

# 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 high school experimentation, but beyond that, a candidate may be disqualified.



## **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.



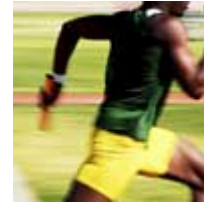
## **PROTECT YOUR DRIVING PRIVILEGE!**

Agencies look at the number of tickets you have received, vehicle accidents, and license suspensions. Also disqualifying is failure to carry proper insurance.



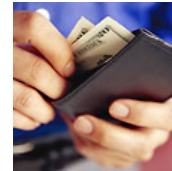
## **MAKE FITNESS A WAY OF LIFE!**

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



## **PAY YOUR BILLS!**

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



## **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.



## **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 spelling.

## **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!**

## **STRENGTHEN YOUR SELF-ESTEEM!**



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

## **SET YOUR VALUES AND BE TRUE TO THEM!**

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.