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I. BACKGROUND

The investigation, arrest, and successful prosecution of those responsible for criminal acts constitutes an essential service to crime victims in the District of Columbia and also aids in the prevention of future crimes. The effective conduct of criminal investigations by investigative personnel requires the possession of both specialized knowledge and skills. For this reason, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) established the position of detective grade three to serve as an entry-level position in the investigative personnel career ladder. While serving as a detective grade three, members develop the extensive investigative knowledge and practical experience to be assigned as a detective grade two, through both formal and on-the-job training.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this circular is to announce the upcoming department-wide selection process for assignment to the position of detective grade three. The goal of the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process is to identify the MPD members who are best qualified for conducting thorough, comprehensive, and timely investigations that meet investigative objectives.

Participation in the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process is voluntary and members who choose to participate shall not receive compensation for their participation. In order to ensure confidentiality, **there shall be no makeup dates or times for any part of the selection process**.

III. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. In accordance with 6B DCMR 871.1:

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process, a member must meet the following qualifications:

- Has a minimum of three full years of service, continuous or intermittent, as a sworn member in the MPD as of September 7, 2024;
- Has the Optional Sick Leave and Expected Tardiness program privileges in effect since September 7, 2023;
- Has a most recent (Fiscal Year 2023) annual performance rating of 3-"Successful Performer"; and
- Has all current in-service training and firearms certifications issued by the Metropolitan Police Academy.

<u>NOTE</u>: If a member did not receive a Fiscal Year 2023 annual performance rating, the member's Fiscal Year 2022 annual performance rating may be utilized. In order to meet the eligibility requirement for the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process, the member's FY2022 annual performance rating must have been a "Successful Performer".

- B. A member shall be ineligible to participate in a promotional process if that member has a sustained adverse action resulting in a penalty of demotion or a suspension of fifteen or more days within one year of the announced administration date of the first phase of the promotional exam. A member who sustains an adverse action resulting in a penalty of demotion or a suspension of ten or more days on or after the announced administration date of the first phase of the promotional exam shall be ineligible for promotion for the duration that the resulting promotional list is in effect.
- C. Members with questions related to creditable service or performance ratings shall contact the Human Resources Management Division at hrmd.adminbox@dc.gov Members with questions related to in-service training or firearms certifications shall contact their training coordinator or the Metropolitan Police Academy at mpa.continuingstudies@dc.gov. For any other questions, members shall contact the Testing and Assessment Branch for guidance by email at mpd.testing@dc.gov.

IV. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- A. Registration for the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process will begin June 20, 2024 through 1700 hours on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. No exceptions shall be made for late registrations.
- B. Interested members, who meet the eligibility requirements provided in this circular, shall complete the registration as follows:
 - 1. Log on to an MPD computer or mobile device using your department credentials.
 - 2. Access the registration portal by clicking on the link or QR code below:

2024 Detective Grade Three Exam Registration



- 3. Complete the registration form with your information and submit by clicking the submit button at the bottom of the form.
- 4. You will receive a confirmation email via your department email. If you do not receive a confirmation email please contact the Testing and Assessment Branch via email at mpd.testing@dc.gov or by phone (202) 727-4772.

V. SELECTION PROCESS STRUCTURE

- A. Interested members shall participate in a competitive process.
- B. The 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process shall consist of a two-phase process.
- C. The first phase shall be a knowledge based written multiple-choice exam, and the second phase shall be an assessment phase comprised of both oral and written exercises.
- D. Members must participate in all components of all phases in order for their names to be placed on the register of eligibles.
- E. Eight competencies have been identified, through job analysis, as essential for successful performance as a Detective Grade Three. These eight competencies, listed below, shall form the basis of the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process.
 - 1. <u>ATTENTION TO DETAIL</u>: Identifies the essential information that is relevant to an investigation that must be pursued, followed up on, and verified.
 - 2. <u>INITIATIVE</u>: Self-initiates action on investigative assignments and tasks utilizing a variety of investigative resources and technology to develop comprehensive information and leads, while overcoming obstacles, in order to conduct initial and follow up investigations. Exhausts all leads in cases.
 - 3. <u>INTEGRITY</u>: Exhibits a depth of character and professionalism that commands the respect, trust, and support of the Department, other criminal justice agency personnel, and the community. Abides by the Metropolitan Police Department's Sworn Law Enforcement Officer Code of Ethics and conforms to investigative standards, procedures, and related legal requirements. Protects confidential information.
 - 4. INTERPERSONAL UNDERSTANDING: Quickly establishes rapport with diverse individuals. Elicits information through interviews and interrogations that aid in solving cases. Displays professionalism, tact, courtesy, patience, empathy, objectivity, and appropriate language and voice tone when dealing with others; including victims and their families, witnesses, suspects or targets, and confidential sources throughout investigations.
 - 5. <u>JUDGMENT</u>: Evaluates facts, contradictions, and inconsistencies accurately and objectively. Determines what is required to establish probable cause. Draws logical, valid, and verifiable conclusions based upon evidence. Makes reasonable decisions based upon the circumstances.

- 6. **KNOWLEDGE**: Carries out assignments consistent with Metropolitan Police Department policies, procedures, and directives; related rules, regulations, laws, including case law; and current criminal investigation principles, practices, and techniques.
- 7. **ORAL COMMUNICATION**: Presents information in an organized manner using proper terminology and English.
- 8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: Presents information accurately in an organized manner using proper terminology, English, spelling, punctuation, and sentence and paragraph construction with the aid of a personal computer.
- F. Each candidate shall respond to <u>all exercises independently</u>. No other person or device, including, but not limited to those items listed herein shall be consulted at any time during the Selection Process.
- G. The written multiple-choice exam shall contain multiple-choice items designed to evaluate members' investigative knowledge and shall be based upon all the reference materials listed on Attachment A.
- H. Phase two, oral and written assessments, shall include exercises designed to evaluate members' application of the reference materials as associated with the competencies listed herein.
- I. For those members competing in the assessment phase, the relative weights used to determine the final ratings of the members shall be:

Component	Percentage Weight
Phase I: Written Multiple-Choice Test	20%
Phase II: Video-Based Structured Interview	40%
Phase II: Writing Exercise	40%

J. Phase I: Written Multiple-Choice Test

1. **<u>Date</u>**: Saturday, August 17, 2024

There shall be <u>no make-up dates or times</u> for the written multiple choice test; therefore, members shall adjust their leave schedules accordingly.

