

# Testing

The San Antonio Police Department is governed by the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission. As the governing body, the commission is responsible for setting and announcing the application period as well as the date for the "Entrance Examination for Police Cadet". Applications do not become available until the application period has opened. Our next application cycle will take place in early 2005. All information will be announced through this web site once it becomes available. Please continue to visit us periodically for these updates.

- ★ **Written Examination:** At the time of application, cleared applicants will receive an entry letter listing the date, time and place of the written examination. In order to continue the hiring process, applicants must pass a Job-Related Written Ability Examination, approved by the San Antonio Civil Service Commission, with a minimum score of 70%. Each applicant will be given access to a "City of San Antonio Entry-Level Police Officer Candidate Preparation Guide". The guide provides the applicant with an understanding of testing procedures, the types of questions to be encountered on the test, and systematic methods of study and preparation.

**Veterans:** To be considered for veteran's preference points, applicants **must submit a legible copy of their DD 214 at the time of application (No exceptions)** Only an original or certified true and exact copy of the DD 214 indicating character and length of honorable service will be considered sufficient evidence of honorable military service.

- ★ **Fitness Evaluation:** After passing the written examination, applicants will be required to successfully complete a fitness evaluation. Applicants must possess the physical ability necessary to perform the rigorous physical demands of the Training Academy and to professionally accomplish the assignments of a police officer without undue risk of injury or fatigue. Applicants must demonstrate they possess an efficient cardiovascular respiratory system and adequate levels of muscular strength, flexibility, and endurance by their successful completion of the following tasks during a single evaluation.

AGE:	<29	30-39	40>
<b>Sit-Ups(1 Min.)</b>	<u>Minimum Acceptable</u>		
Males	35	32	27
Females	29	22	17
<b>Push-Ups(1 Min.)</b>	<u>Minimum Acceptable</u>		
Males	26	20	15
Females	13	9	7
<b>Run (1.5 Mi)</b>	<u>Minimum Acceptable</u>		
Males	13:22	14:08	14:56
Females	15:57	16:35	17:24

**Task Related Events:** In addition to the basic fitness assessment, each applicant will be assessed for speed, agility, and strength through the performance of task related events. This portion of the evaluation is not timed and only requires completion of the various tasks. This exercise stops once the four components have been successfully negotiated.

1. Seated and fastened into a locked patrol vehicle, the applicant exits the vehicle upon receiving the command to do so. The applicant will be required to sprint from the vehicle 40 yards toward a 5 foot smooth surface wooden wall.
2. Upon reaching the wooden wall, the applicant will be required to pull up enabling the applicant to visually clear the area making sure obstacles do not exist prior to scaling the wall.
3. Once the area has been visually cleared, the applicant will be expected to climb over making sure to land with both feet slightly bent at the knees so as to absorb the shock.

Upon completion of the climb, positioning from behind and under the 165 lb. dummies shoulders (with bent knees), the applicant will be required to lift (using upper thigh strength) and drag the dummy for a distance of 25 feet. For more information on testing and how to prepare please visit the TESTING page.