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Patrol Deputy Applicant,

You are invited for applicant testing at 0900 on **Friday, March 8, 2019**, at the Potter County Sheriff's Office shooting complex located at 13103 NE 29th, Amarillo, TX 79111. Applicants will need to have an application on file in T&P no later than March 6, 2019. Expect the testing to take approximately 3 hours. Be prepared to run a physical agility course and to shoot a standard firearms qualification course. Applicants must pass each phase in order to move to the next phase of testing. Bring your own duty weapon and duty gear. Ammo will be provided (9mm, 40 and 45 only). Testing will consist of the following test battery in this order:

1. Written exam – (40 Questions) and 10 Spelling words from list provided, this is pass/fail, applicants' must score a **minimum of 70** on the test to move the next phase. Recommended study material consists of:
 - a. Penal Code chapters 1, 6, 9, 21, 22, 25, 29, 31, 32, 38, 39, 42, 46, 49
 - b. Transportation Code chapters 545 thru 547
 - c. Health and Safety Code chapters 481.119 thru 481.141
 - d. Code of Criminal Procedure chapters 5, 14, 15, 18, 62, 63
 - e. Alcoholic Beverage Code chapter 106
 - f. Family Code chapter 71
 - g. Spelling word list
2. Firearms Qualification course – 50 round standard PCSO handgun qualification course; ammo will be provided (9mm, 40, and 45 only); must score 70% to pass and advance to next test phase. Target will be numerically scored and considered during the hiring process.
3. Physical Agility Course
 - a. Each obstacle must be successfully and completely negotiated before moving to next obstacle
 - b. Multiple continuous attempts to complete an obstacle are allowed
 - c. The overall course must be completed in one continuous attempt from start to finish
 - d. Overall time to complete the course will constitute the applicant's score – there is no minimum time limit
 - e. Course will consist of the following:
 - 1) Begin at starting line
 - 2) Scale over 2', 4', and 6' walls

- 3) Move through slalom poles
 - 4) Traverse balance beam
 - 5) Climb stairs, pick up 50lb weight, descend stairs carrying weight, re-ascend stairs carrying weight, set weight down, descend stairs – must hit every step and ground with at least one foot
 - 6) Drag 165lb dummy 30' across marked line
 - 7) Run ¼ mile
 - 8) Cross finish line
4. Report Writing Exercise
- a. A video-recorded scenario will be presented. Each applicant will then hand-write a report on the incident observed.
 - b. 30 minutes will be allowed to write the report
 - c. Reports will be evaluated based on accuracy, inclusion of essential details, grammar, ability to articulate observations and conclusions, etc.
5. Oral Interview – Selected applicants will be scheduled for an interview with a 3-member panel either in the afternoon of the 8th or the morning of the 11th. You will be given your interview time at the conclusion of testing on the 8th.

- Spelling word list:

- **A Affinity, Agriculture, Ambulatory**
- **B Believable, Boisterous**
- **C Carnivorous, Centrifugal, Coincidence**
- **D Dexterity, Disability, Dysfunction**
- **E Embolden, Encompass**
- **F Filament, Foreign**
- **G Granular, Guarantee**
- **H Hierarchy, Humiliate**
- **I Inaudible**
- **J Jealousy, Justifiable**
- **K Knowledgeable, Kinetic**
- **L Latitude, Luminous**
- **M Matriarch, Miraculous, Mysterious**
- **N Nauseous, Nullify**
- **O Obsession, Ornamental**
- **P Paranoid, Pedestrian, Petroleum, Precipitate**
- **Q Qualification, Questionable**
- **R Reconnaissance, Retribution**
- **S Sediment, Statutory**
- **T Technicality, Terroristic, Turbulent**
- **U Ultimatum, Unconscious**
- **V Verbatim**
- **W Withdrawal**
- **X**

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- Z

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