- 2. <u>Time</u>: The exam will begin promptly at 1000 hours. Doors shall open for candidates to check-in at 0900 hours. All candidates must arrive at the test location and check in no later than 1000 hours.
- 3. <u>Location</u>: Walter E. Washington Convention Center 801 Mount Vernon Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

4. Requirements:

- a. Valid Photo ID (i.e., MPD ID or other government issued ID).
- b. There is no dress code for this test.

5. **Prohibited items:**

No telecommunication devices, MPD-issued or personally owned, shall be permitted into any testing room or restroom. Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to, cellular telephones, smart watches, e-readers, i- Pads, tablet computers, laptop computers, smart phones, headphones, earbuds (wireless and wired), calculators or any other electronic, Bluetooth and/or Wi-Fi enabled devices. **All such devices shall be collected from members at check-in.** A receipt shall be issued and the devices retrieved following the test. In addition, members are not permitted to bring test materials such as reference materials listed within this circular or notes inside the test site.

- 6. All candidates shall be provided with an exam booklet and an answer sheet.
- 7. Members shall be permitted to take their exam booklets with them after it is confirmed that <u>all</u> candidates have checked in and the exam has started.
- Members are encouraged to note their selected answers in their exam booklet.
 However, members' scores are generated <u>only</u> from the answers marked on their submitted answer sheet.
- 9. The answer key for the written multiple-choice exam shall be published via teletype.
- 10. Candidates shall have until Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 0700 hours to submit their detailed written appeals to mpd.testing@dc.gov
- 11. Written appeals must be sent to mpd.testing@dc.gov and must include all of the following in order to be considered:
 - a. Must be sent from the candidate's dc.gov email address.
 - b. The subject line should read "Appeal for Detective Grade Three Exam".
 - Candidate's first name, middle initial, last name, CAD number, and organizational unit.
 - d. The question number being appealed.
 - e. A detailed written description of the correct response.
 - f. The exact location of the correct response including the specific reference material title (e.g., the general order name and number, page number, section, line number, where the alternate response is located).

- 12. A three-member appeals board shall convene with the multiple-choice exam vendor to consider each appeal.
- 13. Each candidate submitting an appeal shall receive notification of receipt of their appeal. Candidates <u>will not</u> receive individual emails regarding whether their appeal was sustained or denied.
- 14. A teletype shall be published indicating all sustained question numbers.
- 15. In cases where an exam item is identified for removal all candidates shall receive credit regardless of their response. In cases where an exam item is found to have multiple correct answers, only those members identifying one of the correct answers shall receive a point for a correct response.
- 16. A teletype shall be published by exam booklet number indicating each candidate's final rank order on the written multiple-choice exam.

VI. ADVANCEMENT TO PHASE II

- A. Following the computer-based scoring of the Phase I written multiple-choice exam, a numerical ranking of candidates shall be established and shall be based upon written multiple-choice exam scores. **Not all candidates will proceed to the second phase of testing.**
- B. The cut-off score will be announced via teletype and members meeting or exceeding the cut-off score shall be invited to participate in the Phase II of the Detective Grade Three Selection Process Assessment.
- C. An ACADIS module providing test preparation tips and an orientation for Phase II of the process is available to all members. All candidates participating in Phase II of the Detective Grade One selection process are <u>required to complete</u> the module prior to September 2, 2024.
- D. Days off will not be altered to accommodate members' participation in any portion of the selection process.
- E. Members who are scheduled to work on any exam date throughout the selection process shall report to their element prior to their exam time, provided their tour of duty begins prior to the start of the exam, and shall report immediately to their element following completion of the exam provided their shift has not yet ended. In the event that the testing process extends beyond one's scheduled shift, this stipulation will not be applicable as members shall not be required to return to their elements once their shifts have ended.
- F. Phase II of the selection process (i.e., video-based oral exercises and writing exercises) shall utilize <u>all</u> reference materials listed in Attachment A.
- G. Advancement to the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process Assessment Phase is not a guarantee of assignment to the Investigative Services Bureau.

H. Phase II: Detective Grade Three Assessment Details

1. <u>Date</u>: Saturday, September 7, 2024

There shall be <u>no make-up dates or times</u> for the Assessment Phase of the Selection Process; therefore, members shall adjust their leave schedules accordingly.

2. <u>Time</u>: Official check-in times shall be emailed to each candidate's dc.gov email address from the mpd.testing@dc.gov account no later than Friday, August 30, 2024.

Per GO-SPT-302.08 [Metropolitan Police Department Wide Area Network (MPDNet)] members are required to check their MPD email at least once every shift.

3. <u>Location</u>: Metropolitan Police Academy 4665 Blue Plains, SW Washington, D.C. 20032

4. Requirements:

- a. Valid Photo ID (i.e., MPD ID or other government-issued ID).
- b. There is no dress code for the assessment phase.

5. Prohibited items:

No telecommunication devices, MPD-issued or personally owned, shall be permitted into any testing room or restroom. Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to, cellular telephones, smart watches, e-readers, i- Pads, tablet computers, laptop computers, smart phones, headphones, earbuds (wireless and wired), calculators or any other electronic, Bluetooth and/or Wi-Fi enabled devices. **All such devices shall be collected from members at check-in.** A receipt shall be issued and the devices retrieved following the test. In addition, members are not permitted to bring test materials such as reference materials listed within this circular or notes inside the test site.

