



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING

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TO: Training Officers

FROM: Basic Training Division

DATE: October 7th, 2024

SUBJECT: Upcoming Fitness Test Requirements – INCOMING RECRUITS – “385”

The Physical Fitness Standards adopted by the P.O.S.T. Council took effect on December 1, 1995. The Council-established minimum physical fitness norms are now "a condition of appointment to a position of probationary candidate (Police Officer) in a law enforcement unit" and "a condition for entry into, and continuation in, a Council accredited B.L.E.T. program." The Council also adopted a policy of allowing the entry into a basic training program if the individual demonstrated his/her compliance with the standards within a **thirty (30) day period prior to the beginning of the program.**

The 385th Session is scheduled to begin with an orientation on Friday January 3rd, 2025. FITNESS TESTING WILL TAKE PLACE **Thursday January 2nd, 2025. Therefore, THAT THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD FOR THE 385th SESSION IS BETWEEN WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4TH, 2024, AND THURSDAY JANUARY 2ND, 2025.**

Please find enclosed a packet of documents which you should use to document your candidate's compliance with the fitness standards and to ensure your candidate's physician certifies that your candidate may safely participate in the related fitness programs. Please make the necessary number of copies of the Medical Approval Form.

You may have your candidate establish his/her compliance in one of three (3) different ways:

OPTION #1:

You may have your candidate tested and pre-certified by a "certified fitness specialist". A list of current Fitness Specialists is posted on the Connecticut Police Academy website under the Basic Training Division Tab https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/post/basic_training/physicalassessmentexaminers_may-3-2024.pdf

The fitness specialist who performs the pre-certification fitness tests for your candidate(s) will then fill out, and sign, the "PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE EXAMINATION CANDIDATE SCORE SHEET" enclosed in the fitness packet. **Ensure that the physical fitness assessment battery testing script is read, and the tests are administered exactly.** [verbal-script-for-](#)

[physical-fitness-testing-2023.pdf \(ct.gov\)](#) Your candidate(s) will then be accepted into the 385th Session based on the fitness specialist's certification that the candidate has been tested (i.e., pre-certified) within the cited thirty (30) day period and successfully demonstrated compliance. The candidate may be tested as many times as he/she desires, and you, and allow.

If you choose Option #1, please make sure that the following is completed:

1. Have the candidate's doctor sign the medical form included in the enclosed fitness packet before the candidate appears for fitness testing. NOTE: **The doctor's form requires that he/she sign that he/she has seen the description of the Council's Fitness Tests and Fitness Programs (included in the fitness packet) and he/she certifies that your candidate may safely perform those tests and participate in the programs.**

[MEDICAL APPROVAL FORM \(ct.gov\)](#)

[40-examination-score-sheetrev.pdf \(ct.gov\)](#)

2. Have your candidate present both the fitness packet, with the medical form signed to the Fitness Specialist.
3. Have the Fitness Specialist complete and sign the "PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE EXAMINATION CANDIDATE SCORE SHEET". When the "MEDICAL FORM" and the "PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE EXAMINATION CANDIDATE'S SCORE SHEET" are properly signed, send them here to our Basic Training Division to the attention of law enforcement instructor Karla Medina, karla.medina@ct.gov **two weeks prior to the start of the academy session (12/19/24)**

OPTION #2: (STRONGLY SUGGESTED)

You may have your candidate tested (i.e., pre-certified) by POST staff personnel here at the Connecticut Police Academy, by notifying us and your candidate that you want him/her to report here at **1100 hours on FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH, 2024 with the enclosed doctor's permission form properly completed by the candidate's doctor.** We will then test your candidate and you will receive notification from us whether your candidate has successfully demonstrated compliance and, if so, will be admitted to the Academy for the 385th Session.

Should you opt for Option #2 for pre-certification on Friday December 13TH, 2024, please contact law enforcement instructor Karla Medina at our Basic Training Division at karla.medina@ct.gov **two weeks in advance of the test date to register the candidate.(11/29/24)** You may register one candidate for each of the seats you have tentatively reserved in the Session.

OPTION #3:

If your candidate is NOT pre-certified, under either Option #1 or #2 above they will be tested with the full session at the Academy at our final entry physical fitness testing on **THURSDAY JANUARY 2ND, 2025.** (ALL RECRUITS MUST TEST ON THIS DATE)

Your candidate will be tested at that time, and if s/he successfully demonstrates fitness, s/he will be admitted into the program. If s/he does not successfully demonstrate fitness and has not been pre-certified, s/he **will not** be accepted into the program and your department will be notified accordingly.

The candidate will need to bring the following on the testing date:

1. Clothing suitable for taking the tests (including the 1.5 mile run outdoors).
2. Appropriate photo identification (i.e., driver's license).
3. The medical form, filled out completely with **all** required signatures.

NOTE:

"To complete the Basic Law Enforcement Training program and achieve initial certification as a police officer, probationary candidates must complete a demonstration of physical fitness at the 40th percentile (as measured by the four standard tests currently in place) effective for all probationary candidates."

Be advised if your candidate is pre-certified through your agency on or after December 4th, 2024, they will still need to attend testing on January 2nd, 2025, and should continue to prepare for the physical training program. Any break in a fitness routine between precertification and entrance to academy will affect their performance.

Should you have any question on this topic please contact LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KARLA MEDINA at 203-427-2613 or email karla.medina@ct.gov.

Enclosures: 1. Medical Approval Form
1. Physical Performance Examination Score Sheet

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