

WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

Announces

PROMOTION EXAMINATION

For

INVESTIGATOR

LAST FILING DATE: May 2, 2018

STATE NO. 79474

EXAMINATION DATE: June 9, 2018

LOCAL NO. 3044

**NON-REFUNDABLE \$15.00 APPLICATION FEE REQUIRED
(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY – NO CASH)**

LOCATION/VACANCIES: This examination is being held to establish an eligible list to fill present and future vacancies as they may exist or occur in the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

SALARY: \$46,590

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have served at least 5 years on a permanent basis in the competitive class as a Warren County Patrol Officer or higher rank, or similar position in a New York State law enforcement agency, with the three years immediately preceding the exam in the position of Warren County Patrol Officer or higher rank.

DUTIES: (illustrative only)

Investigates felony level criminal cases;
Investigates homicides, suicides and accidental death cases;
Responds to and preserves crime scenes, and collects physical evidence for later examination by forensic professionals;
Prepares written documentation of the recovery and retention of physical evidence;
Interviews victims and witnesses to obtain information on crimes under investigation;
Interrogates suspects to obtain information on crimes under investigation;
Takes latent fingerprints and [photographs];
Measures and sketches crime scenes;
Prepares reports, takes statements, and prepares legal documentation;
Obtains search warrants to obtain evidence;
Maintains liaison with other criminal justices offices and law enforcement agencies;
Conducts background investigations for government employment;
Conducts surveillance and undercover work of property and persons;
Apprehends and arrests persons suspected of having committed a crime;
Arranges for identification of suspects in criminal cases through show-ups and lineups;
Is on call for notification of incidents and cases where the services of an investigator may be needed;
Attends advanced training as directed;
Attends forensic and post-mortem examinations in death cases;
Works under the immediate supervision of the Criminal Investigations Lieutenant and the Patrol Lieutenant.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: Subjects of examination: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. ***Evaluating information and evidence:*** These questions test for the ability to evaluate and draw conclusions from information and evidence. Each question consists of a set of facts and a conclusion based on the facts. The candidate must decide if the conclusion is warranted by the facts.

2. **Investigative techniques and criminalistics:** These questions test for knowledge of criminal investigation techniques and criminalistics. The questions will deal with, but will not necessarily be restricted to, such concepts as: interviewing; interrogation; evidence gathering and preservation; and surveillance.

3. **New York State Laws:** These questions test for knowledge of the laws in effect on January 1, 2018 that law enforcement personnel may encounter in the course of their day-to-day work-related activities. The questions are a sampling of job-related sections of the Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Family Court Act and other laws relevant to law enforcement in New York State.

4. **Understanding and interpreting written material:** These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

5. **Preparing written material in a police setting:** These questions test for the ability to prepare the types of reports that police personnel write. Some questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately. They consist of restatements of information given in note form. You must choose the best version from each set of four choices. Other questions test for the ability to organize paragraphs. They consist of paragraphs with their sentences out of order. For each of the paragraphs you must choose, from four suggestions, the best order of the sentences.

P. E. R. C. Statement: The final rating key for this examination will be established by the State Civil Service Commission prior to the testing date, upon recommendation of a committee of police experts who will review all the questions for appropriateness and accuracy. There will be no review of the questions by candidates. The committee was selected with the assistance and endorsement of the Police Conference of New York, Inc., the New York State Association of PBAs, Inc., and the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

NOTE: A Guide for the Written Test for Police Supervisors/Investigators is available at the New York State website: www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm. Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement. .

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NOTE: Use of calculators is PROHIBITED. Devices with typewriter keyboards, Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books, Language Translators, Dictionaries, or any similar devices are **PROHIBITED**. NO books or reference material will be allowed into the examination site. Cell phones are **PROHIBITED**.