- 6. Candidates shall not leave the Academy until all members have checked- in for the day.
- 7. Members are encouraged to bring food and drink that do not require refrigeration to the exam. Members may also bring paper-based, non-test related materials such as novels, newspapers or magazines to the exam.

8. Video-Based Oral Exercise

- a. Members shall complete the oral exercise in an individual test room where a proctor shall provide instructions.
- b. Members shall be provided with a test manual, writing instrument and scratch paper.
- c. Exam instructions and materials will be presented via video.

- d. Members shall be expected to view scenarios via video and provide oral responses. Only oral responses will be scored.
- e. Each members' oral responses shall be digitally recorded for scoring at a later date by a three person panel.
- f. Members' oral responses shall be evaluated based upon the content and correctness of their oral responses as well as their overall oral communication.

9. Writing Exercise

- a. Members shall complete the Detective Grade Three Writing Exercise in a computer lab.
- b. Proctors will provide members with oral instructions, a test manual, a computer, a writing instrument, and scratch paper.
- c. Each member shall be expected to read and review written documents and prepare related investigative documents.
- d. Members shall be expected to complete the writing exercise utilizing a computer equipped with Microsoft Office; therefore, members shall familiarize themselves with all programs included in Microsoft Office suite.
- e. Members should familiarize themselves with saving documents to a USB drive.
- f. Writing exercises shall be evaluated by a three person panel based upon the content and correctness of the written responses as well as the overall written communication.

10. Total Scores

- a. Members participating in all phases of the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process shall note that their scores from Phase I will be combined with their scores from Phase II of the selection process in order to create a register of eligible candidates from which assignments to the Investigative Services Bureau may be made.
- b. Candidates shall receive their final scores for the Detective Grade Three Selection Process in writing.
- c. The register of eligible candidates for the position of Detective Grade Three shall be published as a circular.
- d. Members may request feedback on their Assessment Phase performance by emailing mpd.testing@dc.gov no later than two weeks after the register has been published.

VII. REFERENCE MATERIALS

A. All phases of the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process shall be comprised of items generated from the materials provided below as well as in Attachment A.

- B. All MPD Directives are available using the MPDC Inside page via Directives Online.
- C. The reference materials identified in Attachment A and the D.C. Code identified herein are available via the Box Cloud Content Management in the folder titled "2024 Detective Grade Three".
- D. The 2024 Detective Grade Three reference materials can be accessed by any member from any computer or phone with an internet connection.
- E. Members can access the reference materials identified in Attachment A and the D.C. Code identified within this circular using the following link:

2024 ISB SELECTION PROCESS DETECTIVE GRADE THREE

- F. Members who choose to access the files are responsible for the safety and security of the information contained therein.
 - 1. Members shall not permit non-MPD personnel to view or access 2024 Detective Grade Three reference materials located on "The Box".
 - 2. Members shall not share or disseminate law enforcement sensitive directives or materials without the permission of the Chief of Police, or his or her designee.
 - 3. Members who experience any difficulties accessing the Box shall send an email to mpd.testing@dc.gov requesting assistance. The inbox is monitored from 0700 through 1630 hours Monday through Friday.
- G. Any modifications to the reference materials listed herein will be announced via teletype and simultaneously updated within this circular. Members will be responsible for such reference materials not as originally published.
- H. <u>Members shall not use MPD resources to print any reference materials.</u>

Reference Material for the Rank of Detective Grade Three

- 1. The MPD specific publications listed in Attachment A of this circular.
 - Reference materials identified in Attachment A are available on MPD's homepage (i.e., MPDC Inside) via Directives Online.
- 2. The following sections of District of Columbia Criminal Law and Procedure as of June 15, 2024:

Title 22 (Criminal Offenses and Penalties):

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\S 22-301; \S 22-302; \S 22-303; \S 22-401; \S 22-402; \S 22-403; \S 22-404; \S 22-04.01; 22-405; \S 22-405.01; \S 22-406; \S 22-407; 22-704; \S 22-712; \S 22-713; \S 22-722; \S 22-723; \S 22-801; \S 22-933; \S 22-933.01; \S 22-934; \S 22-1101; \S 22-1211; \S 22-1312; \S 22-1319; \S 22-1341; \S 22-1402; \S 22-1404; \S 22-1405; \S 22-1406; \S 22-1502; \S 22-1510; \S 22-1803; \S 22-1805a; \S 22-1806; \S 22-1810; \S 22-1832; \S 22-1833; \S 22-1834; \S 22-1835; \S 22-1836; \S 22-1901; \S 22-1931; \S 22-2001; \S 22-2101; \S 22-2102; \S 22-2103; \S 22-2106; \S 22-2501; \S 22-2704; \S 22-2705; \S 22-2801; \S 22-2802; \S 22-2803; \S 22-3002; \S 22-3003; \S 22-3004; \S 22-3005; \S 22-3010; \S 22-3010; \S 22-3010; \S 22-3010; \S 22-3010; \S 22-3010; \S 22-3013; \S 22-3014; \S 22-3015; 22-3016; \S 22-3015; \S 22-3052; \S 22-3053; \S 22-3054; \S 22-3102; \S 22-3133; \S 22-321; \S 22-321; \S 22-321; \S 22-321; \S 22-3223; \S 22-3231; \S 22-3252; \S 22-3312.01; \S 22-3312.02; \S 22-3531; \S 22-3701; \S 22-4503; \S 22-4503.01; \S 22-4504; \S 22-4504.02; \S 22-4511; \S 22-4512; \S 22-4514; \S 22-4515a
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Title 23 (Criminal Procedure):

§ 23-521; § 23-522; § 23-523; § 23-524; § 23-525; § 23-561; § 23-562; § 23-563; § 23-581; § 23-901; § 23-903; § 23-1502; § 23-1503; § 23-1504; § 23-1901; § 23-1902; § 23-1903; § 23-1904; § 23-1908; § 23-1910

NOTE: All testable D.C. Code identified in this circular was last updated June 15, 2024. D.C. Code identified herein is available via the Box Cloud Content Management.

