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GREENE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
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Announces a
PROMOTION EXAMINATION FOR

EXAM NO: 73571 – DEPUTY SHERIFF INVESTIGATOR
REFER TO GENERAL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

LAST FILE DATE: April 19, 2024

EXAMINATION DATE: June 1, 2024

(Postmarked on or before 4/19/24, or hand delivered to Gr. Co. Civil Service Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on that day.)

DEPUTY SHERIFF INVESTIGATOR: THIS IS A PROMOTION EXAM FOR EMPLOYEES PERMANENTLY APPOINTED FROM AN ELIGIBLE LIST FOR THE GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. This examination is open to all qualified employees of the Greene County Sheriff's Office who were permanently appointed from an eligible list and have **THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS** of full-time or its part-time equivalent experience as a Deputy Sheriff or combination of Deputy Sheriff and Police Officer by the date of the exam. Seniority points (see below) will be added to the scores of all passing candidates. Currently, there is **ONE (1) anticipated vacancy** within the Greene County Sheriff's Office. The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill future vacancies as they may occur within the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

SALARY RANGE: \$36.42 - \$40.06 PER HOUR

NON-REFUNDABLE FILING FEE: A \$25.00 check or money order must be submitted with your application. Credit cards can be accepted when filing applications in **person only**. Please be advised the service fee is 2.49% or a flat fee of \$1.50, whichever is greater, for each credit card transaction.

CASH NOT ACCEPTED

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Possession of a valid NYS Motor Vehicle Operator's License at the time of examination and appointment and this license must be maintained throughout employment.
2. No one shall be appointed as a Deputy Sheriff Investigator unless they have been previously appointed as a Deputy Sheriff from an appropriate eligible list established according to merit and fitness in accordance with the requirements of Civil Service or covered into the Civil Service System under Local Law #5 of 1991 of Greene County.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Investigates all felony complaints and misdemeanor complaints as assigned; Interviews suspects, victims, witnesses, neighbors and others to obtain information on crimes under investigation; Investigates all deaths reported to the Sheriff's Office, including homicides, suicides, and traffic fatalities; Prepares a variety of reports, legal forms, and other documents required for the investigation of crimes and the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators; Secures crime scenes and directs investigations, including supervising the work of uniformed personnel; Investigates crime scenes to search for physical evidence and other clues; Preserves, labels, and stores a variety of physical evidence including stolen property, clothing, fingerprints, hair, and blood samples, etc.; Measures, sketches, and photographs crime scenes; Attends autopsies as requested by the Medical Examiner; Conducts preliminary field tests of substances suspected to be marijuana or other controlled substances; Obtains and executes search warrants to obtain evidence; Arranges physical line-ups for the identification of suspects in major felony cases; Executes arrest warrants, makes arrests without warrants, and arraigns the defendants; Completes arrest procedures on defendants, including completion of the arrest record, fingerprinting, photographing, and issuing notices; Testifies at Grand Jury, criminal and civil court proceedings, and other hearings; Provides security for visiting politicians and dignitaries; Assists uniformed officers in filing reports and accusatory instruments; May instruct classes at Police Basic Training School or speak at area schools and organizations.

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

1. **Evaluating information and evidence:** These questions test for the ability to evaluate and draw conclusions from information and evidence. Each question consists of a set of facts and a conclusion based on the facts. The candidate must decide if the conclusion is warranted by the facts.
2. **Investigative techniques and criminalistics:** These questions test for knowledge of criminal investigation techniques and criminalistics. The questions will deal with, but will not necessarily be restricted to, such concepts as: interviewing; interrogation; evidence gathering and preservation; and surveillance.
3. **Understanding and interpreting written material:** These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.
4. **Preparing written material in a police setting:** These questions test for the ability to prepare the types of reports that police personnel write. Some questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately. They consist of restatements of information given in note form. You must choose the best version from each set of four choices. Other questions test for the ability to organize paragraphs. They consist of paragraphs with their sentences out of order. For each of the paragraphs you must choose, from four suggestions, the best order of the sentences.
5. **New York State Laws – Police:** These questions test for knowledge of the laws in effect on January 1, 2024 that law enforcement personnel may encounter in the course of their day-to-day work-related activities. The questions are a sampling of job-related sections of the Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Vehicle and Traffic law, Family Court Act and other laws relevant to law enforcement in New York State.

Test guide: A Guide for the Written Test for State and Local **Police Supervisors/Investigators** is available at the New York State website: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from Greene County Civil Service, 411 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Catskill, New York by calling the office at (518) 719-3253.

