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WYOMING COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

DISPATCHER

Exam #68315 OC

SALARY: \$18.02 - \$24.37/hr per
2019 WCSEA Contract.

EXAMINATION TO BE HELD:

January 19, 2019

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO:

December 14, 2018 by 4:00pm in this
office or postmarked by 12/14/18.

ISSUED: October 29, 2018

LOCATION OF POSITION: The resulting eligible list from this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur within the Wyoming County Sheriff Department.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT: Candidates must have been legal residents of Wyoming County for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of the written examination, and must have continued their residency through the period leading to their initial appointment.

CERTIFICATION: Preference in appointment may be given to candidates who presently reside in a civil division or district where the appointment is to be made in accordance with provisions of Sec. 23 (4-a) of Civil Service Law.

DUTIES: The work involves responsibility for staffing the Sheriff's Department telecommunications console on an assigned shift. The incumbent receives and transmits messages and requested information to Deputy Sheriffs, law enforcement agencies and performs related communications activities involving operation of telephones, New York State Police Information Network (NYSPIN) computer, and short wave radio. Incumbents in this class must be able to function calmly in emergencies and take appropriate action in an efficient manner. Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-ranking officer with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet the following requirements on or before the date of the examination: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

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

1. Coding/decoding information

These questions test for the ability to follow a set of coding rules. Some questions will require you to code information by converting certain information into letters or numbers. Other questions will require you to decode information by determining if the information that has already been converted into letters or numbers is correct. Complete directions will be provided; no previous knowledge of or training in any coding system is required.

2. Following directions (maps)

These questions test your ability to follow physical/geographic directions using street maps or building maps. You will have to read and understand a set of directions and then use them on a simple map.

3. Retaining and comprehending spoken information from calls for emergency services

These questions test for your ability to retain specific information that is heard in calls for emergency service, such as a street address, or to comprehend spoken information from emergency service calls, such as determining the location of a site in relation to landmarks. Simulated 911 calls will be

played on audio CD. Immediately following each call, candidates are given audio instructions identifying which questions they are to answer within the test booklet. The questions that candidates are directed to answer for each simulated call will not be in sequential order. Candidates will need to retain and comprehend the information and instruction provided in this portion of the test to respond appropriately to the questions asked and to determine which questions to answer. The time allotted to answer these questions will be limited. At the end of each answer period, the CD will automatically play the next call. Note paper will be provided. Candidates will be permitted to take notes and to refer to them when answering the questions.

4. Name and number checking

These questions test for the ability to distinguish between sets of words, letters, and/or numbers that are almost exactly alike. Material is usually presented in two or three columns, and you will have to determine how the entry in the first column compares with the entry in the second column and possibly the third. You will be instructed to mark your answers according to a designated code provided in the directions.

5. Understanding and interpreting written material

These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions only on what is presented in the passages and not on what you may happen to know about the topic.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

Performance Test: A performance test will also be held at a later date, to be announced. The written test will be a ranking test and the performance test will be a qualifying (pass/fail) test. You must pass both the written and performance tests to be considered for appointment. You will not be called to the performance test unless you have passed the written test. Since the performance test is qualifying (pass/fail), if you pass the performance test your final score for the examination will be the score that you achieve on the written test.

Candidates may be invited to the performance test in the order of the scores they achieve on the written test. The County reserves the right to give the performance test to only as many candidates as are needed to fill available vacancies.

The test will be administered on a conventional personal computer (PC). You will be using a conventional PC keyboard, but you will not be using a mouse.

Subject: The test consists of three parts, each preceded by a separate practice session. It will test your ability to enter the kinds of information that dispatchers and related personnel must process for fire, police, and emergency medical services. You will not need any specific information prior to the test; rather, complete on-screen instructions will tell you all that you need to know in order to take the test. In order to pass, you must enter the data at a rate of at least 6,000 keystrokes per hour (which is equal to typing approximately 20 words per minute), with an accuracy rate of at least 97.5%.

Retest Policy: Candidates who fail the performance test will be permitted a retest which will be given on the same day as the original performance test.

Waivers: If you have passed a 911 keyboarding performance test administered by a local jurisdiction in New York State within two (2) years of the written test, the performance test may be waived. If you request a waiver, you must submit verifiable evidence of qualifying. Information submitted must contain the title, location, and date of the performance test taken, as well as proof of passing.

Candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, "Spell Checkers," personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited.

SABBATH OBSERVERS/DISABLED CANDIDATES/MILITARY MEMBERS: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application. Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, who having duly filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination for Civil Service employment by the State of New York or any of its subdivisions and who due to active military duty is deprived of the opportunity to compete in such examination shall be provided with an opportunity to compete, under terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the State Department of Civil Service or Municipal Commission, by way of a special military make-up examination.

This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

Current members of the Armed Forces may apply for Veteran's credits by filing an Application for Veteran's Credits (Form VC-1). Proof of military status must also be presented and verified in order for consideration of granting of conditional Veteran's credit. Acceptable proof may include a military I.D. card, military orders, or others official military document that substantiates active military service at time of exam. This documentation and VC-1 Form must be received prior to the establishment of the Eligible List for this examination. The conditional status of the additional credits will remain until proof is provided indicating that the service was in time of war and that the veteran received an honorable discharge, or was released under honorable circumstances.

VETERANS: Disabled and non-disabled war veterans who are eligible for additional credits must submit an application for veteran credits with **EACH** application for examination. Candidates who wish to claim veteran credits on an examination should request an application and information sheet from the Wyoming County Civil Service Office. Veterans application forms will also be available upon request at the examination center. The completed forms must be received before the eligible list for this examination is established in order to utilize additional credits.

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, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE
WYOMING COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE
338 N. Main St., Thomson Hall
Warsaw, New York 14569
Telephone: 786-8830
Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

OR DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION AT www.wyomingco.net (click on the civil service link)
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APPLICATION FEE POLICY

APPLICATION FEE:

You need to file a \$25.00 processing fee for **EACH** exam you are applying for. The required fee **MUST** accompany your application.

- Send check or money order payable to the "Wyoming County Department of Civil Service."
- Write the examination number on the check or money order.
- **DO NOT SEND CASH!!**

As **NO** refunds will be made if you fail to appear for the scheduled exam or if your application is disapproved, be sure to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Assistance in determining whether or not you meet the minimum qualifications can be obtained from our office and is yours for the asking.

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 a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination**

Announcement. The Application Fee Waiver is available on line at www.wyomingco.net (click on Civil Service) or in our office.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.
2. Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications will be disapproved. All necessary licenses, diplomas, and transcripts must be attached to the application when required in the "Minimum Requirements" as listed on the exam announcement.

3. Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three (3) candidates willing to accept appointment. The duration of an eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year and a maximum period of four (4) years.
4. It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Wyoming County Civil Service Office of any change of name and/or address. **NO** attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.

TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION: Approved candidates will be notified by mail regarding the time and place of the examination. If notice of approval or disapproval is not received at least seven (7) days prior to the exam, please call the Wyoming County Civil Service Office at (585) 786-8830.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

For this examination call 786-8830 or write to Wyoming County Civil Service, Warsaw, NY 14569.

NOTE: APPLICANTS WHO LACK THIRTY DAYS, OR LESS, OF MEETING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS BY THE DATE OF THE EXAMINATION WILL BE ADMITTED CONDITIONALLY TO THE EXAMINATION. HOWEVER, PROOF OF THE ADDITIONAL DAYS' QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE LIST.

IF THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRE A DEGREE AND/OR LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SHALL PERTAIN TO THIS EXAM ANNOUNCEMENT: If you expect to complete the educational requirement within 6 months, you can be admitted to this examination. If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for appointment until you have submitted proof of completion of the requirements to the Wyoming County Civil Service Office. Proof must be submitted within 2 months, following award of degree; failure to do so will result in removal of your name from the eligible list.

Licensure/Certification: If you are eligible for the required licensure/certification you can be admitted to this examination. If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for permanent appointment until you have submitted proof of possession of the required licensure/certificate to the Wyoming County Civil Service Office.

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING ALTERNATE TEST DATE:

1. For situations known prior to when the examination is scheduled for administration, the candidate should get from this office a Request for Alternate Test Date Form as soon as possible before the test date.
2. For emergency situations, you must notify this office no later than Tuesday following the SATURDAY scheduled test date.
3. We **can not** administer any written test **prior** to the **scheduled date**.