Del Carmen, Rolando V., and Walker, Jeffery T. (2020). Briefs of Leading Cases in Law Enforcement, 10th Edition. New York: Routeledge. [Chapters 1-15 and 17-21]; ISBN-13: 9780367146924; available from various retailers

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. All communication related to this selection process shall be emailed to mpd.testing@dc.gov.
- B. Members shall use their assigned dc.gov email address for all communication regarding this process.
- C. Any circumstances including, but not limited to testing accommodations related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), religious accommodations, or others that would affect any member's ability to participate in the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process at any time during the time period specified in this circular shall be reported immediately and no later than Friday, July 12, 2024, to the Testing and Assessment Branch at mpd.testing@dc.gov using their assigned dc.gov email address. Members failing to make an official notification prior to the date listed herein may not be accommodated.
- D. Members who are activated or who anticipate being activated for service and are located outside of the DC Metropolitan area in the Armed Forces, Reserves, National Guard, or other uniformed service and wish to be a candidate for this selection process shall submit an application. After submitting their application members shall immediately submit a memorandum using their assigned dc.gov email address to mpd.testing@dc.gov. Members shall ensure military deployment notification is received no later than Friday, July 12, 2024.
 - 1. The memorandum shall state the member's intent to apply and certify that the member meets all eligibility requirements.
 - 2. The memorandum shall:
 - a. Explain the military service requirements (i.e., military branch, dates, and location of service).
 - b. Include complete contact telephone numbers; U.S. Postal Service mailing address; and, if available, a non-MPD email address.
 - c. Specify the MPD unit of assignment and name of his or her MPD Commanding Official.

E. The following members are connected to the Detective Grade Three Selection Process and therefore shall not discuss any part of the selection process with any member:

Commander John Haines
Captain Christopher Dorsey
Detective Grade One Douglas Hain
Detective Grade One Bryan Kasul
Detective Grade One Karane Williams-Thomas

Any exchange of test related confidential information between members may lead to an investigation as well as possible disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

- F. Members should familiarize themselves with basic computer and word processing operations.
- G. The names of members who complete all components (i.e., Phase I and Phase II) of the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process shall be placed on the 2024 Register of Eligibles in descending order of the weighted components of the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process. The names of members with identical ratings shall be ordered pursuant to Article 25, Seniority, Labor Agreement between the MPD and the Fraternal Order of Police MPD Labor Committee.
- H. Disciplinary action shall affect a member's eligibility for promotion to the position of Detective Grade Three in accordance with the Labor Agreement between the FOP/Metropolitan Police Department Labor Committee and the Metropolitan Police Department.
- I. Pursuant to General Order 201.01 (Non-Uniformed Assignments), Part III(D)(3)(g)(5), members selected to be Detectives Grade Three cannot have judicial or administrative findings related to truthfulness in their background that would preclude them from being able to testify or apply for warrants. Detectives Grade Three promoted pursuant to this process who subsequently sustain adverse judicial or administrative findings related to truthfulness shall be subject to removal from the position.
- J. Unless otherwise authorized by the Chief of Police, the 2024 Register of Eligibles for Detective Grade Three shall remain in effect for two years from the date the Register is established.
- K. Members who require clarification regarding this circular may contact the Testing and Assessment Branch by emailing mpd.testing@dc.gov.

IX. EMERGENCIES CONNECTED TO PHASE I OR PHASE II

- A. Candidates reporting to any testing location check-in for any testing activity later than their assigned check-in time shall be considered late.
- B. Each instance of lateness shall be reviewed by the Chairman, 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process Security Committee, Assistant Chief Tasha Bryant of the Internal Affairs Bureau, or his designee, who shall determine whether the candidate shall be permitted to participate.

- C. Any candidate, who, while en-route to the test site encounters a situation or circumstance which, by statutory requirement, necessitates the taking of official police action shall immediately:
 - 1. Secure the scene, provide any required emergency aid; and
 - 2. Notify the Command Information Center (CIC) on (202) 727-9099 of the anticipated lateness. The CIC shall contact the Chairman who shall dispatch at least one sworn official to the candidate's location.
 - a. The sworn official shall:
 - (1) Obtain a summary of the pertinent facts;
 - (2) Remain with the involved candidate through the completion of his or her required tasks;
 - (3) Transport the candidate to the Chairman, at Metropolitan Police Academy; and
 - (4) Perform other appropriate duties as directed by the Chairman.
- D. Any other emergency situation shall be immediately reported by the involved candidate to the CIC, which shall be responsible for reporting the pertinent information to the Chairman.

X. PROVISIONS

- A. Where the provisions contained in this directive are in conflict with directives previously issued, the provisions in this directive shall prevail.
- B. When teletypes are published related to the 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process, the information in the teletypes shall supplement the information contained within this directive.

XI. ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process Reference Materials
- B. 2024 Detective Grade Three Selection Process Candidate Information by Ergometrics & Applied Personnel Research, Inc.

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Topic/Series/#	Effective Date	Subject	
	100 SERIES		
GO-PER-110.11	11/9/2023	Uniform, Equipment, and Appearance Standards	
		200 SERIES	
GO-PER-201.01	9/15/2014	Non-Uniformed Assignments	
GO-PER-201.21	1/6/2005	Limitations on Work Hours	
GOC-05-06	8/3/2005	Limitations on Work Hours	
GO-PER-201.26	6/12/2024	Code of Conduct	
GO-SPT-204.01	4/13/2001	Media	
GO-OPS-204.06	6/13/2003	Victim/Witness Services	
		300 SERIES	
GO-OPS-301.03	7/20/2023	Vehicle Pursuits	
GO-SPT-302.01	2/28/2023	Calls for Service	
GO-SPT-302.02	10/26/2012	Radio Broadcasts and Look-outs	
GO-SPT-302.03	7/13/2022	Social Media	
GO-SPT-302.05	10/27/1980	Radio Communications	
GO-SPT-302.06	4/30/1992	The Washington Area Law Enforcement System (WALES)	
GO-SPT-302.07	10/30/2023	BOLO Application Use and Management	
GO-SPT-302.09	3/21/2012	Use and Operation of Mobile Data Computers	
GOC-13-05	10/17/2013	Use and Operation of Mobile Data Computers	
GO-SPT-302.10	2/21/2007	Mobile Device Security	
GO-SPT-302.11	10/17/2013	Telecommunication Devices	
GO-SPT-302.13	3/12/2024	Body Worn Camera Program	
GO-OPS-303.03	6/20/2019	Vehicle Towing and Impoundment	
GO-OPS-303.09	10/28/2020	License Plate Reader Program	
GO-PER-304.01	10/11/1987	Operation and Management of Criminal Investigations	

