



RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF SHERIFFS 2026 RECRUITMENT



PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY SHERIFF

Each Physical Fitness Test event examines a specific area of physical fitness. These specific areas include: *Dynamic Strength*, *Anaerobic Power* and *Aerobic Power*. The Physical Fitness Test is comprised of four (4) test event. Candidates must pass each event to continue in the recruit selection process. These events are listed as follows:

<i>TEST EVENTS</i>	<i>MEASUREMENTS</i>
1) Sit Up	Dynamic Strength
2) 300 Meter Run	Anaerobic Power
3) Push Up	Dynamic Strength
4) 1.5 Mile Run	Aerobic Power

The Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs requires each candidate to provide a **Fitness Test Medical Certificate** showing that he/she can participate in the physical fitness test. Each candidate is required to bring the enclosed **Physical Fitness Test Medical Certificate** (page 2), along with the **Minimum Physical Fitness Standards Sheet** (pages 3-4), and the **Fitness Test Procedure Sheet** (pages 5-7) to his/her physician.

The Fitness Test Medical Certificate must be completed by your physician based on the last physical exam, which must have occurred within **six (6) months of your physical fitness test date**. This certificate must be presented at the test site on your assigned test date. Failure to present this certificate will exclude you from taking the physical fitness test and further participation in the recruit selection process.

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

Dear Physician:

The following named individual has submitted an application to become a Deputy Sheriff:
(To Be Completed by Candidate)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

The Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs requires each candidate to bring a completed Physical Fitness Test Medical Certificate to the physical fitness test before he/she will be allowed to participate in this test. A statement must be obtained from a licensed physician that the candidate is of sufficient physical conditioning to undergo a physical fitness test.

Enclosed in this package are a listing and description of the individual events (pages 5-7) and the minimum physical fitness standards (pages 3-4) a candidate must attain. We ask that your evaluation be based upon these criteria. Thank you for your assistance.

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT

I have examined the above-named individual on _____.
(Date)

***Within six (6) months of the physical fitness test date.**

After reviewing each of the four (4) events, I find him/her to be of sufficient physical conditioning to allow the candidate to participate in the Department's physical fitness test.

COMMENTS (if any): _____

Physician's Signature

Please Type or Print:

Physician's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____



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MINIMUM PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARDS FOR MALES

<i>MALES <20</i>		<i>MALES 20 -29</i>	
Sit Ups	41	Sit Ups	38
300 Meter Run	59.0	300 Meter Run	59.0
Push Ups	29	Push Ups	29
1.5 Mile Run	12:38	1.5 Mile Run	12:38

<i>MALES 30 - 39</i>		<i>MALES 40 - 49</i>	
Sit Ups	35	Sit Ups	29
300 Meter Run	58.9	300 Meter Run	72.0
Push Ups	24	Push Ups	18
1.5 Mile Run	13:04	1.5 Mile Run	13:49

<i>MALES 50 - 59</i>		<i>MALES 60 +</i>	
Sit Ups	24	Sit Ups	19
300 Meter Run	83.2	300 Meter Run	N/A
Push Ups	13	Push Ups	10
1.5 Mile Run	15:03	1.5 Mile Run	17:19

- Candidates are tested at the 40th percentile using the Cooper Institute of Aerobic Research standards.



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MINIMUM PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARDS FOR FEMALES

<i>FEMALES <20</i>		<i>FEMALES 20 - 29</i>	
Sit Ups	32	Sit Ups	32
300 Meter Run	71.0	300 Meter Run	71.0
Push Ups	15	Push Ups	15
1.5 Mile Run	14:50	1.5 Mile Run	14:50

<i>FEMALES 30 - 39</i>		<i>FEMALES 40 - 49</i>	
Sit Ups	25	Sit Ups	20
300 Meter Run	79.0	300 Meter Run	94.0
Push Ups	11	Push Ups	9
1.5 Mile Run	15:38	1.5 Mile Run	16:21

<i>FEMALES 50 - 59</i>		<i>FEMALES 60 +</i>	
Sit Ups	14	Sit Ups	6
300 Meter Run	N/A	300 Meter Run	N/A
Push Ups	N/A	Push Ups	N/A
1.5 Mile Run	18:07	1.5 Mile Run	20:55

- Candidates are tested at the 40th percentile using the Cooper Institute of Aerobic Research standards.

DYNAMIC STRENGTH TEST

I. ONE MINUTE SIT UP:

A. *Objective:* To measure the muscular endurance of the abdominal and hip flexor muscles.

B. *Procedure:*

- 1) Candidates must lie on their backs; knees bent, with fingers interlocked behind the head, heels flat on the floor.
- 2) Testers will hold their feet down.
- 3) Heels will be approximately the distance between the candidate's outstretched thumb and small finger from the buttocks.
- 4) From the "down" starting position on back, candidates will raise their upper bodies; fingers interlocked behind head and touch their elbows to their knees at the "up" ending position.
- 5) Candidates will then lower themselves until their shoulder blades touch the mat.
- 6) This will be considered one (1) sit up.
- 7) A sit up will not count if:
 - a) The fingers are not interlocked, and the hands do not remain in contact with the back of the head at all times.
 - b) The elbows do not touch the knees.
 - c) The shoulder blades do not come all the way down to the mat.
- 8) At the completion of this test, the tester will inform the candidates how many sit-ups were correctly completed.
- 9) Candidates may rest only in the "up" position.
- 10) The candidate score will be the total number of correct sit-ups completed in one (1) minute.

II. ONE MINUTE PUSH UP:

- A. *Objective:* This test measures the muscular endurance of the upper body (anterior deltoid, pectorals, and triceps).
- B. *Procedure:*
- 1) The hands are placed slightly wider than shoulder width apart, with fingers pointed forward. The administrator places a 3-inch sponge on the floor below the candidate's chest.
 - 2) Starting from the up position (elbows extended), the candidate must keep the back straight at all times and lower body to the floor until the chest touches the 3-inch sponge. The candidate then returns to the up position. This is one repetition.
 - 3) Resting should be done only in the up position.
 - 4) The candidate's score will be the total number of correct push-ups completed in one (1) minute.

AEROBIC POWER TEST

I. 1.5 MILE RUN:

- A. *Objective:* To measure the efficiency of the cardiovascular system and how it responds to imposed physical demand.
- B. *Procedure:*
- 1) Candidates will be allowed to warm-up and stretch prior to this test.
 - 2) Candidates will run or jog a distance of 1.5 miles in the shortest time possible. Prior to the test, candidates should practice the 1.5 mile run several times to determine the best individual pace for the entire distance.
 - 3) A group of candidates will run or jog at the same time. However, this event is an individual effort. All scores are individually recorded.

ANAEROBIC POWER TEST

I. 300 METER RUN:

A. *Objective:* Measure recruits anaerobic power capacity.

B. *Procedure:*

- 1) Candidates will be allowed to warm-up and stretch prior to this test.
- 2) Candidates will run a distance of 300 meters at a maximal level of effort. The time used to complete the distance will be recorded in seconds.

CONCLUSION

A physically fit recruit will have the ability to carry out daily tasks with vigor and alertness without undue fatigue and with ample energy and strength to meet the above-average physical demands.

It is important that you review this booklet in its entirety before taking the physical fitness test. In addition to the information outlined in this booklet, you will be given an orientation session at the physical fitness test site.