



TEN STEPS TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER

MANY CANDIDATES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT POSITIONS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO PROBLEMS WHICH OCCURRED EARLIER IN LIFE. HERE ARE SOME OF THOSE CRITICAL AREAS:

DON'T DO DRUGS! IF YOU DO, STOP NOW!

Most agencies allow for some experimentation, but beyond that, a candidate may be disqualified.



MAKE FITNESS A WAY OF LIFE!

Law enforcement is a strenuous job in which your safety can depend upon being physically fit.



SHARPEN YOUR WRITING SKILLS!



People underestimate how important writing is to a Police Officer. Many candidates are unsuccessful in testing due to poor writing skills, grammar, punctuation, and poor spelling.

DON'T LET ALCOHOL USE CREEP UP ON YOU!

Abuse of alcohol leads to a whole host of disqualifying areas: fighting, driving under the influence, and poor health.



PAY YOUR BILLS!

Agencies regard how you handle your finances as a way to determine your level of responsibility and maturity.



YOUR JOB HISTORY IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT!

No matter what job you have, make a good impression on your employer. It will pay off when background investigations are conducted. **AVOID TERMINATION!**

PROTECT YOUR DRIVING PRIVILEGE!

Agencies look at the number of tickets you have received, vehicle accidents, and license suspensions.



HONESTY IS ITS OWN REWARD!

Many candidates are eliminated for not maintaining high standards of personal conduct. The job of a Police Officer requires being honest and ethical.



STRENGTHEN YOUR SELF-ESTEEM! SET YOUR VALUES AND BE TRUE TO THEM!

We need officers who are assertive, self-confident, outgoing, personable, and interact well with all persons. These factors are directly related to self-esteem.

Peer pressure is a very powerful force, but the real test for a person is the ability to be true to his or her values.