

## **Position of Police Officer:**

### **General duties and responsibilities:**

1. Uphold the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local ordinances.
2. Obey and carry out all lawful policies, orders and procedures issued by the Chief of Police and other supervisory officers, whether written or oral.
3. Protect life and property, maintain order, prevent and investigate crimes, make legal searches, seizures and arrests, and apprehend criminals. Recover and protect evidence and personal property. Regulate traffic and prevent accidents. Give first-aid treatment and emergency ambulance service for the sick, injured and mentally ill. Testify at court hearings and investigative panels. Provide assistance when needed, regardless of duty status or assignment.
4. Foster good public relations by treating the public with courtesy while keeping in mind the necessity of maintaining public respect for the department.
5. Effect an arrest, forcibly if necessary, using handcuffs and other restraints; subdue resisting subjects using maneuvers and weapons and resort to the use of hands and feet and other approved weapons in self-defense.
6. Exercise independent judgment in determining when there is reasonable suspicion to detain, when probable cause exists to search and arrest, and when force may be used and to what degree.
7. Operate a law enforcement vehicle during both the day and night; in emergency situations involving speeds in excess of the posted speed limits; in congested traffic and in unsafe road conditions caused by factors such as fog, smoke, rain, ice and snow.
8. Communicate effectively and coherently over law enforcement radio channels while initiating and responding to radio communications.
9. Gather information in investigations by interviewing and obtaining the statements of victims, witnesses, suspects and confidential informants.
10. Pursue fleeing suspects and perform rescue operations which may involve quickly entering and exiting law enforcement patrol vehicle; lifting, carrying and dragging heavy objects; climbing over and pulling oneself over obstacles; jumping over obstacles, ditches, streams; crawling in confined spaces, balancing on uneven or narrow surfaces and using body force to gain entrance through barriers.

11. Load, unload, aim and fire from a variety of body positions, handguns shotguns and other agency firearms under conditions of stress that justify the use of deadly force and at levels of proficiency prescribed in certification standards.
12. Perform searches of people, vehicles buildings, and large outdoor areas which may involve feeling and detecting objects, walking for long periods of time, detaining people and stopping suspicious vehicles and persons.
13. Conduct visual and audio surveillance for extended periods of time.
14. Engage in law enforcement patrol functions that include such things as working rotating shifts, walking on foot patrol and physically checking the doors and windows of buildings to ensure they are secure.
15. Effectively communicate with people, including juveniles, by giving informal and directions, mediating disputes and advising of rights and processes.
16. Demonstrate communications skills in court and other formal settings.
17. Detect and collect evidence and substances that provide the basis of criminal offences and infractions that indicate the presences of dangerous conditions.
18. Endure verbal and mental abuse when confronted with the hostile views and opinions of suspects and other people encountered in an antagonistic environment.
19. Perform rescue functions at accidents, emergencies and disasters to include directing traffic for long periods of time, administering emergency medical aid, lifting, dragging and carrying people away from dangerous situations and securing and evacuating people from particular areas.
20. Process and transport prisoners and committed mental patients using handcuffs and other appropriate restraints.
21. Extinguish small fires using extinguisher and other appropriate means.
22. Read and comprehend legal and non-legal documents, including the preparation and processing of documents such as citations and warrants.
23. Process arrested suspects to include taking their photograph and obtaining a legible set of inked fingerprint impressions.

