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Dear Candidate:

It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you and take this opportunity to share some helpful information to assist you in your preparation to enter the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Academy.

The Police Academy takes tremendous pride in training and graduating some of the finest police officers in the world. During your six to seven-month stay in the Police Academy, you will be required to participate in four separate Physical Fitness Qualifiers (PFQ). The PFQs are used to track your physical fitness progress in the Police Academy and to ensure that you meet LAPD and the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training minimum physical fitness standards. This can be a daunting task and I strongly recommend that you begin your physical fitness training before you enter the Police Academy. Enclosed you will find a physical fitness log to track your workout sessions. You are expected to bring your fitness log with you to your Department Interveiw and on your first day in the Police Academy and you must turn it in to your class Drill Instructor at that time.

Thank you for your interest in LAPD. I look forward to your success and becoming a member of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Chief of Police Charlie Beck

## THE FOUR-MONTH PRE-ACADEMY FITNESS PROGRAM

## PHYSICAL PREPARATION

THE FOUR-MONTH PRE-ACADEMY FITNESS PROGRAM that follows was designed to provide a structured workout plan for candidates to use on their own to develop strength and fitness levels that will help them succeed in the Academy. The physical training in the Academy includes flexibility and strength training, endurance runs, calisthenics exercises, an obstacle course, and self-defense. It is a fact that candidates who enter the Academy lacking physical conditioning are prone to injuries that can result in removal from the Academy. Even if you do not ultimately become a Los Angeles Police Officer, this program can be the start of a commitment to fitness that will benefit you throughout your life.

It is very important to get a full medical examination and a doctor's approval before starting any physical activity program. It is recommended that each candidate set goals and adjust the level of this program according to their capabilities.

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and the Los Angeles Police Department require recruit officers to fully participate in and successfully complete $80 \%$ of all physical conditioning classes - currently 30 out of 36 sessions. Each session lasts at least 60 minutes. The physical training in the Academy is designed to serve two purposes: to enable the recruit to pass the POST Physical Fitness Examination and to prepare the recruit for police work. To measure progress, recruits must complete a Physical Fitness Qualification (PFQ) three times during Academy training. The PFQs are given in the 1st, 5th and 11th week of training.

The first PFQ consists of four events. It is not scored, and serves as a benchmark for future progress. The four events are push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, and $11 / 2$ mile run on a flat track. A fifth event, the timed obstacle course, is added to the second and third administrations of the PFQ.

## PHYSICAL FITNESS QUALIFIER \& POST PHYSICAL FITNESS EXAMINATION

During the administration of the PFQ, recruit officers are scored according to how fast the events are completed. The faster recruits complete an event, the more points are given. Recruits must achieve a minimum score to pass.

All recruits are required to pass the five-event POST Physical Fitness Examination. This is a state-mandated examination and you cannot be a California law enforcement officer without meeting these standards. This exam is given between the 12th and 14th week of training. It consists of the following:

- A 99-yard obstacle course that includes simulated curbs, weaving courseways of right and left turns, wooden horse jump, and 40-yard sprint
- A 165-pound body drag for 32 feet on a flat surface
- A 6-foot chain link fence climb
- A 6-foot solid wall climb
- A 500-yard run on flat track

Like the PFQ, the faster the events are completed, the more points are given. Recruits must achieve a minimum score to pass.

As mentioned, the first physical fitness test occurs during the first week of the Academy. This is why it is critical that candidates begin a physical conditioning program as soon as they apply.

## Warm-up / Stretching

No matter what your level of fitness, you should always begin an exercise session with an appropriate amount of time allocated to warming-up. A warm-up prior to exercise stimulates the cardiovascular system and various muscle groups, which increases performance and reduces your risk of injury.

Warm-up should be gradual and strenuous enough to increase your core temperature and muscle temperature without causing fatigue or excess stress on the body. This could be walking, cycling, stair stepping, etc. Begin at a slow pace and then gradually increase the intensity. The duration of the warm-up will depend on the primary activity, the intensity of the activity, the intensity of the activity, your age and level of fitness. However, as a general rule, five to ten minutes will be sufficient. After
you have warmed-up, stretch all major body parts. It is important that you do not stretch until you are warmed up.

## Running

The running component of the Four-Month Pre-Academy Fitness Program is designed to meet the minimal running standards at the Police Academy. It will increase your endurance and speed, and is a great way to improve your cardiovascular system. There is nothing easier than putting on a pair of running shoes and heading out the door for fresh air, sunshine, and exercise. But while doing it is easy, if you've never run before, you'll quickly realize how strenuous it can be. It takes time to build up the endurance to run for even a short period of time.

