# GREATER SUDBURY POLICE SERVICES BOARD POLICE CONSTABLE RECRUITMENT



### **AGENDA**

**Values** Police Officer Job Requirements Outreach and Recruitment **Candidate Minimum Requirements Recruitment Stages Constable Selection System Ontario Police College Training** Police Training Officer Program **Career Opportunities** Questions



### **VALUES**

**Values:** Proudly, we pursue our vision while living our "RICH" values:

**Respect**: Our actions demonstrate our mutual respect for the community and each other.

<u>Inclusivity</u>: We value the unique qualities of our members and communities by promoting an inclusive environment guided by fairness, respect, equity and dignity.

**Courage:** We are committed to serving with distinction and pride for

justice.

<u>Honesty</u>: We are professional, open, fair and accountable ethically performing our duties with integrity and trust.



# Police Officer Requirements

Police Services Act describes four key areas of responsibility:

- Preserving the peace
- Preventing crimes and providing assistance to others in their prevention
- Assisting victims of crime
- Apprehending and charging offenders and executing warrants
   In addition, a police officer is responsible for:
  - Referring individuals to community services and agencies
  - Educating the public





### **Applicant Minimum Requirements**

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- Minimum 18 years of age (this is the provincial minimum)
- Good moral character with no criminal record for which a pardon has not been granted
- Physically and mentally able to perform the duties of a police officer
- Secondary school diploma (or equivalent)
- Applicant Testing Certificate of Results pass
- Vision and Hearing
- Valid driver's license with full driving privileges
- Current certificate in CPR and First Aid
- Pass medical examination





### **Desired Qualifications**

- Post-secondary education considered an asset it does not have to be in a 'police related field'
- Volunteer Work demonstrated commitment to Community Mobilization and Engagement
- Demonstrated ability to meet the essential competencies through school, volunteer, work, and life experiences
- Bilingualism considered an asset
- Commitment to health and wellness





### **Outreach & Recruitment**

- Recruitment Fairs
- Discover Policing
- One-on-one meetings with recruiters
- Information Sessions
- Social Media
- Police Week
- Women of the Future
- Diversity Advisory Committee
- Chief's Youth Advisory Council
- Summer Student Program
- Student Co-op Placements
- Intercultural Ride Along
- Auxiliary Program
- College/University targeted programs

MKWA Program













### Recruitment Stages

Applicant Testing
Services/
Certificate of Results/
Application

Final Selection & Employment
Offer

CONSTABLE SELECTION

Background Investigation



Local Focus,
Pre- Background
Questionnaire, and
Competency Based
Interviews





# **Constable Selection System**

- Partnership between the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police since 1998
- Has changed and evolved over the years to respond to issues
- Individuals seeking a career as a police officer in the Province of Ontario must successfully meet the requirements of the CSS which includes applicant testing
- The OACP certificate of results (issued upon completion of Applicant Testing) is required to apply at GSPS or any other police service in the province – confirms candidate has passed minimum requirements
- The fee for testing is \$330.54 (retesting \$79.42)









# **Constable Selection System**

Applicant Testing Services Inc. specializes in pre-interview testing which includes:

- Police Analytical Thinking Inventory
- Written Communication Test
- Physical Readiness Evaluation for Police Constable (PREP) test
- Behavioural Simulation Test
- Vision and Hearing







### **General Aptitude**

#### Police Analytical Thinking Inventory (PATI)

Measures Analytical thinking

- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Quantitative Reasoning

**Test Administration**: multiple choice test. The test takes one hour and 45 minutes.

**Validity Period**: A successful written communications test is valid for three years.



### **Written Communication**

#### Written communication skills

- This test evaluates candidate's ability to comprehensively record, interpret, organize, and express information
- In this test, a scenario is presented with jumbled facts are or represented in a non-chronological manner.
- Test Administration: The written communication skills test is a timed paper-and-pencil English test. The test takes approximately one hour and 15 minutes.
- Validity Period: A successful written communications test is valid for three years.





### **Physical Skills and Abilities**

Physical Readiness Evaluation for Police (PREP) includes:

- Pursuit/Restraint Circuit
- Aerobic Shuttle Run

**Test Administration**: 20 minutes

Validity Period: A successful result on the PREP is valid for six

months



TIPS & TECHNIQUES



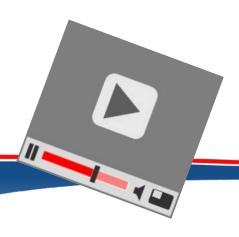
### **Video Simulation**

**Description:** different scenarios watched on screen that represent what police constables might experience on the job. A response is required as if candidate is speaking to the people in the television scene. Knowledge of police procedures is not required.