**Bucks County Police Chief's Association**  
**Physical Agility Examination**  
**Requirements**

1. **Trigger Pull:** Using an inoperable weapon, the applicant must pull the trigger of the weapon 12 times with each hand, arm extended, with the barrel extended into a 4-inch ring. The barrel may not touch the ring.  
**Time Limit:** 10 seconds for each hand.
2. **1.5 Mile Run:** The applicant must complete a 1.5-mile run.  
**Time Limit:** Maximum time limit based on a 40 percentile score from the standards set forth in the "Basic Curriculum for Pennsylvania Patrol Officers".
3. **300 Meter Run:** The applicant must complete a 300-meter run.  
**Time Limit:** Maximum time limit based on a 40 percentile score from the standard set forth in the "Basic Curriculum for Pennsylvania Patrol Officers".
4. **One Minute Sit Ups:** Applicants will complete as many sit-ups as possible in 1 minute. Execution of sit-ups will be as follows: Applicants will lie on their back, knees bent at a 90-degree angle. Hands will be interlaced behind the applicant's head with elbows out to the side. In the up position, elbows will touch the knees. In the down position, the applicant will return to a full lying position. A partner will hold the applicant's feet and count the number of repetitions.  
**Passing Score:** Minimum number of repetitions will be based on a 40 percentile score from the standards set forth in the "Basic Curriculum for Pennsylvania Patrol Officers".
5. **One Minute Full Body Push – Up Test:** Execution of sit-ups will be as follows: The participant starts the event in the up position. The participant shall place their hands slightly wider than shoulder width apart, with fingers pointing forward, palms of the hand touching the ground/floor/mat. (Knuckle or fingertip push-ups are not permitted for this test.) One (1) of the proctors will place a fist on the floor below the participant's chest. Starting from the up position (elbows extended), the participant must keep the back straight at all times and lower the body to the floor until the chest touches the administrator's fist, or when the participant's elbows reach a 90 degree angle. The participant then returns to the up position. This completes one repetition. The total number of correct push-ups in one minute is recorded as the score. Resting must only be done in the up position. Both hands and feet (toes) must remain in contact with the floor at all times. The participant must not arch their back during the test.  
**Passing Score:** Minimum number of repetitions will be based on a 40 percentile score from the standards set forth in the "Basic Curriculum for Pennsylvania Patrol Officers".

**Note: Passing qualifications for tests 2 through 5 are attached. Qualifications are based on the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission. These requirements are mandated for successful completion of an accredited Act 120 Program.**

**Bucks County Police Chief's Association**  
**Requirements for Passing Score**  
*1.5-Mile Run One-Minute Sit Ups*  
*One-Minute Full Body Pushups*

**1. 1.5 Mile Run (Maximum Times)**

Male	<u>20-29 Years</u> <b>12:29</b>	<u>30-39 Years</u> <b>12:53</b>	<u>40-49 Years</u> <b>13:50</b>	<u>50-59 Years</u> <b>15:14</b>
Female	<u>20-29 Years</u> <b>15:26</b>	<u>30-39 Years</u> <b>15:57</b>	<u>40-49 Years</u> <b>16:58</b>	<u>50-59 Years</u> <b>17:55</b>

**2. 300 Meter Run (Maximum Times)**

Male	<u>20-29 Years</u> <b>58 sec.</b>	<u>30-39 Years</u> <b>58.9 sec.</b>	<u>40-49 Years</u> <b>72 sec.</b>	<u>50-59 Years</u> <b>83.2 sec.</b>
Female	<u>20-29 Years</u> <b>71 sec.</b>	<u>30-39 Years</u> <b>79 sec.</b>	<u>40-49 Years</u> <b>94 sec.</b>	<u>50-59 Years</u> <b>101.8 sec.</b>

**3. One Minute Sit Ups (Minimum Repetitions)**

Male	<u>20-29 Years</u> <b>38</b>	<u>30-39 Years</u> <b>35</b>	<u>40-49 Years</u> <b>29</b>	<u>50-59 Years</u> <b>24</b>
Female	<u>20-29 Years</u> <b>32</b>	<u>30-39 Years</u> <b>25</b>	<u>40-49 Years</u> <b>20</b>	<u>50-59 Years</u> <b>14</b>

**4. One Minute Full Body Push – Up Test (Minimum Repetitions)**

Male	<u>20-29 Years</u> <b>29</b>	<u>30-39 Years</u> <b>24</b>	<u>40-49 Years</u> <b>18</b>	<u>50-59 Years</u> <b>13</b>
Female	<u>20-29 Years</u> <b>15</b>	<u>30-39 Years</u> <b>11</b>	<u>40-49 Years</u> <b>9</b>	<u>50-59 Years</u> <b>9</b>