



El Paso Police Department ♦ Human Resources Division
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MEDICAL CLEARANCE FORM

Dear Doctor _____:

The individual you are examining has been requested to obtain a Medical Clearance to take the Physical Fitness Clinic (description attached). The City of El Paso is providing a voluntary Fitness Clinic to assist applicants in the preparation for the physical fitness exam that is required to qualify for employment as a Police Officer in the El Paso Police Department. The physical fitness test is designed to evaluate an applicant’s ability to perform many of the physically demanding tasks which confront entry-level Police Officers. In addition to preparing for the fitness exam, the fitness clinic will offer exercises designed to help candidates develop strength and fitness levels that will help them succeed in the training academy.

Please indicate whether, in your opinion, there are any medically-related reasons why the individual should be prohibited from participating in any of the events or exercises. Please refer to the individual’s medical self - screening form to assist you in making your determination and then fill out the information below.

Having reviewed the medical self-screening form of _____, and
(Individual’s Name)
having personally examined him/her, it is my professional opinion that:

Check (√) one:

_____ It is unlikely participation in the Physical Fitness Clinic will pose a significant medical risk to the above-named individual.

_____ The above-named individual should not participate in the Physical Fitness Clinic.

Comments:

Signature of Physician

Date

(Print Name)

Date

(Address)

Date



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Physical Fitness Clinic Description of Exercises

The exercises you will be expected to perform during the physical fitness exam are:

PUSH-UPS Objective: To complete 18 correctly performed push-ups in one minute.

Your hands are placed about shoulder-width apart, with fingers pointing forward. The administrator places a standard 4 inch traffic cone on the floor below the subject's chest. Starting from the up position (elbows extended), you must keep your back straight at all times and lower your body to the floor until the chest touches the standard 4 inch traffic cone. You then return to the up position. (This is one repetition.) Resting should be done only in the up position.

SIT-UPS Objective: To complete 27 correctly performed bent-knee sit-ups in one minute.

You must lie on your back, with your knees bent and feet flat on the ground/floor. Your hands must remain interlocked behind your head throughout the exercise. A test administrator will hold your feet and count the number of correct sit-ups completed in one minute. A correct sit-up requires you to touch your elbows to your knees and return to the starting position, that is, the small of your back touching the mat. Sit-ups done incorrectly will not be counted.

The official timer will tell you when to start and when to stop. He/She will call out the time remaining every 15 seconds, and during the last 10 seconds will call out the time remaining every second. Your performance will be determined by the number of sit-ups properly completed in one minute.

1.5 MILE RUN Objective: To complete a 1.5 mile run within 15:20 minutes.

The 1.5 mile course consists of 6 laps around a 1/4 mile track. Prior to the 1.5 mile run you will be given a warm-up period. Any applicant who steps off the track during the exercise will receive a failing score for this event. If you find that you are forced to walk some of the distance, you should move to an outside lane to continue so that you will not interfere with the performance of the other applicants. There will not be any lane assignments and you are encouraged to run in the inside lanes provided you are not walking.

The official timer will tell you when to start. The timer will also call out the cumulative time for each applicant for each 1/4 mile lap completed. Upon completion of the run, it is recommended that you move to an outside lane and continue by walking a 1/4 mile lap to cool down. You are then to return to the starting area where you will be advised of your status by a test administrator.

Academy Preparation

In addition to the specific Physical Fitness Exam exercises that are describe above that will prepare candidates for the fitness exam, the fitness clinic will offer exercises designed to help candidates develop strength and fitness levels that will help them succeed in the training academy. The exercises will focus on developing the candidates' strength, agility, and endurance. Candidates will also be introduced to proper stretching, warm-up and cool down techniques. The program will take into account the physical abilities of the participant at the time of the clinic but will challenge all participants regardless of their physical conditioning. It should understood by the clinic participant that their body will challenged in ways they probably have not been exposed to in the past but will be supervised and properly administered. They will be exposed to running, jumping, lunging and explosive movements through out the clinics.



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Strength: Strength exercises which will be implemented in the Fitness Clinic will all be exercises that will require the participant to engage their bodies in activities utilizing their body's weight and strength. These exercises are intended in developing a strong core and the ability to be explosive in any type of movement required in the Law enforcement field. (push-ups, pull-ups, dips, body weight squats, etc.)

Agility: Agility exercises which will be implemented in the Fitness Clinic will be drills which will not over tax the participant but engage them in body movement awareness and coordination. These drills engage the participant in forward, backward and lateral movements with body biomechanics awareness. (sprints, backward movements, lateral shuffles, ground ladder work, cone drills, etc.)

Endurance: Endurance exercises which will be implemented in the Fitness Clinic will be exercises and drills which will tax the cardiovascular and musculoskeletal systems. These drills will incorporate drills and exercises of about 15-30 minutes in length which will incorporate aspects of strength and agility training. (sit-ups, distance runs, running stairs, box jumps, hill running, obstacle course negotiation, etc.)