If you are new to running, you should ease into the program. If you are unable to run at a slow pace continuously for 30 minutes you should begin your program with a walk/run routine, alternating five minutes of fast walking with five minutes of running. Gradually build up your running time to a 30 -minute self-paced run. Always complete your workout with a five-minute slow-paced cool-down and stretching of the calves, hamstrings, hip flexors, and back.

It is very important that you have a good pair of running shoes. Unlike cross trainers, running shoes are designed to allow your foot to strike the ground properly, reducing the amount of shock that travels up your leg and causing injuries. They are also made to fit your foot comfortably, which reduces the slipping and sliding that can lead to blisters.

The running portion of this program is not designed to be done on a treadmill. A treadmill "pulls" the ground underneath your feet, and you do not meet any wind resistance, which makes running somewhat easier. However, many treadmills are padded, making them a good option if you're carrying a few extra pounds or are injury-prone and want to decrease impact. To better simulate the effort of outdoor running, you can always set your treadmill at a one percent incline.

While you are building up your running stamina, practice good running form:

1. Run tall with good posture. Your trunk will lean forward from the hips slightly, but try to lengthen your body, lift your chest, and hold in your abdominal muscles.
2. Let your arms swing at a 90-degree angle between the chest and hipbone, not crossing them over your body. Your arm swing should complement your stride. Relax your wrists and hands. Do not clench your fists.
3. Power your stride from your thighs, hips, and buttocks muscles. Plant your heel on the ground first and roll onto the toes.
4. Stay relaxed.

When you can jog continuously for 30 minutes, you can begin the running portion of the Department's Four-Month Pre-Academy Fitness Program.

## Calisthenics / Strength

The Department's strength training is based on a calisthenics platform. Calisthenics develop the ability to squat, reach, twist, lunge, jump, land, push, and get up and down. These are the types of actions demanded of law enforcement officers during a routine patrol watch. Calisthenics build strength and promote endurance without the repetitive motion that often leads to overuse injuries. Finally, these exercises improve mobility by progressively taking the major joints through a full, controlled range of motion. Calisthenics also demand the attention to detail that conveys physical readiness and discipline. You should do the calisthenics exercises every day. It is important that you adjust the level of activity according to your individual fitness level and gradually progress at your own pace with every workout.

## Cool down

The cool-down is just as important as the warm-up. Abrupt cessation of vigorous activity leads to pooling of the blood and sluggish circulation. It may also contribute to cramping, soreness, or more serious problems. It is recommended that you complete your workout with a five-minute slow-paced cool-down, and stretch for ten minutes following your workouts. It is important to remember to stretch while your muscles are still warm.

## Hydration

Most people do not drink enough water. Water is essential to survival. Every function and movement of an officer's body requires water. During hot weather or strenuous exercise, a larger amount of water is eliminated through perspiration in order to regulate body temperature. Therefore, it is critical to drink more water during hot weather or while exercising. It is recommended that you drink several cups of water before exercising. If the exercise is prolonged or vigorous, you should drink small quantities of water every 10 to 15 minutes during the activity. A guideline for consumption of water is 64 ounces of water per day.

## STRETCHING ROUTINE

Stretching Tips

1. Always warm up for 5-10 minutes prior to stretching. Suggestions - stationary bike, running in place, stair machine, or treadmill.
2. Move slowly when stretching. Take this time to relax and focus on your breathing.
3. Depending on what you choose, music can help energize or relax you.
4. When lying on your back, move your legs one at a time. Sudden movements with both legs can strain the muscles of the lower back.
5. Stretch to the point of gentle tension. If something hurts, stop immediately. Stretching should feel good. Hold each stretch for 30 seconds.
6. Stretch daily. This workout can take as little as 7-10 minutes, or as long as you'd like. A few minutes every day can improve your performance, prevent injuries, and help you relax.

## ACADEMY PHYSICAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The recruit physical fitness training follows a program similar to the one given below. The program is indicative of what is expected of recruits from the day they enter the Academy. Candidates should either start the Four Month Pre-Academy Fitness Program on their own or participate in the Candidate Assistance Program (CAP) offered by the LAPD or both to be prepared for the physical demands of the Academy.

## Warm-Ups

Warm up and stretching exercises are performed for approximately 30 minutes. These may consist of:

- Neck Circles
- Shoulder Stretches
- Trunk Twists
- Standing Calf Stretching
- Seated Toe Touch
- Seated Groin Stretch
- Seated Quadriceps Stretch


## Endurance Run

After the warm up, recruits participate in a 2-5 mile run that starts at 10 minutes per mile and increases to 8 minutes per mile.

Runs are up and down hills as well as on flat ground. The runs are progressive both in distance and pace.

