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CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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**Section 2050.10 General Standards**

Prior to being hired by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a sworn law enforcement position that has arrest authority, applicants must meet the minimum professional standards contained in the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois [20 ILCS 805/805-535] and this Part.

(Source: Amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 10774, effective June 23, 2011)

**Section 2050.20 Disciplines/Related Areas of Study**

- a) *At the time of hire, the person must hold:*
- 1) *a 2 year degree and 3 consecutive years of experience as a police officer with the same law enforcement agency; or*
  - 2) *a 4 year degree. [20 ILCS 805/805-535].*
- b) Specific areas of study are not required by statute; however, major course work in directly related areas of study is preferred. Disciplines that qualify as directly related areas of study include:
- 1) Conservation Law Enforcement
  - 2) Administration of Justice
  - 3) Corrections and Law Enforcement

- 4) Social Justice
- 5) Biology
- 6) Zoology
- 7) Botany
- 8) Ecology
- 9) Forestry
- 10) Environmental Sciences
- 11) Natural Resource Management
- 12) Recreation
- 13) Safety
- 14) Other similar areas of study

### **Section 2050.30 Pre-Employment Testing**

To be considered for employment, applicants shall:

- a) complete a written examination administered by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services' Examining and Counseling Division;
- b) meet the minimum standards of the Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report (POWER Test) as set forth by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and administered by the Office of Law Enforcement's Training Section:
  - 1) Sit and Reach Test – measure of flexibility of the lower back and upper leg area;
  - 2) 1 Minute Sit-Up Test – measure of the muscular endurance of the abdominal muscles;
  - 3) 1 Repetition Maximum Bench Press – measure of upper body strength; and
  - 4) 1.5 Mile Run – measure of the heart and vascular system's capability to transport oxygen;

- c) complete a swimming competency test, without the use of swimming aids, administered by the Office of Law Enforcement's Training Section, demonstrating the ability to:
  - 1) swim 300 yards continuously without stopping or touching the bottom using any approved stroke or combination of strokes established by the American Red Cross;
  - 2) continuously tread water for 10 minutes without touching the bottom or sides of the pool; and
  - 3) retrieve an object of contrasting color weighing 5 pounds from a minimum 10 foot depth and deliver the weight to the side of the pool;
- d) participate in an oral interview conducted by Rutan-certified personnel from the Office of Law Enforcement and the Office of Human Resources;
- e) submit to a background investigation, including providing references, a signed waiver of release of personal information and credit reports, college transcripts and past military or employment records;
- f) submit to psychological testing and interviewing; and
- g) submit to medical screening.

(Source: Amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 10774, effective June 23, 2011)

#### **Section 2050.40 Police Training and Certification**

Any person hired must, within one year of hire:

- a) *successfully obtain certification as a police officer under the standards in effect at that time unless that person already holds that certification; and*
- b) *successfully complete the Conservation Police Academy training program, consisting of not less than 400 hours of training. [20 ILCS 805/805-535].*