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General Circular No. 42

To:

State Police Commission Members, Colonel Paul Fontenot, Russell Culotta, Foye Lowe, Walt Smith, William Spencer, Baxter Welch, Walter L. Smith, III, Floyd Falcon and LSTA Affiliate Presidents

Re:

Sergeant and Lieutenant Promotional Testing

This General Circular cancels and supersedes General Circular No. 15, dated July 17, 1992, concerning promotional examinations. The following policy changes concerning promotional testing are effective <u>immediately</u>.

- 1. <u>Promotional testing</u> will be conducted <u>twice</u> during a <u>calendar year</u>. An applicant's <u>most recent test score</u> will be the applicant's <u>current</u> test score, regardless of whether the most recent score is <u>lower</u> than the <u>previcus</u> score.
- 2. The minimum qualification for <u>State Police Sergeant</u> is <u>four years experience</u> as a <u>State Police officer</u>. The minimum qualification for <u>State Police Lieutenant</u> is <u>cneyear</u> as a <u>Sergeant</u>.
- 3. Points will NOT be awarded for <u>time in grade</u> or <u>formal</u> <u>education</u>. Promotional scores will be the <u>written</u> examination score only.
- 4. <u>Upon announcement</u> of testing from the <u>new examination</u>, all <u>previous test scores</u> will become <u>invalid</u>. Individuals wishing to compete and obtain a new score for promotional positions, MUST <u>apply for</u> and <u>take</u> the new examination.
- 5. Applicants are responsible for submitting applications and availability forms in a timely manner. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED AND THE APPLICANT WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR NOR ALLOWED TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION.
- 6. The two-page promotional application is attached to this General Circular.

- 7. Availability Forms may be changed ONLY during a testing period, and availability for promotion may NOT be changed on a daily basis. A General Circular, showing grade groups for several areas of the state, will be issued by the State Police Commission at the conclusion of the testing process. A sample Availability Form is attached to this General Circular.
- 8. <u>Fax transmittals</u> will NOT be accepted for <u>any</u> part of the testing process. <u>Applications</u> and <u>Availability Forms</u> may be HAND DELIVERED or MAILED to the State Police Commission and MUST be received by <u>4:30 p.m.</u> on the <u>closing date</u> of a testing announcement.
- 7. The examination has been compiled from the following:
 - a. LSA-R.S. 14:1, et seq.
 - b. LSA-R.S. 32:1, et seq.
 - c. Iannone, N.F., <u>Supervision of Police Personnel</u>, Prentice Hall, Old Tappen, NJ, Fourth Edition, 1987. (Sergeant and Lieutenant Examination)
 - d. Lynch, R.G., <u>The Police Manager: Professional Leadership Skills</u>, Random House/McGraw Hill, Third Edition, 1986. (Sergeant and Lieutenant Examination)
 - e. Garmire, B.L., <u>Local Government and Police</u>
 <u>Management</u>, International City Management
 Association: Washington, DC, Second Edition, 1982
 and Third Edition. (Sergeant Examination Only)
 - f. O'Hara, C.C., and O'Hara, G.L., <u>Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation</u>, Charles C. Thomas: Publisher, Springfield, IL, Revised Fifth Edition, 1988. (Sergeant Examination Only)
 - g. Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police Policy and Procedural Manual.

This General Circular is not announcing promotional testing itself, but rather is issued to inform you of changes in policies and study materials. Actual test announcements will be forthcoming.

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Debra L. Johnson

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Sincerely,

STATE POLICE PROMOTIONAL APPLICATION

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STATE POLICE AVAILABILITY FOR PROMOTION

This form must be attached to your application for promotion. The State Police Commission has an automated certification system; therefore, it is extremely important that you mark only those areas of serious intent. You will only be considered for those areas you check. The most recent availability form submitted reflects your official availability status and rescinds all previous submissions.

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It is your responsibility to keep us informed of any changes in your availability or address. Each change should be reported to the State Police Commission at once. If your name is included on a certificate of eligibles in accordance with your stated conditions of availability and you decline a promotion, your name shall be removed from all promotional lists for a period of one year.

Name (print) Signature Date