## Calisthenics

The workout concludes with a calisthenics session that lasts approximately one hour, during which the entire workout is performed twice. The following are included:

- Push-ups - 30 Repetitions
- Sprint One Lap
- Abdominal Curls - 30 Repetitions
- Sprint One Lap
- Abdominal Leg Lifts - 30 Repetitions
- Sprint One Lap
- Leg Lunges - 30 Repetitions
- Sprint One Lap
- Grass Drill - 30-Second Repetitions
- Two-Lap Recovery Jog


## Agility and Strength Preparation

These events are part of the specific preparation for the PFQ and POST tests:

- Wall Scale - Run 25 yards, then scale a 6 -foot wall
- Pull-ups - Do as many as possible unassisted and then partner-assisted. Do enough to total 10. Rest and repeat.
- Dips - Do as many as possible on dipping bars if correct technique is used; on benches if not.


## Before getting discouraged, be aware that with proper preparation none of these events is overly difficult.

If you start the Four-Month Pre-Academy Fitness Program at the outset of the selection process, you will go a long way toward meeting the goal of being ready for the Academy.

Training will be enhanced if you attend the Candidate Assistance Program offered at various locations. Visit JoinLAPD.com or call (866) 444-LAPD for more information. If the schedule prohibits you from attending the entire CAP, you are encouraged to attend one or two sessions to acquaint yourself with the program and the type of training you will encounter in the Academy.

CAP is a sure fire way to get in shape. Before the academy even starts, your body fat will be tested as part of the medical evaluation. To pass, you will be required to fall into the normal range on the Body Mass Index (BMI). To get an idea of where you are currently, please see the chart below.

If you are not within the healthy weight range, you need to evaluate your diet, nutrition and exercise regimens. Please ask your physician and CAP directors for assistance.

Body Mass Index Chart, Adults 20 and Over

Weight (lbs)


## STRETCHING PROGRAM

Neck Rotation. Turn your head to the side, stretching your chin toward your shoulder. Turn head back to center and repeat to the other side.

Shoulder Stretch. Stand with feet shoulder width apart. Raise one arm overhead and stretch as far as you can without bending the torso. Repeat with opposite arm.


Forearm Stretch. Extend your right arm straight out in front of you, palm downward. With the left hand, grasp the fingers of the right hand and pull back gently, stretching the wrist and forearm. Repeat with the left arm.


Triceps Stretch. Raise one arm straight up, so your upper arm is near your ear. Bend at the elbow and let your hand fall to the back of your neck. With the other arm, reach behind your head and place your hand on top of the bent elbow. Gently pull down and back on the elbow. Repeat with other arm.

Trunk Stretch. Stand with your feet a little more than shoulder width apart. Reach your left arm overhead and bend to the right at the waist. Repeat on opposite side.



Torso Twist. Stand at arm's length from the wall, with the wall at your side. Reach one arm out and place your hand on the wall. Reach the other arm around the body, stretching the hand to the wall. Repeat on opposite side.

Chest Stretch. Stand with your feet shoulder width apart. Clasp your hands behind your back and gently press your arms upward, keeping your arms straight.

Back Stretch. Lie on your back and bring one knee to your chest.


Hold the knee with both hands and
 gently pull in. Alternate knees and repeat.

Hip Roll. Lie on your back and bend your knees, feet flat on the floor. Let your knees fall to the right while reaching both arms across your body to the left. Hold the stretch, then roll the hips over to the left, stretch arms to the right and repeat the stretch.

Lower Back Reach. Sit on the floor with your legs straight out in front of you. Reach forward toward your toes, keeping your chin up and lower back slightly


Butterfly Stretch. Sit on the floor, bend your knees out to the sides and bring the soles of your feet together. Place your hands on your knees and gently press the knees toward the floor. Keep your back straight.


Lateral Hip Stretch. Sit on the floor with both legs straight in front of you. Bend your left leg and place the left foot over the right knee. Place your right hand on the outside of the left knee and gently pull the knee toward your right shoulder, twisting the torso to the left, until you feel the stretch in your left hip. Repeat with opposite side.

Hamstring Stretch. Stand with legs shoulder width apart and the left leg slightly in front of the right. Shift your weight to the back leg (the right) and bend the knee, turning the knee and toe to the right. Extend the left leg and place the heel on the floor, toes in the air. Keep the back straight and bend forward at the hips until you feel the stretch in the hamstring of the left leg. Repeat with the opposite leg.

Standing Hamstring Reach. Stand with one foot crossed over the other. Bend at the hips, reaching toward the floor and keeping the knees slightly bent. Repeat with the opposite foot crossed in front.

