

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 INVESTIGATON



• 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????

