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CITY REVISES AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE EXAM APPLICATION

*Non-military applicants must be 21 years of age at time of application and
25 years of age at the time of hire*

The City of Chicago today announced a revision to the requirements for individuals interested in applying for the entry level Police Officer position exam which is scheduled for December 11, 2010.

The revised requirement states that individuals interested in applying must be 21 years of age at the time of application and be 25 years of age at time of employment for non-military personnel. The 21 years of age requirement for military personnel with appropriate service remains the same.

All applicants who successfully apply, attach required documentation and pass the written exam will be placed on a referral list in a random lottery order from which the Department of Human Resources and the Chicago Police Department will draw eligible candidates. If non-military candidates are contacted that have not reached their 25th birthday, they will remain on the referral list in lottery order until they have reached their 25th birthday.

This is important as applicants may be on the referral list in lottery order anywhere from six months to five years from the written exam prior to entry into the Police Training Academy.

"To address questions and concerns, we are revising the minimum age requirement for non-military applicants. We believe this will not only cast a wider net of applicants but remain consistent with our intended goal to encourage a more established and mature police force," said Chicago Police Superintendent, Jody Weis.

The Chicago Police Department announced the written exam for police officers last week. The online application process runs from October 28 through November 26, 2010.

For additional information on all Police Officer job requirements, please visit the Chicago Police Department's website at www.chicagopolice.org, call 311 or the Department of Human Resources customer service line at (312) 744-4976.

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