V-Stretch. Sit on the floor with your legs extended to either side so they form a "V". Bend forward, grasp your toes or ankles, and stretch your chest toward the floor. Try to go a little lower each time you perform the stretch.

Leaning Calf Stretch. Stand about 2 1/2 feet from a wall. Place your hands on the wall and lean in, gently pushing your hips forward. Keep your legs straight and heels flat on the floor.


Standing Calf Stretch. Stand with your feet together. Extend one leg in front of you and place the heel on the floor, toes in the air. Keeping the back straight, bend forward at the hips until you feel the stretch in the calf. Repeat with opposite leg.

Quadriceps Stretch. Lie face down and reach back with your
 right arm to grasp your right ankle. Pull your foot toward your buttocks. Be sure to keep your hips and pelvis on the floor. Repeat with left leg.

Standing Quad Stretch. From a standing position, reach back to grasp your right ankle with your right hand. And pull your foot toward your buttocks. Place your other hand on a wall or chair if you need balance support. Repeat with left leg.

PRE-ACADEMY FOUR MONTH FITNESS PROGRAM
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I. Purpose: The Candidate Assistance Program has been designed to assist police officer candidates in attaining the level of physical fitness required for successful Police Academy training. It also serves to familiarize candidates with the paramilitary protocol and self-discipline expected of police officers.

## II. General Rules

A. Parking:

1. Elysian Park Academy

All candidates must park on Academy Road. No parking is allowed in Academy parking lots or Academy Drive (driveway leading into the Academy). Exception: On Dodger game nights when parking on the street is limited, candidates may park the lower Academy parking lot in the area nearest to Academy Road.

## 2. ARTC

All candidates must park in the front parking lot of the Academy.

## 3. Pierce College

All candidates must park in the student parking lot near the football field.

## B. Facility:

Candidates are only allowed in the picnic area at Elysian Park Academy, the mat room at ARTC and in the bleacher/football field at Pierce College before the start of CAP. Candidates will be allowed to use other parts of these facilities when supervised by Department personnel. Candidates are prohibited from using all other Academy facilities. Candidates are prohibited from practicing the physical fitness qualification course unless accompanied by an instructor. All candidates shall proceed immediately and directly to their vehicles at the end of class.
LOITERING ON OR IN FRONT OF ACADEMY GROUNDS IS PROHIBITED.

## C. Uniform and Equipment:

- Gray sweatshirt and sweat pants with no hoods, zippers, pockets, or logos on either item.
- White, crew neck T-shit (no v-necks, pockets, or logos)
- Dark blue, cotton / nylon shorts (no pockets or logos)
- White cotton socks (no stripes or logos)
- Athletic supporter (males); athletic bra (females)
- Running shoes
- Flashlights (required from October to April because of darkness)

Sweatshirts and T-shirts must have candidate's last name on the front and back, iron-on or stenciled, six inches below the collar in two-inch block capital letters. Candidates must have the proper attire on the second day of CAP participation.

## D. Grooming Standards:

Jewelry, Accessories, Makeup:
Watches, rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, visible pierced jewelry items, headbands, gloves, weight belts, and makeup are not allowed.

Hair:
Males: Hair shall be properly trimmed, moderately tapered, and shall not extend below the top of the sweatshirt of T-shirt collars. Mustaches must be short and neatly trimmed. Sideburns shall not extend beyond the earlobe. Beards are not allowed, unless a documented medical condition exists that prohibits shaving.

Females: Hair shall not extend below the top of the sweatshirt or T-shirt collar. Candidates with longer hair shall arrange their hair in a bun or ponytail.

## E. Program Participation:

Candidates must be active in the LAPD police officer hiring process. If you are disqualified, you can attend CAP as long as you are appealing the disqualification.

Candidates are required to sign a release form absolving the City of Los Angeles and its Employees from any liability due to injury resulting from participation in the program.

Candidates are required to fully participate in all aspects of the program. Candidates who engage in conduct that is illegal, violate program rules, reflects unfavorably upon the candidate or LAPD, or is disruptive, deceptive, or dishonest may be expelled from the program.

Candidates are required to record their fitness workout program in the LAPD Fitness Log (provided with your written test packet). CAP Instructors will sign and date your Fitness Log at the end of each week's workout sessions.

The fitness log is to be used in conjunction with the Nutrition Guide. Visit JoinLAPD.com to download a copy if you do not have one. Additional pages to the Fitness Log are also available on line.

NOTE: The LAPD fitness log will be evaluated at your Department Interview. Please remember to bring it for mid-fitness programs progress evaluation. The completed fitness log must be submitted to your Academy Instructor on the FIRST DAY of the Academy.


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