

Allentown Police Department  
435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18101

**NOTE: THIS FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ARRIVING FOR TESTING AND NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT WITH THE CANDIDATE TO THE TESTING SITE**

**Informed Consent Form**

The undersigned hereby gives informed consent to engage in an exercise test battery in order to determine their physical fitness including muscular strength, muscular endurance, and cardiovascular function. All aspects of the testing process will be supervised and monitored by trained personnel. The testing process includes jumping, running, and other callisthenic exercises performed at an outdoor or indoor facility.

I am aware of the possibility certain physiological changes may occur during this process. These changes could be detrimental including heart-related illness, breathing-related illness, and / or blood pressure abnormalities. These detrimental changes may also include more serious events like a heart attack, stroke, or asthma attack. In these events, the staff has been trained to recognize symptoms and take appropriate action, which includes administering First Aid and CPR.

I have read this form and understand that there are inherent risks associated with any physical activity. Furthermore, it is my responsibility to monitor my individual performance and alert the staff to any pain, discomfort, illness, or other adverse effects. I hereby waive and release the PCPA, all of its employees, independent contractors, consultants, proctors, trainers, helpers, other test participants, and all other parties from any and all liability for any and all injury, damage, or other loss resulting from the testing process. This also includes the owner and operator of the test facility. I expressly assume the risk of such damage, injury, or loss while engaged in the testing process. I give informed consent for testing data to be recorded to determine my physical readiness as it applies to the essential job functions of a Police Officer.

**During the testing process, the undersigned is responsible for providing and having on their person at all times any and all PRN or As Needed over-the-counter and / or legally prescribed medications including but not limited to asthma inhalers, EpiPen auto-injectors, Insulin injectors, or sublingual Nitroglycerin tablets.**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact's Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Medical Release Form

Dear Provider:

In order for \_\_\_\_\_(print applicant's name), to participate in a physical fitness test for the position of police officer, it is necessary for them to obtain a clearance from a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, licensed chiropractor or other certified health care provider. All testing is monitored by certified physical fitness coordinators. A test event is ended when the applicant meets the requirement. If the standard is 25 push-ups, the test ends when the applicant performs 25 correct repetitions. All events in the test battery are Pass / Fail. Please review the test guidelines attached to this form and check the appropriate box below.

**I have examined the applicant, whose name is listed above.**

**MAY** participate in the Physical Fitness Test.

**OR**

**MAY NOT** participate in the Physical Fitness Test.

Provider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider's Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Any questions regarding this form or the Physical Fitness Test shall be directed to:  
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## Physical Performance Test Battery

- The Physical Performance Test Battery consists of five exercise events, immediately preceded by a warm-up session with intermittent rest periods to ensure the safety of the applicants.
- The Physical Performance Test Battery is designed to measure the cumulative effect on each applicant. All events are Pass / Fail. Therefore, a failure on any one event constitutes a failure of the entire Test Battery and will exclude the applicant from further processing.
- The Physical Performance Test Battery and Single Standards are detailed below along with a general explanation of each test event's protocols:

Vertical Jump	15.5 Inches
Sit-ups	30 Repetitions (No Time Limit)
300 Meter Run	66 Seconds
Push-ups	25 Repetitions (No Time Limit)
1.5 Mile Run	15 Minutes 54 Seconds

1. **Vertical Jump:** This is a measure of lower body explosive strength. This is an important part of any physical exertion scenario. Example: Vaulting or jumping during a pursuit.

The applicant stands directly under the horizontally aligned blades of the Vertec Vertical Jump Test Machine, which are set at half inch increments. With their feet together, they begin by reaching up with one hand as high as possible keeping their heels flat on the ground. This establishes the applicant's base line overhead reach height mark. From this base line mark, a measurement is made to fix the height of the standard mark. The vertical jump may be performed in one of two ways. The applicant may take a position with both feet squarely beneath them, bending down, and jumping straight up. The other method allows the applicant to keep one foot stationary, with the opposite foot stepping back or to the side, then stepping back to a square position, and jumping straight up. With either method, the applicant must reach up with one hand and touch the machine's graduated blade set to the standard mark. The applicant has three valid attempts to reach the standard mark.

**Agency Name**

**Physical Performance Test Battery** (continued)

2. **Sit-ups:** This is a test of the muscular endurance of the trunk including the abdominal muscles and hip flexors. This is an important factor in a use of force scenario and minimizing lower back problems. Example: Gaining control of a suspect.

The applicant starts by lying on their back, knees bent at approximately 90°, feet flat on the ground, and their hands behind the head with their fingers interlaced. Their feet will be firmly held in place. For a repetition to be counted, the applicant must flex touching their knees with their elbows and then return to the lying position so that the shoulder blades touch the ground. During the exercise, the applicant may not raise their hips or “kip”. They may only rest in the unsupported “up” position. The required number of repetitions must be completed. There is no time limit.

3. **300 Meter Run:** This is a measure of anaerobic power. This is an important factor in exerting short bursts of energy. Example: A foot pursuit.

The applicant must complete a 300-meter sprint in the required time. On a standard 440-yard track, this is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one lap the around the track.

4. **Push-ups:** This is a measure of dynamic upper body strength. This is an important part of any dynamic physical exertion scenario. Example: Gaining physical control of a suspect or clearing an object from a roadway.

The applicant starts in a kneeling position in order to set their hands, palms down on the ground, approximately shoulder width apart. The legs are then extended straight back with the feet together or up to twelve inches apart. The applicant flexes their arms at the elbow until the upper part of the arm (Humerus) becomes parallel to the ground. This is approximately three inches off the ground. The applicant then returns to the “up” position with a straight or “soft lock” of the elbows. The applicant must remain in the straight plank position from their head to their heels moving their body as a single unit. The applicant may only rest in the “up” position only. No other part of the applicant’s body may touch the ground during the test event, or they fail. There is no time limit.

5. **1.5 Mile Run:** This is a measure of aerobic capacity or VO2 max. This is the foundation for almost all physical tasks. Example: Use of force incident or administering one person CPR.

The applicant must complete the 1.5-mile course in or under the required time. On a standard 440-yard track, six laps must be completed. The applicant may not leave the running surface prior to successfully completing the course.