

TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

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AGENCY NAME: ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT FOR TEXAS

Appointment/Employment

Name:

Date Issued:

Complete and Return By:

I am applying for:

Peace Officer

PID #:

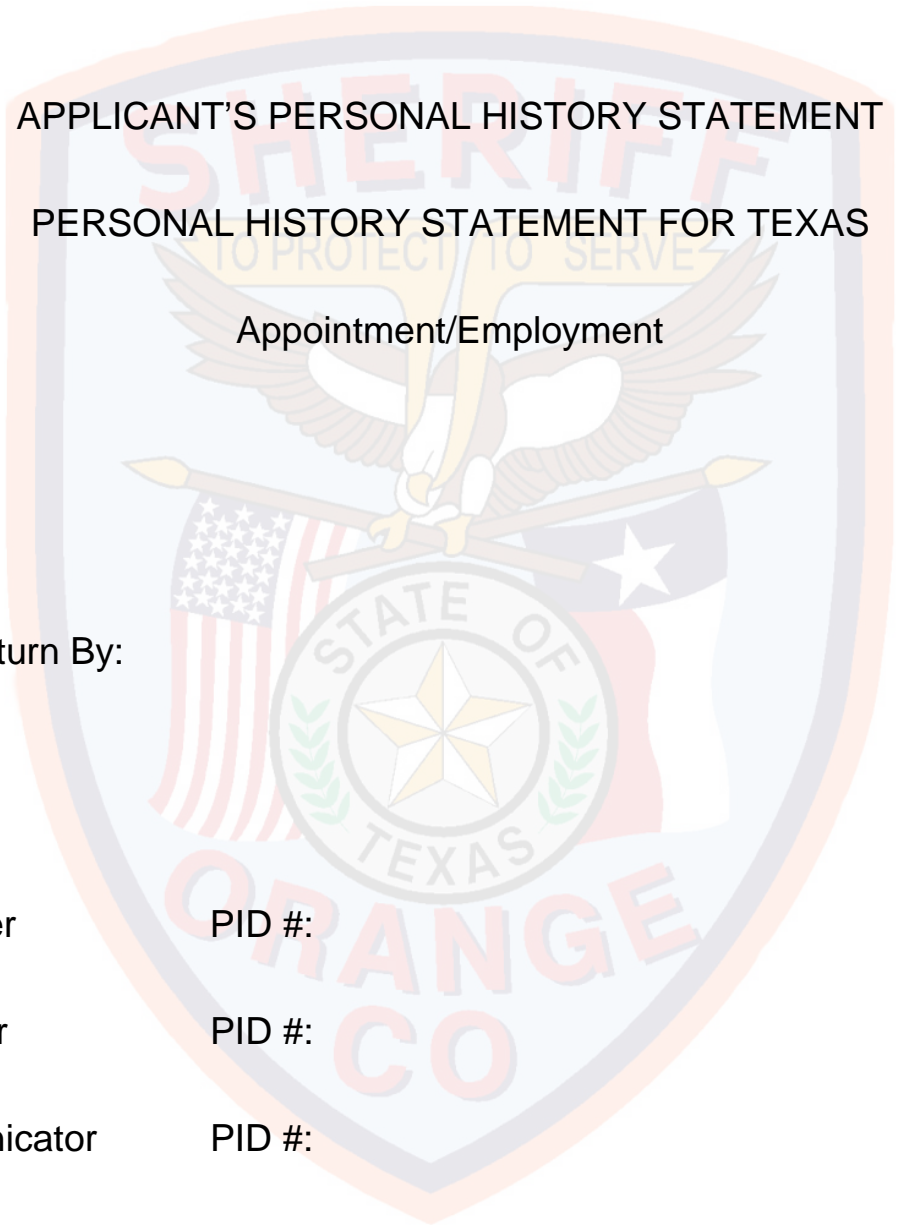
County Jailer

PID #:

Telecommunicator

PID #:

Civilian Employment



(Name of Law Enforcement Agency)

AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby authorize the _____ and its authorized representatives bearing this release, or a copy thereof, within one year of its date, to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my employment, military, credit, education or medical records, including not limited to academic, achievement, attendance, athletic, personal history, and disciplinary records, medical records, and credit records.

I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. This release is executed with full knowledge and understanding that the information is for official use. Consent is granted to all parties to furnish such information, as described above, to third parties in the course of fulfilling its official responsibilities. I hereby release you, as custodian of such records, and any school, college, university, or other educational institution, hospital, or other repository of medical records, credit bureau, lending institution, consumer reporting agency, or retail business establishment including its officers, employees, or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or attempt to comply with it.

I am furnishing my Social Security Account Number on a voluntary basis with the understanding such is not required by any law or regulation. I have been advised that all parties will utilize this number only to facilitate the location of employment, military, credit, and educational records concerning me in connection with this application. Should there be any question as to the validity of this release, you may contact me as indicated below:

Applicant's Printed Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Applicant's Notarized Signature: _____

Sworn to and signed before me, on this the _____ day of _____, _____, in and for _____ county, in the state of _____.

Signature of Notary Public: _____

NOTARY SEAL

Printed Name of Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires: _____



Personal History Statement Instructions

Employees are exposed to confidential and law enforcement sensitive information. A thorough background investigation is required to properly evaluate the suitability of applicants for employment with the agency. Although it is an achievement to reach the background phase of the hiring process, this is still a competitive process and does not, in any way, guaranty selection.

These instructions are provided as a guide to assist you in properly completing your Personal History Statement. It is essential that the information is accurate in all respects, so please read all instructions carefully before proceeding. The Personal History Statement will be used as a basis for a background investigation that will determine your eligibility for becoming an employee.