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GO-OPS-304.03	11/1/2012	Missing Person Reports
GOC-13-06	10/24/2013	Missing Person Reports
GO-SPT-304.04	7/12/2011	Interception of Wire or Oral Communications
GO-OPS-304.06	2/16/2016	Adult Sexual Assault Investigations
GO-PCA-304.07	4/18/2013	Procedures for Obtaining Pretrial Eyewitness Identification
GO-OPS-304.08	8/28/2023	Crime Scene Response and Evidence Collection
GO-OPS-304.10	9/1/2023	Field Contacts, Stops, and Protective Pat Downs
GO-OPS-304.11	3/28/2024	Handling Intrafamily Offenses
GO-OPS-304.12	8/16/2010	Confidential Sources, Confidential Informants, and Cooperating Witnesses
GO-SPT-304.13	4/30/2004	The Use of Photographs in Criminal Investigations (Cross reference SO-13-13)
GO-OPS-304.14	11/27/2013	Interaction with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons
GO-SPT-304.16	2/2/2006	Electronic Recording of Custodial Interrogations
GOC-11-02	8/12/2011	Electronic Recording of Custodial Interrogations
GO-SPT-304.18	10/14/2020	Language Access Program
GO-OPS-304.19	7/19/2012	Video Recording, Photographing, and Audio Recording of Metropolitan Police Department Members by the Public
GO-OPS-304.20	3/12/2024	Civil Protection Orders and Criminal Restraining Orders
GO-OPS-305.01	9/1/2023	Interacting with Juveniles
GO-RAR-306.01	11/30/2023	Canine Program
GO-OPS-307.01	6/15/2015	Handling Drug Complainants and Investigations
GO-OPS-308.04	2/9/2015	Interacting with Mental Health Consumers
GO-OPS-308.09	7/12/2011	Investigating Robberies
GO-OPS-308.13	7/23/1979	Casual Clothes Units
GOC-12-08	8/16/2012	Casual Clothes Units
GO-OPS-308.14	10/31/2011	Interactions with Homeless Persons

300 SERIES (CONTINUED)			
GO-OPS-309.03	4/4/2006	Forcible Entries/Property Damage Caused by MPD Police Action	
GO-OPS-309.05	3/2/2007	Handling Kidnapping/Extortion Cases	
GO-SPT-309.06	11/18/2010	Child Abuse and Neglect	
GO-RAR-310.01	3/7/2003	US Capitol Police	
60 545 340 06	4/45/2040		
GO-RAR-310.06	4/15/2019	Metro Transit Police Metropolitan Police Department's Functional Relationship with the District of Columbia	
GO-RAR-310.07	1/9/1998	Housing Authority Police Department	
GO-RAR-310.08	5/2/2023	School Based Incidents and Offenses	
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		Field Departing Cychon	
GO-SPT-401.01	7/19/2012	Field Reporting System	
GO-SPT-401.03	1/14/2015	Traffic Crash Reports	
CO ODS 401 07	0/2/2004	Animal Complaints and Danarting Animal Bitings	
GO-OPS-401.07	9/3/2004	Animal Complaints and Reporting Animal Bitings	
GO-OPS-401.08	1/24/2020	Next of Kin Notifications	
	T	500 SERIES	
GO-PCA-501.02	1/5/2015	Handling Interactions with Transgender Individuals	
GO-PCA-301.02	1/3/2013	Training interested in the France management management	
GO-PCA-501.04	1/30/2007	Conducting Police Business in Federal Government Buildings	
GO-PCA-501.05	7/15/2004	Arrests of Armed Forces Personnel	
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		Recording, Handling and Disposition of Property Coming into the Custody of the Department	
GO-SPT-601.01	4/30/1992	Recording, Handling and Disposition of Property Coming into the Custody of the Department	
GOC-11-03	9/12/2011	Recording, Handling and Disposition of Property Coming into the Custody of the Department	
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GOC-13-04	7/9/2013		
GO-SPT-601.02	2/3/2004	Preservation of Potentially Discoverable Material	
GO-SPT-602.01	6/20/2019	Vehicle Searches and Inventories	
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GO-OPS-603.07	3/8/2024	Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV)	

700 SERIES		
GO-PCA-701.01	12/31/2008	Courts and Hearings
GOC-12-06	6/18/2012	Courts and Hearings
GO-PCA-701.03	9/29/2010	Handling Assaults on Police Officers
GO-PCA-701.04	11/10/2011	Service of Subpoenas and Civil Lawsuits Upon Members of the Department
GO-PCA-701.06	8/2/2005	Court Appearance Notifications
GO-PCA-702.01	10/18/2023	Arrest Warrants
GO-PCA-702.02	4/27/2023	Warrantless Searches
GO-PCA-702.03	9/8/2022	Search Warrants
	I	800 SERIES
GO-HSC-803.06	3/28/2024	Real Time Crime Center Operations
GO-HSC-803.07	12/17/2010	Air Support Unit
GO-HSC-804.01	2/3/2011	Responding to Campus Incidents
GO-HSC-805.05	2/15/2011	Barricade/Hostage Situations and Other Unusual Incidents
	T	900 SERIES
GO-RAR-901.01	6/12/2008	Handling of Service Weapons
GOC-08-08	11/14/2008	Handling of Service Weapons
GOC-10-06	8/5/2010	Handling of Service Weapons
GOC-16-02	5/2/2016	Handling of Service Weapons
GO-RAR-901.04	3/28/2024	Less Lethal Weapons
GO-RAR-901.07	3/28/2024	Use of Force
GO-SPT-902.01	12/15/2023	Firearms Registration and Concealed Pistol Licenses
SPECIAL ORDERS		
SO-04-17	9/3/2004	Issuance and Service of Grand Jury and Trial Subpoenas
SO-06-03	3/29/2006	Records Retention and Evidence Preservation
SO-11-11	June 7, 2011	Amber Alert

