



Cadet Medical Information

Applicants successful through the background investigation will be invited to the medical evaluation with the State Police Medical Officer (SPMO). Accompanying the letter of invitation will be a processing packet that includes instructions for completing and/or providing the following documentation from physicians of the **applicant's choice**, at the **applicant's expense**:

- ◆ Physical Examination.
- ◆ Certificate of Visual Efficiency.
- ◆ Dental Examination.

The SPMO reviews the medical documentation obtained from the applicant's physicians and uses it to conduct a cursory medical evaluation. The standards listed in this section must be met, but do not represent an all-inclusive list of the requirements.

Hearing - Applicants must be able to pass an audiometer screening conducted by trained Department personnel. Standards for each ear, without the use of any type of aid, are as follows:

- 25 dB or better for pure tone stimulation between 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, 2000 Hz, and 3000 Hz.
- 25 dB or better for speech reception in quiet.
- 90% or better speech discrimination in noise, with noise not to exceed 20 dB of the speech signal.

Dental - Evidence of healthy gums and a full set of teeth, or satisfactory replacements, as certified by a dentist. **Any deficiencies must be corrected prior to the beginning of training.**

Vision - As certified by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist, with all listed standards being met, with no exceptions:

- 20/70 or better in the dominant eye WITHOUT correction.
- 20/200 or better in the weak eye WITHOUT correction.
- 20/20 or better in the dominant eye with corrective lenses, if necessary.
- 20/40 or better in the weak eye with corrective lenses, if necessary.
- Normal color vision, depth perception, and field of vision.

Corrective Vision Surgery Information/Policy: All Cadets must participate in an OC spray training scenario during the 13th week of training. The OC spray manufacturer recommends that we wait a minimum of six months from the date of corrective eye surgery to use the spray on Cadets. Therefore, your date of surgery must be at least 6 months prior to the 13th week of training. (For example, a Cadet Class that begins on June 3, 2013 will have the OC spray training scenario during the week of August 26, 2013. Only applicants who had surgery prior to February 26, 2013 will be approved by the State Police Medical Officer for appointment.) The Department acknowledges that an applicant's surgeon may approve an applicant for OC spray less than six months from the date of surgery; however, our policy stands as stated above. There are no exceptions or waivers to this policy, even with a surgeon's approval.