**Test Administration:** approximately 40 minutes to complete, 20 minutes for administration and 20 minutes of activity.

Validity Period: A successful video simulation test is valid for three years.





### Vision

#### **Technician-administered vision and hearing assessments**

Description: Technician-administered vision and hearing assessment, the following standards apply:

#### **Vision:**

- Uncorrected visual acuity at least 20/40 (6/12) with both eyes open
- Corrected visual acuity at least 20/20 (6/6) with both eyes open

There are additional minimum requirements regarding farsightedness (hyperopia), lateral phoria, colour vision, depth perception, peripheral vision, refractive surgeries, ocular diseases, and other vision-related conditions.

**Validity Period:** A successful vision test is valid for three years.



## Hearing

**Hearing:** A 2-stage approach is used involving the audiogram and the Hearing-in-Noise-Test (HINT)

- Stage 1- Pure-tone thresholds measured under audiometric headphones shall not exceed 25 dB HL in each ear at the following frequencies: 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 and 4000 Hz.
- Stage 2 Candidates whose hearing levels do not meet these requirements must be evaluated using the headphone version of the HINT, a speech recognition test conducted in quiet and in noise. Specific criteria must be met.

Candidates who do not pass the headphone version of the HINT in Stage 2 will be referred to an audiologist to undergo sound field testing with the HINT. The audiologist must provide specific documentation using *Constable Selection System* approved forms, available through Applicant Testing Services or Ontario Provincial Police.

Validity Period: A successful hearing test is valid for three years.

### **Application and Interview**

- Certificate of results granted from ATS
- Applications screened by GSPS against a scoring matrix
- Pre-Background Questionnaire and Local Focus Written Interview
- Blended Essential Competency & Behavioural Oral Interview
  - Can take up to three hours
  - Focuses on essential competencies for police and behavioural measurement questions





## **Application and Interview**

Designed to measure the essential competencies required to be a police officer:

- Demonstrate Core Competencies :
  - > Achievement Orientation
  - Analytical Thinking (Problem Based Learning)
  - > Relationship Building
  - Flexibility
  - ➤ Valuing with Diversity
  - > Self Control
  - ➤ Self Confidence/Self Assurance
  - Physical Skill and Abilities







### **Background Stage**

- REFERENCES work, school, personal
- RECORD CHECK
- CREDIT CHECK
- PSYCHOLOGICAL
- HOME VISIT
- FITNESS



# **Background Investigation**

- If candidate passes the interview stage, background commences
- Extensive and comprehensive background investigation is conducted
- Background includes:
  - ✓ Reference checks
  - ✓ Verification of educational documents
  - ✓ Verification of employment history
  - ✓ Credit history
  - ✓ Recruiters speak to employers, friends, family, personal references
  - ✓ Home visits
- Psychological test and interview with psychologist





# Comprehensive Review & Offer of Employment

- All material is thoroughly reviewed with an indepth analysis of all information gathered during the selection process
- Decisions made on offer of employment conditional upon obtaining a medical clearance
- Medical examination
  - Medical history and comprehensive physical examination



## **Employment Offer**

- Confirms start date
- Starting Salary \$45,300
- Details requirements of the job
- Includes pre-OPC orientation to GSPS
- Requirements for the Ontario Police College
  - Basic Constable Training Program
- Communicates candidate requirement to pay OPC fees \$11,065
- Probation Period
  - 12 months once confirmed as 4<sup>th</sup> Class

## **Ontario Police College**

Located in Aylmer Ontario

#### Basic Constable Training Program (12 weeks duration)

- Federal/Provincial Law
- Use of Force
- Officer Safety
- Incident Management
- Physical Training
- Police Vehicle Operations & Suspect Apprehensive Pursuit
- Road to Mental Readiness

Training not offered to the general public Concludes with formal March Past



# Graduation and Introduction to the Board





### Police Training Officer Program



### **Career Opportunities**

In time, members can apply for specialized branches and receive training in areas such as:



- Community Mobilization Unit
- Courts Branch
- Professional Standards
- Drug Enforcement Unit
- Break Enter and Robbery Unit
- Criminal Investigations Division
- Intelligence Unit
- Forensic Unit
- Cyber Crime Unit
- Fraud Unit
- Tactical/K9 Unit
- Traffic Management Unit

# Questions