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SO-11-22	12/1/2011	Bias-related/Hate Crimes
SO-12-16	7/17/2012	Investigative Responsibilities for Reports of Injured Persons to Hospitals
SO-12-22	10/26/2012	Witness Canvasses
SO-13-10	10/24/2013	Silver Alert
SO-13-13	11/27/2013	Photographs, Video Recordings, and Audio Recordings of Crime Scenes
SO-14-03	6/6/2014	Requesting Video Evidence
SO-14-13	12/17/2014	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Program
SO-15-03	1/29/2015	The "Lively Standard"
SO-15-08	4/14/2015	Cell Phone Recovery Process
SO-17-03	6/23/2017	Digital Video Evidence Recovery (DIVRT) Kits
SO-91-14	1/6/1992	Witness Protection Program
		STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
SOP-03-01	4/8/2003	Investigative Case Tracking and UCR Classification
	, ,	EXECUTIVE ORDERS
EO-17-004	2/27/2017	Cobalt: Booking Team Procedures
EO-17-012	4/28/2017	Gender Identity and Expression Anti-Discrimination Policy
EO-17-024	7/27/2017	Property Record, Property Release and Court Attendance Record Forms
EO-17-027	8/11/2017	Use of Government Vehicles
EO-17-032	11/17/2017	Response to Bias-Related Crimes and Incidents
10-17-032	11/1//2017	Revised PD Form 122-A (Photo Array Identification Instructions and Viewing Sheet) and PD
EO-17-035	12/12/2017	Form 122-B (Show-Up Identification instructions and Viewing Sheet)
EO-18-002	1/16/2018	Entering Firearms in RMS
EO-21-014	5/14/2021	MPD Email Requirements
EO-21-015	5/17/2021	Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Amendment Act of 2019
EO-21-025	11/8/2021	Social Media for Investigative and Intelligence-Gathering Purposes

EXECUTIVE ORDERS (CONTINUED)			
EO-21-031	12/30/2021	Elimination of the PD Form 775	
EO-21-033	12/30/2021	Barricaded Subjects/Hostage Situations and Other Unusual Incidents	
EO-22-007	5/6/2022	Updated District of Columbia Superior Court Guidelines	
EO-22-011	7/14/2022	Judicial Summonses and Booking Orders	
EO-23-010	9/8/2023	Report Translation Requests	
EO-23-011	9/26/2023	OCME Death Determinations	
EO-23-012	11/9/2023	Fraternization	
EO-23-012	12/10/2023	Firearms Trafficking Unit	
EO-24-001	3/14/2024	Handling False Alarms, Bomb Threats, and Swatting Incidents	
EO-24-002	6/17/2024		
LO-24-002	EO-24-002 6/17/2024 Requesting GPS Records TELETYPES		
TT-08-044-08	8/19/2008	Injured Person to the Hospital	
TT-09-014-08	9/4/2008	Clarifying GO-PER-304.01 Operation and Management of Criminal Investigations, Part I, Section B. Follow up Investigation	
TT-07-060-09	7/22/2009	PD Form 47 (Warning as to Your Rights) in Non-English Languages	
	CIRCULARS		
CIR-24-01	3/12/2024	Secure DC Omnibus Emergency Amendment Act of 2024	

Metropolitan Police Department 2024 Detective Grade 3 Selection Process

Candidate Handout



Candidate Information

Introduction

Ergometrics & Applied Personnel Research, Inc., is a human resource management firm specializing in personnel selection and training. Established over 40 years ago, Ergometrics has designed the most comprehensive, award-winning, video and job simulation testing programs in the nation. We have provided personnel testing services for over 2,000 clients in the U.S. and Canada.

Thank you for your interest in participating in the promotional selection process for the rank of Detective Grade Three. The role of the detective is one of the most important roles in any police department. Should you be selected to become a Detective Grade Three, your performance will influence many people both inside and outside the Department. You will manage subordinate activities, and your chief responsibility is to ensure the department's goals are accomplished. As a Detective Grade Three, you will serve as a role model for many in the Department.

Disclaimer: The information provided in this handout is intended to be helpful and to assist you as you prepare for the selection process. It is not meant to advise you of every question that will be asked. Some aspects of the process may be modified, including the order of events and time frames. It is expected that candidates at the level of Detective Grade Three will be able to flexibly adjust to conditions that are not exactly as they may have expected.

Overall Promotional Selection Process

There will be two phases for the Detective Grade Three promotional selection process:

- 1. Phase I: Written Multiple-Choice Exam
- 2. Phase II: Detective Grade Three Written & Oral Assessment

General Test Information

- You will be responsible for monitoring your own time and pacing yourself appropriately during the promotional process.
- Candidates must answer all questions independently. Talking, sharing answers, or discussing test content during or after the test is not permitted.
- Wearing a watch is recommended, but smartwatches are not permitted. Please ensure your watch does not contain any prohibited electronic features.
- Candidates are forbidden from receiving or sending pages, texts, or phone calls during
 any part of the promotional selection process. No electronic devices are allowed in any
 of the test rooms.
- Get rest and a good night's sleep prior to your test.

