

New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy

2016

FITNESS STANDARDS FOR BASIC POLICE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY ENTRANCE

Prior to entering a Basic Police Officer Training (BPOT) program the student must demonstrate a minimum fitness level as measured by the following battery of four tests. These tests were adopted by the NMLEA Board on June 8, 2016. A standard protocol is explained for each test. Each student with be tested TWO WEEKS prior to the first day of the training program. Those students who do not meet the minimum standard in all tested categories will be dismissed and rescheduled for a subsequent academy.

ENTRANCE FITNESS STANDARD

Complete medical exam packets (LEA-3) must have been received and final clearance approved prior to Physical Fitness testing being administered by Academy staff.

Tests are not required to be administered in the order listed.

All entrance times were set by the NMLEA Board on June 8, 2016.

Aerobic Power 1.5 Mile Run

Below 6000 Feet 15:14 (minutes:seconds)

Anaerobic Power 300 Meter Run

71.0 seconds

Equipment: A stopwatch or clock with a sweep second hand; an indoor or outdoor track or another suitable running area measured to 1.5 miles and 300 meters; testing forms to record data.

- The student should refrain from smoking, chewing tobacco, caffeinated drinks, energy aides, or eating for two hours preceding the test.
- 2. Allow adequate time prior to the test for stretching and proper warm-up exercises.
- During the administration of the test, the students will be informed of their lap times.
 If several students run at once, their individual times at the finish will be called out and recorded later.
- 4. An important consideration at the end of the runs is the "cool down" period. The students should be cautioned about not sitting or standing stationary after the run to prevent venous pooling. They should be instructed

- to walk at least an additional five minutes to enhance venous return to aid and assist in recovery.
- The student should remember to properly stretch before and after each exercise to prevent any injuries.

Muscular Endurance 1 minute maximum number of sit-ups

27 repetitions

- The student starts by lying on their back, knees bent, heels flat on the floor, fingers interlaced and placed behind the head.
- 2. Partner holds the feet down firmly.
- In the up position, the student should touch the elbows to knees and then return until the shoulder blades touch the floor. Any resting should be done in the up position. No rocking hips. If fingers become unlaced, adjustment must be made in the up position

Upper Body Strength 1 minute maximum number of push-ups

15 repetitions

- The hands are placed about shoulder width apart. The administrator or partner places a fist on the floor below the student's chest at the midpoint of the sternum (unless a male is testing a female).
- Starting from the up position (elbows fully extended), the student must keep the back straight at all times (no swayback or elevated hips) and lower their body to the floor until the chest touches the administrator's fist. Student then returns to the up position. Any resting should be done in the up position.
- Modified push-ups are no longer optional for female applicants. All applicants are required to perform standard push-ups as described in number 1. and 2. above.