

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Southwestern Illinois Joint Fire & Police Recruitment & Testing Consortium is now accepting applications for probationary police officers.

A career awaits you with the Collinsville, Edwardsville, Fairview Heights, Highland, or O'Fallon, (IL) Police Departments. Each agency offers a competitive annual starting salary ranging from **\$46,640-\$55,490**. Officers receive overtime and annual pay increases. Medical insurance, life insurance, a retirement program, plus college incentive pay is also available.

REQUIREMENTS: Be between the ages of 21 and 35. **Exceptions:** 1) Candidates who are over 35 and have been previously employed as a sworn and certified police officer for a **municipality** for any amount of time in any state, are eligible to test, 2) Candidates with Illinois Deputy Sheriff and/or Illinois State Police patrol experience are eligible to test up to the age of 40, and 3) Candidates who are 20 years of age and have successfully completed 2 years of law enforcement studies at an accredited college or university, are eligible, 4) A veteran shall be allowed to exceed the maximum age provision by the number of years served in active military duty (max of 10); U.S. citizen or an alien admitted for permanent residency or authorized to work in the U.S.; Must possess a valid drivers license or the ability to obtain one at the time of appointment; Must possess the capability of being accepted into, and successfully completing, a state mandated police basic training academy.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: (A) 64 semester credit hours towards a Bachelor's degree or an Associate's degree in law enforcement or a Bachelor's degree in any field (applies only to Fairview Heights & O'Fallon); or (B) Associate's Degree or Bachelor's degree in any field (applies only to Highland); or (C) Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement or a Bachelor's degree in any field (applies to Collinsville & Edwardsville); or (D) In lieu of education requirement: current certification from another law enforcement agency or accredited law enforcement training center (applies only to Edwardsville), or 2 years full time law enforcement experience with a municipal, county, state or federal agency (applies only to Collinsville), or 4 years full time employment as a commissioned police officer or as a military police officer (applies only to Fairview Heights), or current certification as a police officer with a municipal, county, state, or federal agency and a minimum of two years full-time experience (applies only to O'Fallon).

Candidates presently enrolled in a college or university, who will attain minimum educational requirements by the completion of the Spring Term of 2010, will be permitted to test. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of each Municipality will make the final determination of eligibility requirements.

Rigid agility and physical testing, extensive aptitude, visual acuity, polygraph, psychological and background investigations will be required. For the upcoming test cycle, candidates have a choice of two orientation and testing locations. You must, however, **choose one location**. Candidates will **not** be permitted to test at both test sites. The first mandatory orientation session is scheduled for **Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Western Illinois University (WIU) in Macomb, IL**. The second mandatory orientation session is scheduled for **Friday, October 30, 2009 at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) in Belleville, IL**. **Attendance at one of the orientation sessions is mandatory in order to apply**. The first **physical agility and written aptitude testing** will occur on **Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Western Illinois University (WIU)**. The second **physical agility and written aptitude testing** will occur on **Saturday, October 31, 2009 at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC)**. The cities of Collinsville, Edwardsville, Fairview Heights, Highland and O'Fallon are equal opportunity employers.

APPLICATION PACKETS: May be obtained from the Consortium webpage at <http://www.swilpolicejobs.com>. For information call 618-433-1744, or E-mail: aprildarnell@hotmail.com. **Completed applications and medical permission forms must be postmarked by Friday, October 9, 2009 (absolutely no applications will be accepted after this date), and returned to: SWIL Police Consortium, P.O. Box 1151, O'Fallon, IL 62269.**