



Background Investigation

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Types of Background Investigations





- Police Officer
- Dispatcher
- Civilian
- CPRC (Modified)
- Private Contractor (Security Clearance)





California Government Code 1029 provides a list of disqualifying anchors.

- Moral Character
- Handling Stress and Adversity
- Work Habits
- Interaction with Others
- Intellectually Based Abilities





MORAL CHARACTER





Integrity

- ✓ Honesty
- ✓ Impartiality
- ✓ Trustworthiness
- ✓ Protection of Confidential Information
- ✓ Moral and Ethical Behavior





- Impulse Control/Attention to Safety
 - ✓ Attention to Safety
 - ✓ Safe Driving Practices
 - ✓ Impulse and Anger Control
 - Substance Abuse and Other Risk Taking Behavior





HANDLING ADVERSITY AND STRESS





Stress Tolerance

- ➤ Positive Attitude and Even Temper
- ➤ Stress Tolerance and Recovery
- ➤ Accepting Responsibility for Mistakes
- Confronting and Overcoming Problems, Obstacles and Adversity





WORK HABITS





Conscientiousness

- ➤ Dependability and Reliability
- > Personal Accountability and Responsibility
- Safeguarding and Maintaining Property, Equipment, and Belongings
- ➤Orderliness, Thoroughness, and Attention to Detail
- ➤Initiative and Drive
- ➤ General Conscientiousness





INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS





Interpersonal Skills

- ➤ Social Sensitivity
- ➤ Social Interest and Concern
- ➤ Tolerance
- ➤ Social Self Confidence/Persuasiveness
- **≻**Teamwork





INTELLECTUALLY BASED ABILITIES





Decision Making and Judgement

- ➤ Situation and Problem Analysis
- ➤ Adherence to Policies and Regulations
- ➤ Response Appropriateness
- > Response Assessment





Oral Skills

- > Oral Communication
- Written Communication





THE BACKGROUND PROCESS





- 1. The case is assigned to a Background Investigator.
- 2. The Initial Interview is scheduled with the applicant.
- 3. Documents are explained and signed.
- 4. The Personal History Statement and Personal Information Questionnaire are reviewed.
- 5. A polygraph examination is scheduled
- 6. The neighborhood and residence check is conducted.





- 7. Contact with all employers.
- 8. Contact with all references.
- 9. Review and approval of the background investigation.
- 10. Command Staff Interview.
- 11. Medical and Psychological examinations.





TIMEFRAME TO COMPLETE A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION





• Police Officer (Trainee) typically takes four to six weeks to complete.

 Police Officer (Lateral) typically takes a little longer due to file reviews and their current or previous law enforcement agencies.





QUESTIONS???