SENIORITY: Points will be added to a passing score as follows:

Less than 1 year.....0 points
1 year up to 6 years.....1 point
Over 6 years up to 11 years.....2 points
Over 11 years up to 16 years.....3 points
Over 16 years up to 21 years.....4 points
Over 21 years up to 26 years.....5 points

HOW TO APPLY: Applications and information may be obtained from the Warren County Department of Civil Service Administration, or from the web site: www.warrencountyny.gov/civilservice Application/exam fee must be submitted to the Warren County Civil Service Administration before the close of business at 4:30p.m. on the last filing date listed on the Examination Announcement. Applications received via U.S. Mail will be accepted only if postmarked on or before the last filing date. You are responsible for completing **ALL** sections of the official application. To receive credit for experience on a job, basic information such as address, name and title of supervisor, hours in the workweek, final salary, etc. must be shown. Ambiguity and vagueness **WILL NOT** be resolved in your favor.

APPLICATION FEE: An application processing fee as specified on this announcement must accompany the application. **CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY** must be payable to **WARREN COUNTY TREASURER**. **DO NOT SEND CASH**. **YOU MUST LIST THE EXAM NUMBER ON THE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER**. You are responsible for comparing your qualifications with the minimum qualifications posted on this examination announcement. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS** if your application is disapproved.

Application Fee Waiver: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete the Exam Fee Waiver and Certification section on the application or submit the "Application for Fee Waiver and Certification" form with your application by the close of business on the Last Filing Date as listed on the Examination Announcement.**

Veteran's Credits: Veterans or disabled veterans who may be eligible for additional credits must check the appropriate areas on the application and also submit a separate **Application for Veteran's Credits** and supporting documentation. Applications and information on veteran's credits may be obtained at the Warren County Department of Civil Service Administration.

NOTE: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, notify this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination

Saturday Sabbath Observers – Physically Challenged Individuals – Active Military Members: Applicants whose religious beliefs or military service prevent their taking examinations on the scheduled date and candidates with a disability who require reasonable accommodations to take the test must clearly indicate the need for special arrangements on their Application. Candidates who are called to military service after filing an Application should send requests for an alternate test date to our Office as soon as possible before the test date. Military Service Members who apply for an examination during the filing period but are on active military duty on the date the examination is scheduled may request a military make-up examination. If you are on active duty or discharged after the filing period has begun, you may apply for the examination up to ten days before the test date. You must submit with your application the type of special arrangements or reasonable accommodations requested accompanied by all supporting documentation.

Multiple Exams Scheduled for the Same Date: If you have applied with any other local Civil Service agency for any other examination held on the same day, you must make arrangements with each agency to take all your examinations at one test site no later than two weeks before the test date. If you have applied for both State and Local examinations, you must make arrangements with this agency to take all your examinations at a State examination center no later than two weeks before the test date. If you have questions please contact Warren County Civil Service at (518) 761-6440.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. Positive identification will be required at the test site.
2. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.
3. Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in regard to meeting the minimum qualifications for this examination. There will be no refund of the application fee should your application be disapproved. Time and place of the examination will be mailed to candidates whose application has

been approved, one week before examination date.

4. Where a degree is required for minimum qualification, do not send transcript unless required on this announcement.
5. Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment. All eligible lists will be established for a maximum of four years or the establishment of a new list. It is probable that a number of titles will have an insufficient number of candidates and examinations for these titles will be held on a more regular basis with eligible lists being replaced within the four-year period. Candidates are advised to review our examination postings at our web site: www.warrencountyny.gov/civilservice . Candidates will NOT be notified should eligible lists expire within the four-year period.
6. It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Warren County Department of Civil Service of any change in name and/or address. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.
7. The passing grade for this examination is 70. Background checks may be required for appointment.
8. The salary of this position is subject to change from time to time, or may be different in agencies serviced by the Warren County Department of Civil Service; vacancies may, therefore, be filled at a higher or lower salary than the one announced.
9. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES:** Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.
10. **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:** Applicants may be required to undergo extensive investigation of criminal history and background, which may include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Costs related to such investigation may be borne by the applicant. Failure to meet the standards of investigation may result in disqualification.

This written test is being prepared and rated by the N.Y.S. Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the N.Y.S. Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this exam.

ISSUED: April 9, 2018

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