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Certification of fitness for instruction

Dear Agency Head:

Safety in training is of paramount importance to the Staff at the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy. To assist the Crater Criminal Justice Academy Staff in determining what level of fitness for duty the Trainee named below has; we would like to outline some of the specific duties and requirements that they face.

This list is not meant to be all inclusive but does represent the major categories of training at the Academy.

Trainees with serious current or past medical issues such as: shoulder injuries, head trauma, knee injuries, back injuries and others that may be injured again or further damaged due to the physical nature of the program should be screened and considered very carefully prior to attendance.

Trainees that come to a Basic Law Enforcement or Basic Jailor School have to undergo a 'full medical examination.' We realize that the job requirements for those attending Basic Animal Control and Basic Dispatcher Training are different.

If after reviewing this form you feel that you or your agency is not in a position to certify the attendee's fitness for training; feel free to send them for a 'full physical.' If you elect to do that, let us know and we will provide you with the proper paperwork for that.

The suggested evaluation criteria relates only to the areas of job training that we provide them with at the Academy and is not intended to be a complete listing of skills and abilities needed for the position.

If you have any questions regarding the training programs or this form, please contact the Academy at (804) 722-9742.

Suggested general capabilities of an Animal Control Officer and or Dispatcher to attend and successfully complete training:

1. **Hearing-** Requirements as set by employing agency. Under normal circumstances, the ability to hear classroom and instruction is needed.

***The Trainee Can or Can Not Participate in the above activity.
Please circle one and Initial here:_____***

2. **Vision-** Suggested requirements (*include following code of Virginia guidelines for Law Enforcement*); which say:

Requirements set by employing agency, to include:
20/20 vision, corrected binocular
Color distinction
Night vision
Depth of field/peripheral vision

***The Trainee Can or Can Not Participate in the above activity.
Please circle one and Initial here:_____***

3. **Cognitive-** The ability to identify and use the practical mental, emotional and physical preparation and response needed in high stress situations. Some training is both physically and psychologically stress oriented to elicit spontaneous reactions. Students are placed in situations where they must make critical decisions. The ability to work with unimpaired cognitive function, to include capabilities such as awareness, thought processing, reasoning, perception, memory, learning, speech and comprehension

The Trainee Can or Can Not Participate in the above activity.

Please circle one and Initial here: _____

4. **Movement-** The ability to navigate flights of steps in the performance of one's duties. The ability to constantly stand or constantly be in motion for long periods of time. The normal use of one's extremities during times of repetitive movement with unrestricted range of motion, such as: Answering a phone, typing, pushing buttons, turning switches, writing, turning one's head, driving, etc.

The Trainee Can or Can Not Participate in the above activity.

Please circle one and Initial here: _____

In addition to the four 'general' areas above; please specifically evaluate the Animal Control Officer and /or Dispatchers ability in the following areas:

Classroom Capable Status - This status sometimes will require the Trainee to be able to sit for periods of approximately one hour at a time, listen to lectures; and be able to take notes, watch videos, and interact with instructors in a discussion. It may require some standing to watch examples of skills and various scenarios.

The Trainee Can or Can Not Participate in the above activity.

Please circle one and Initial here: _____

General Performance Based Evaluations - Performing various duties in "general" performance based scenarios; possibly physical skill based scenarios. These practicals include many scenarios, including but not limited to: Call Taking scenarios (Dispatch), Verbal de-escalation (Dispatch), Animal First Aid (ACO), Animal Control Officer Safety training, Interview and Interrogation (ACO), Crime Scene processing (ACO); just to name a few.

These scenarios may require standing, sitting, kneeling and bending. Use of practical mental, emotional and physical skills is required. Both day and low-light / night training may be required.

The Trainee Can or Can Not Participate in the above activity.

Please circle one and Initial here: _____

Animal Control Officers also participate in blocks of instruction such as 'Use of Force in Persons' and "Use of Force in Animals"; please consider that and evaluate the following:

Defensive Tactics - This training requires students to apply wrist-locks, stunning techniques, take downs, handcuffing techniques, and many other physically demanding tasks. Use of non-deadly weapons requiring use of a baton to subdue an aggressive suspect, proper footwork, maintaining of body balance, and escaping from an aggressive grab. Unarmed confrontations utilizing control holds and takedown tactics that place force on joints, extremities. Use of self-defense techniques that require strength, stamina, and agility for disarming suspects with various weapons.

The Trainee Can or Can Not Participate in the above activity.

Please circle one and Initial here: _____

Chemical Agents Training - This training consists of a classroom and a practical session. During the practical it will requires trainees to be exposed to direct exposure of irritant/inflammatory chemical agents such as Oleoresin Capsicum by direct spray to the eyes, nose and mouth. After this exposure they will face a simulated un-armed confrontation, to which they will have to retain a simulated weapon during a simulated aggressive confrontation by an attacker. This training will utilize strength, stamina, and agility. ****NOTE-You must be "cleared" for participation in "Defensive Tactics" in order to be "cleared" for this phase of training.**

***The Trainee Can or Can Not Participate in the above activity.
Please circle one and Initial here: _____***

Expandable Baton / Impact Weapon - Use of less than lethal impact weapons. Requires the use of a baton to subdue an aggressive suspect, proper footwork, maintaining of body balance, and escaping from an aggressive grab, requiring strength, stamina, and agility for disarming suspects with various weapons.

***The Trainee Can or Can Not Participate in the above activity.
Please circle one and Initial here: _____***

By signing this form I / we certify that the class requirements have been reviewed.

Additionally I / we certify that the below named Trainee is able to participate in the training fully and without restriction.

Supervisor: _____ (Print)

Supervisor: _____ (Signature)

Date: _____

Trainee: _____ (Print)

Trainee: _____ (Signature Name)

Date: _____