1. Your application must be printed legibly in **BLACK INK** by the applicant or typed. Answer all questions truthfully and accurately.
2. If a question is not applicable to you, enter **N/A** in the space provided.
3. Avoid errors by reading the directions carefully before making any entries on the form. Be sure your information is accurate and in proper sequence before you begin.
4. You are responsible for obtaining correct and full addresses. If you are not sure of an address, personally verify before making that entry on this history statement. Errors will not be viewed favorably. **ALL ADDRESSES MUST BE COMPLETE WITH ZIP CODES.**
5. If you need additional space for your answers, attach additional sheets as needed. Be sure to indicate what question number and page this refers to.
6. An accurate and complete form will help expedite your investigation. Omissions or falsifications will result in disqualification.
7. You are responsible for furnishing any changes and/or updating your application as needed, such as address changes or telephone changes in writing.
8. Any candidate submitting an incomplete application **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT.** Your application will be evaluated on completeness and neatness.
9. **All documents requested must be submitted with the application** (photocopies are acceptable in most cases). *Required documents vary according to the position being sought and the history of the applicant. Hiring agency please check off documents required– modify list as necessary.*

Completed Personal History Statement

Copy of your Social Security card

Original certified copy of your birth certificate (no photo copy)

Copy of your valid Texas driver license or a copy of another State's driver license (applicant must possess a valid Texas driver license prior to being offered employment)

Copy of your High School diploma or GED certificate or an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States after at least twenty-four months of active service

Sealed original certified copy of your college transcript (no photo copy)

Photocopy of your college diploma

Copy of your Peace Officer Certificate from your police academy (Peace Officer Applicants Only)

Copy of your Texas peace officer license & all training certificates awarded to you (Peace Officer Applicants Only)

Copy of your DD-214 and/or other military discharge documents (if applicable)

Original certified copy of your Naturalization papers, if applicable (no photo copy)

Copy of current proof of automobile liability insurance

Copy of a TCOLE approved Firearms Qualifications within the last 12 months

10. If you have questions, please contact your assigned background investigator.

11. When submitting the completed documents, please place them in a sealed envelope marked 'Personal and Confidential' to your assigned background investigator.



Instructions to the Applicant

Before you begin to fill out this personal history statement, please ensure that you meet the following requirements. You must meet all five of these requirements to qualify for licensure as a peace officer, jailer, or telecommunicator in Texas.

I am a citizen of the United States of America.

I have earned a high school diploma, a GED, or an honorable discharge from the armed services of the United States after at least two (2) years of active service.

I have never been convicted, plead guilty (nolo contendere), nor have I been on court-ordered community service/probation, or deferred adjudication for a Class A misdemeanor or a felony.

During the last ten (10) years, I have not been convicted, plead guilty (nolo contendere), been on community service/probation, or deferred adjudication for a Class B misdemeanor in this state, other state, or while serving in the military.

I have never had a military court martial that resulted in a dishonorable or other discharge based on misconduct which bars future military service.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

There are very few automatic bases for rejection. Even issues of prior misconduct, employee terminations, and arrests are usually not, in and of themselves, automatically disqualifying. However, deliberate misstatements or omissions can and often will result in your application being rejected, regardless of the nature or reason for the misstatements/omissions. In fact, the number one reason individuals “fail” background investigations is because they deliberately withhold or misrepresent job-relevant information from their prospective employer.

This personal history statement is a governmental document. Be truthful, as there are criminal consequences for lying on a governmental document.

Once you begin:

- Type or neatly print, in ink, responses to all items and questions. If a question does not apply to you, write “N/A” (not applicable) in the space provided for your response. If you cannot obtain or remember certain information, indicate so in your response.
- If you need additional space for your answers, attach additional sheets as needed. Be sure to indicate which section, question number, and page this refers to.
- Be as complete, honest, and specific as possible in your responses.

Disclosure of Medically Related Information

In accordance with the U.S. Americans with Disabilities Act, at this stage of the hiring process, applicants are not expected or required to reveal any medical or other disability-related information about themselves in response to questions on this form, or to any other inquiry made prior to receiving a conditional offer of employment.



SECTION 1: PERSONAL

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name: Suffix:

Other Names, including nicknames, you have used or been known by:

Maiden: SSN #: Date of Birth:

Driver License #: State: Exp:

Street Address, (Apt/Unit):

City: State: Zip Code:

Mailing Address (if different than above):

City: State: Zip Code:

Home Phone #: Cell: Work (Ext.):

Fax: Other Phone #(s):

List ALL Email Addresses:

Place of Birth (City, County, State, Country):

Physical Description:

Height: Weight: Hair Color: Eye Color:

Have you ever attended a basic licensing course? Yes No

If yes, provide the PID you were assigned:

A. Academy Name: From: To:

Location (City, State):

Name Training Coordinator: Contact Number:

Did you graduate? Yes No

B. Academy Name: From: To:

Location (City, State):

Name Training Coordinator: Contact Number:

Did you graduate? Yes No



SECTION 10: SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Have you ever had a social media site (i.e. Facebook, My Space, Instagram, Snapchat etc.)? Yes No

List all social media sites, blogs, and/or websites you have created. Provide the website URL and your username.

SECTION 11: ADDITIONAL SPACE

- Duplicate this page as needed to include additional information that does not fit elsewhere on this form (e.g., additional family members, schools, residences, employers, explanations to questions, etc.).
- Identify the corresponding section, question number, and specific item being referenced.



SECTION 12: CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have personally completed and initialed each page of this form and any supplemental page(s) attached, and that all statements made are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any misstatement of material fact may subject me to disqualification; or, if I have been appointed, may disqualify me from continued employment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary public in and for, State of _____.

My commission expires: _____ / _____ / _____.

Printed Name of Notary

Signature of Notary

Notary Seal or Stamp:

