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NOTE: Under the auspices of the Office of the Attorney General, candidates for this title are candidates that have not previously attended and successfully completed a program at an approved Basic Police Officer Training Academy. Candidates will be medically evaluated to ensure that they can safety participate and complete the police academy training program. This training includes but is not limited to firearms training, physical agility training, and arrest techniques training.

- 1. <u>Height and Weight</u> Will not interfere with the candidate's ability to safety participate and complete the police academy training program.
- 2. Vision Candidates must have binocular vision not less than 20/40 with or without correction.
- 3. Hearing Candidates must be able to pass an audiometric test of hearing acuity. A binaural hearing loss of greater than 15% in the frequency ranges of 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz, with or without hearing appliances, will be considered disqualifying. Recourse Testing: If the candidate's pure tone screening test is deemed unacceptable, such candidate may at his/her own expense have an audiological evaluation administered by a NYS licensed audiologist, including: 1. hearing sensitivity; 2. speech discrimination in quiet; 3. speech discrimination in noise. Testing should be performed in a sound-treated environment meeting the 1969 ANSI or any subsequent standard. The CID W-22-word lists should be presented at 50 dB HL via a calibrated speech audiometer through a single speaker stationed at 0 degrees azimuth with the candidate seated at approximately 1 meter (39 inches) from the speaker. Speech (hearing) discrimination testing in a background of broad-band noise should be conducted in the same sound field environment. Again, using a different version of one of the CID W-22 word lists presented at 50 dB HL, a competing noise should be simultaneously presented at 40 dB HL (S/N=+10) through the same speaker (0 degrees azimuth) as the test words or through a separate speaker located at 180 degrees azimuth. The minimal acceptable standard of speech (hearing) discrimination shall be a score no poorer than 90% in quiet and 70% in noise on two of the pre-recorded versions of the CID W-22-word lists. An open-test response format should be utilized with the candidate responding in writing.
- 4. **Speech** Must be free of speech pathology that would interfere with the ability to communicate clearly.
- 5. <u>Cardiovascular</u> Candidate must have a functional and therapeutic cardiac classification no greater than NYS Class IA. This determination must be made clinically or by cardiac stress test. Candidates with uncontrolled high blood pressure will be restricted pending remediation.
- 6. <u>Respiratory System</u> The respiratory system must be free of chronically disabling conditions that would interfere with the candidate's ability to safety participate and complete the police academy training program.
- 7. <u>Diabetes</u> Candidates who are diabetic must provide evidence of satisfactory medical control. Candidates will be evaluated on a case-by-case assessment as to the control of diabetes and presence and severity of symptoms and complications.
- 8. <u>Neurological Health</u> Candidates must be free of neurological disorders that would interfere with the candidate's ability to safety participate and complete the police academy training program. Candidates with any type of epilepsy or seizure disorders must provide evidence of one-year seizure-free history with or without drug control.
- 9. <u>Musculoskeletal Health</u> Candidates must have no defects, deformities or disorders that will interfere with the candidate's ability to safety participate and complete the police academy training program. The use of prostheses or braces is allowed as long as the candidate can perform the full range of duties of the position and no security risk is posed.

<u>General Medical Statement</u> - Candidates must be free of any medical condition, including drug or alcohol abuse, and/or psychiatric disorder, that would jeopardize the safety and health of the public and/or other employees or would clearly interfere with the ability to safety participate and complete the police academy training program.