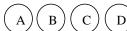
Phase I: Written Multiple-Choice Exam

The first phase of the Detective Grade Three promotional selection process is a closed-book written multiple-choice exam. Higher-level ranks call for extensive knowledge of technical and management topics. The multiple-choice exam will cover important issues identified from the assigned reference material. Questions are designed to help the department identify the best potential managers and supervisors. The department is interested in promoting future leaders who will do the necessary studying and be able to apply the information on the job. You are competing for promotion with other qualified members of the department. This exam is your opportunity to demonstrate your study ethic and personal effectiveness.

Overview

For this exam, candidates will be asked to select the best answer from four (4) answer choices provided. The length of the exam will be three (3) hours. The exam questions are based on the reading list published by the Department. The following information contains additional details about the 2024 Detective Grade Three Written Exam:

- The exam will consist of 100 questions.
- All of the questions will be multiple-choice.
- Each item has four (4) lettered answer choices: A, B, C, and D.
- All four (4) answer choices should be read carefully, and then the <u>best</u> answer of those options should be selected.
- Candidates will be provided with a machine-scored multiple-choice answer sheet on which to mark their answers during the exam.
- After deciding the best answer in the exam booklet, fill in the corresponding bubble of the selected answer on the answer sheet. Sample answer choice:



- Candidates should make note of their final answers in their exam booklet in order to compare their answers to the exam key that will be provided via teletype.
- When candidates leave the exam session, they will be able to take their exam booklets with them.
- Candidates will be given up to three (3) hours to take the exam.
- Candidates who complete the exam in less than three (3) hours may leave the testing site
 when finished
- Only the answers marked properly on the answer sheets will be scored.
- A number 2 pencil must be used to complete the answer sheet in order for the responses to be read by the computer and scored.
- Bring at least two number 2 pencils with working erasers to the test site.

Example Written Exam Questions

The following are examples of the types of item formats you may see on the written multiple-choice exam. The sample questions may not reflect the difficulty level of the items in the actual exam. None of the questions below will be included in the actual exam.

Sample #1: (Question Format)

PSA Officer X must use her MPD-issued aerosol OC spray dispenser. What is the maximum effective range of an MPD-issued OC-spray dispenser?

- A. three (3) feet
- B. five (5) feet
- C. ten (10) feet
- D. twelve (12) feet (Correct Answer)

Sample #2: (Question Format)

Supervisors and managers should create a work environment that contributes to the development of a high-performing team of motivated employees. Which statement about motivation is correct?

- A. Intrinsic motivators work best when followed up with external motivators.
- B. If employees are to do their best, the employees must be externally motivated.
- C. Reliance on external motivators can create a culture of divisiveness and selfishness. (Correct Answer)
- D. Reliance on intrinsic motivators can waste human talent and drain away organizational resources.

Sample #3: (Best Answer Format)

Resistance to change is normal because people often resist moving from a comfortable state to one that is different and possibly unpredictable. In effecting change, it is best for supervisors/managers to:

- A. Develop a neutral attitude toward change.
- B. Inform employees in advance as to why the change is necessary. (Correct Answer)
- C. Recognize that resistance to change is short-lived and will "blow over."
- D. Encourage employees to keep their negative thoughts and feelings to themselves.

Sample #4: (Sentence Completion Format)

Assume you have delegated an assignment to PSA Sergeant Q. You direct Sergeant Q to complete the assignment by the conclusion of the current tour of duty. In making this assignment, you have utilized:

- A. expert-based power.
- B. reward-based power.
- C. position-based power. (Correct Answer)
- D. charisma-based power.

Preparing to Take Your Written Multiple-Choice Exam

Studying the publications assigned is one way to improve your chances of ultimately being the top competitor. There are many different approaches that one can take to studying. An excellent way to prepare for this type of exam is to read each publication twice. First, read it straight through so that you understand the general focus as a whole. Next, reread the publication, making notes and highlighting the most important points that you see in each section. Other strategies are to use acronyms for remembering information or to form a study group and quiz one another. In the end, the choice is personal.

Here are some additional study tips for a written multiple-choice exam:

- Minimize environmental distractions. Try to limit the distractions in your environment when studying. Distractions include, but are not limited to, email, cell phones, and even other people. Eliminating distractions will make it easier for you to concentrate and retain the information you are studying.
- 2. **Avoid burning the midnight oil.** Retaining information is difficult for many people when they are tired. If possible, try to study when you are well-rested and ready to concentrate.
- 3. **Review chapter overviews or summaries.** Chapter overviews and summaries typically provide information on the most important points in a chapter. Oftentimes, reviewing these areas before reading a chapter helps you determine and understand the important topics in the chapter. After reading the chapter, you can use overviews and summaries to test yourself on critical knowledge from the chapter.
- 4. **Quiz yourself.** After you read a chapter or section, quiz yourself on important topics, definitions, etc. You can also use headings and specific terms to develop questions before reading the material. Afterward, while reading the section or chapter, you can try to answer those questions.

- 5. **Have someone quiz you.** After you read a text, a great way to see if you have retained information is to have someone ask you questions regarding the material you just read.
- 6. **Avoid cramming.** Spreading your studying out over time will help you concentrate and retain the information you read.
- 7. **Look up words or phrases you don't know.** Have a computer or dictionary available when studying so that you can look up words and phrases that you aren't familiar with.
- 8. **Mark it up.** Highlight and/or underline important sections of the text while you study. Marking up the text will help you concentrate on important topics and also make it easier to review the material again later.
- 9. **Take notes.** Taking notes of the important topics you read in the text can be an efficient study aid to help you remember what you read.

Exam Taking Tips

The multiple-choice written exam questions have four (4) answer choices. To get the highest score, always select the best choice listed, even if more than one answer option seems plausible to you. Be sure to read all answers before choosing. Don't focus on a choice that is not provided. Don't get distracted by thinking of other possible responses that are not among the choices presented. Don't get stuck on the idea that you want to combine two responses. Demonstrate your judgment by picking the one answer that, by itself, is better than any other answer, by itself.

