Flow Chart for Police Entry-Level Selection Process

Application submitted online. Computer auto-screens if applicant meets minimum qualifications. Disqualification notices are sent to those who do not meet minimum qualifications.

Applicants passing minimum qualifications are invited to schedule for the Ergometrics FrontLine National Video exam. The exam can be scheduled either through the National Testing Network or the Civil Service Commission’s administration of the test.

Applicants passing the FrontLine exam are banded by exam score plus preference points and placed on the Prospective Employment List (PEL). Randomly drawn priority numbers are assigned to progress the candidates through the remainder of the process.

Top banded candidates will be invited to complete a fitness test and attend the mandatory APD seminar "So, you want to be a cop?" Seminar

Top banded candidates are invited to complete a Personal History Statement requiring detail about applicant’s background.

A pass/fail Job Suitability Assessment (JSA) is conducted by an outside Psychologist specializing in Public Safety selection.

Candidates passing the JSA are given a Polygraph examination. The polygraph is used as a tool in the background investigation and is conducted by outside company specializing in Public Safety selection.

A Background investigation is conducted by outside contract investigators according to strict California POST guidelines to include in person candidate interviews and home visits.

An executive summary is completed by the background investigator and presented to the Commission for Final Review.

The Commission approves by majority if candidate receives a Conditional Job Offer of employment. Conditional job offers are given to the number of Recruits needed in the Academy, plus alternates.

Candidates with a conditional offer must pass a Post-Offer Psychological Assessment, Medical Exam and Substance Abuse screening to make the final certification list.

Number of recruits needed to fill the Academy that pass post-offer testing are given a Final Job Offer letter. Remaining passing candidates are applied to the next Academy.

Recruits accepting the final job offer fill the Academy in order of priority number. Once in the Academy, priority number is removed and rank is established by Academy standards.