

## POLICE OFFICER APPLICATION PROCESS

-Upon completion of all applications and forms found here the material will be reviewed by one of our recruiters. The recruiter will make sure each section is complete and accurate, then will make arrangements for you to take a written law enforcement aptitude and battery test.

- This written test is a series of questions that examine basic skills such as reading and comprehension. Before the written test is administered, you will have the opportunity to participate in an optional tutorial. Candidates who successfully pass the written exam will be scheduled to participate in an oral board.

-The oral board panel consists of three commissioned police officers. The oral board panel will evaluate your abilities in verbal comprehension, verbal expression, reasoning etc.

-Candidates who successfully pass the oral board will be scheduled to participate in a Physical Abilities Test or PAT. The PAT is a timed fitness test, designed to get an assessment of your physical ability to handle the strenuous situations that police officers may face.

-Candidates who successfully complete the PAT will then have thorough background checks performed. Candidates whose prior employment and/or criminal histories do not present an issue, will then be added to the eligibility list.

-It may take 2-4 months to complete all phases of the application process and be placed on the eligibility list.

-Once you have made the eligibility list, you may be selected to enter the St. Louis Police Academy. Visit the St. Louis Police Academy page of the website for more information about the Academy experience.

-The length of time a candidate remains on the eligibility list depends upon numerous factors, including the hiring needs and staffing levels of the Department.

-Those who are graduating from college or anticipating a discharge from the military who hope to become a Metropolitan Police Officer are advised to apply approximately one year prior.