Prepare yourself physically for this exam as you would prepare yourself for any special assignment that requires concentration. Unusual preparation may cause you problems. Eat and drink beverages as you usually would. For example, consuming more caffeine than usual can make you jittery; less than usual can leave you listless. Get the amount of sleep that leaves you most alert. Bring whatever personal items you need, such as eyeglasses or tissues.

Here are some additional tips to help you during the book-referenced exam. These simple procedures help you avoid marking the wrong answer when you know the right one.

- Listen to the instructions. Before you begin the exam, it is important that you read and/or listen to all instructions carefully. Ensure you know how to correctly fill out the answer sheet.
- 2. Get familiar with your exam. When you begin the multiple-choice written exam, glance through it to acquaint yourself with the task ahead of you. You do not have to go through the questions in the order you find them.
- **3. Check the time.** Check your watch periodically throughout the exam so that you know how much time you have remaining.

- **4. Don't spend too much time on one question.** If you have a difficult time with a question, go on and come back to that question later. Do make a note to come back to it, though. You may come back with a fresh approach, and a question you had trouble with earlier may seem easy.
- **5. Read thoroughly.** Read every question carefully before you attempt to answer it. This advice may sound too simple, but it is important. The major reason people miss questions when they know the material is that they do not read the question completely.
- 6. Circle or underline keywords. When reading a question, circle or underline keywords that are important to the question stem. This approach will both help you focus on the critical aspects of what is being asked, as well as help you remember the important aspects of the question if you need to skip it and return to it later in the exam session.
- 7. Break a sentence up if you don't understand it. Sometimes, sentences in a question stem can be long. If you don't understand the sentence, use slash marks to break it into smaller sections to better understand the sentence.
- 8. Read all the answers before choosing one. The most common answer people choose is A, whether it is right or not. The reason is that they think the first answer looks plausible, so they stop reading. Don't make the mistake of not reading all the answers before making a selection. Even if A looks like a really good answer, one of the other answers may be better. When you read the alternatives, you may think of something you had missed at first.
- **9. Use the process of elimination.** If you aren't sure of the correct answer, use the process of elimination. Eliminate answer choices that you know are definitely wrong. Then focus on selecting the best answer from the choices remaining.
- **10.** Do not read something into the question that is not there. When reading a situational question, assume that everything is normal, unless the question tells you differently. When something is amiss, the question will tell you. Stick to the facts of the questions.
- **11. Answer every question.** There is no penalty for guessing. Even if you don't know the correct answer, you have a one in four chance of choosing the right one. If you can eliminate one or two of the alternatives, your chances are even better.
- **12. Fill out your answer sheet correctly.** In marking the answer sheet, be sure to fill in the bubble that corresponds to the answer you have chosen. If you skip a question, make sure you skip to the right space on the answer sheet. If you mark the wrong answer and want to change it, erase your first mark completely. Remember to mark only *one* answer for each question.

13. Use your time wisely. If you finish early, use the remaining time to answer questions you skipped, re-evaluate questions you were unsure of, and check to ensure that you filled out your answer sheet correctly.

When taking your exam, don't compromise your chances of success by trying to follow examtaking tips you may find online. Many of these tips are just bad advice and could cost you points. Take the following quiz to examine your assumptions (answers on the following page).

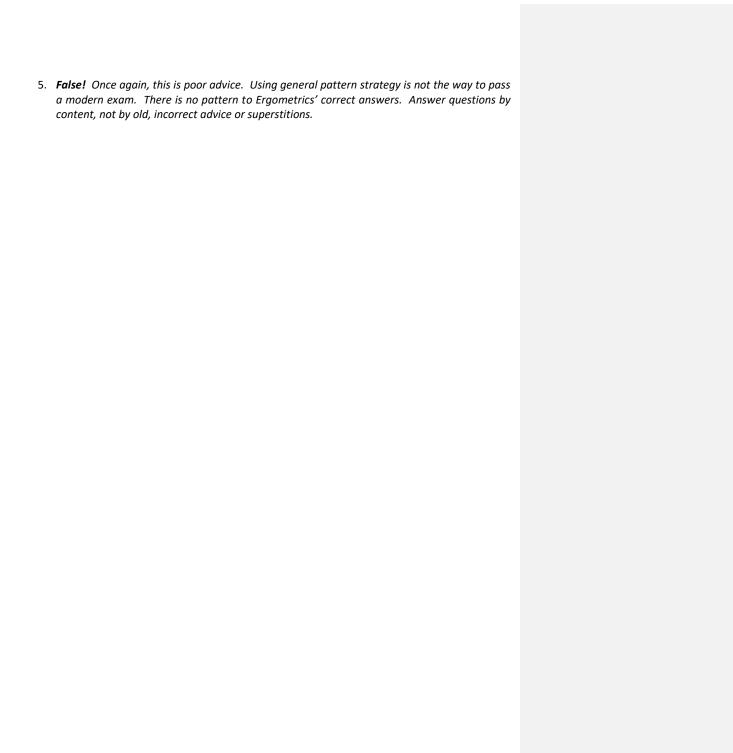
True or False?

True	False	
		1. If you don't know the answer to an exam question, take a guess.
		2. Choose the longest answer option.
		3. Choose the answer option that seems most logical to you.
		 Choose the answer with a middle value when other options are higher or lower.
		5. More often than not, the correct answer is B or C.

Answers to Quiz

- 1. **True!** Guessing is not penalized, and you just might choose the right answer.
- 2. **False!** This kind of general pattern strategy is a very poor approach to take on a modern exam. Answer choice length is not an indication of an incorrect or correct response.
- 3. **True!** Rely on your knowledge of the assigned publications to think critically and logically when answering a question.
- 4. **False!** This is another piece of bad advice you might come across somewhere. No such pattern is present on Ergometrics' exams.

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