*******USE OF CALCULATORS IS PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAM*******

SENIORITY POINT SCHEDULE: ONE POINT FOR EACH CREDITABLE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

Less than 1 year	0 POINTS	Over 11 Years up to 16 Years	3 POINTS
1 Year to 6 Years	1 POINT	Over 16 Years up to 21 Years	4 POINTS
Over 6 Years to 11 Years	2 POINTS	Over 21 Years up to 26 Years	5 POINTS

GENERAL INFORMATION ----- GREENE COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
APPLICATIONS AND FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OR AT www.greenegov.com

1. **APPLICATIONS:** Mail to: Greene County Civil Service Commission, 411 Main St., Catskill, NY 12414. Applications are accepted up to the last filing date indicated on announcement. This department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application, or take responsibility for non-delivery of mail or postal delays. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject or accept applications after the advertised filing period. Read and compare your qualifications carefully with the minimum qualifications as outlined. Only apply for those exams for which you are qualified. Resumes are not accepted as a substitution in indicating work experience on your application, but are accepted as an addition to your application. All experience is considered as paid work experience, **unless** specified under the minimum qualifications; volunteer experience, unpaid internship experience (if internship is paid, verification must be provided) and education will not be accepted and/or substituted for experience in meeting the qualifications unless it is specified. ***FAX & COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED—THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE MUST APPEAR IN INK.***
2. **NON-REFUNDABLE FILING FEE & FEE WAIVER:** A \$15 fee is required for EACH exam being filed for with the exception of the POLICE OFFICERS, DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND CORRECTIONS OFFICERS exams which require a \$25 filing fee. The **fee** must accompany your application. **Do not send cash!** A check or money order payable to Greene County Civil Service Commission is required **OR** if filing in person, credit card payments are now accepted. Please be advised the service fee is 2.49% or a flat fee of \$1.50, whichever is greater. This will appear as a separate charge on your statement. Include the exam title and exam number on your check or money order. Fees may be waived per C.S. Law §50.5(b). In order to be eligible for the FEE WAIVER, the completed Fee Waiver form must be submitted with your exam application. A \$10 SERVICE CHARGE will be imposed on any checks returned to the Greene County Treasurer.
3. **TIME AND PLACE OF EXAM:** Accepted candidates will be notified by letter approximately two (2) weeks prior to the exam date when and where to appear for the exam.
4. **MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS & CROSS FILERS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:** If you have applied to take a written exam announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written exam, 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 exams at one exam site. All exams for positions in State government are held at a State exam center. When taking both State and Local government exams, you are required to take all exams at the STATE exam site. For Greene County call (518) 719-3253, or obtain the cross filer form from our website or write to the above address no later than **two (2) weeks** prior to the date of the exams.
5. **SPECIAL EXAM ARRANGEMENTS & RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS:** If you require particular accommodations or special testing arrangements as a person with a disability or alternate test date candidate (in accordance with alternate test date policy) clearly indicate this on your Application and the required form must accompany the application. For religious accommodation, most written exams are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, please check the box under #5 "RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION." We will make arrangements for you to take the exam on a different date, usually the following Monday.
6. **AGE REQUIREMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the exam announcement, there are no age restrictions. However, there may be statutory restrictions on your employment if you are under 18 or over 70 years of age.
7. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the exam announcement, candidates in all open competitive exams must at the time of the exam, have been legal residents for at least one (1) month of the political subdivision in which they seek appointment.
8. **VETERANS' CREDIT:** Disabled and non-disabled veterans who establish their eligibility for additional credits and are successful in the exam are entitled to have 10 and 5 points respectively (5 and 2 ½ points of credits in the case of promotion exams), added to their earned scores provided they have not used such credits to obtain permanent appointment or promotion. You will be allowed the option of waiving these credits after the completion of the exam. Effective 1/1/98 the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in exams. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTARY PROOF TO THIS OFFICE** indicating that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veterans' credit. An appropriate application form may be obtained at the Civil Service Office. ***FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROOF PRIOR TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE LIST WILL RESULT IN NO ADDITIONAL CREDIT BEING GRANTED.***
9. **ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT FOR CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:** In conformance with Section 85-a of the C.S. 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.
10. **TRANSCRIPTS & COLLEGE DEGREES:** Whenever college transcripts or diplomas are requested, they should be submitted with the application for the exam or as soon as possible thereafter before the examination. For further details contact this office.
11. **RATING & REVIEW:** The passing grade is 70. Unless the announcement states otherwise, this examination is being prepared and rated by NYS Civil Service in accordance with Section 23.2 of the NYS C.S. Law. The provisions of the NYS C.S. Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of written exams will apply to this exam.
12. **TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:** Training and experience will not be a subject of the exam unless specified on the front of the announcement. If a subject of the exam, training and experience may not be rated if all passing candidates are expected to be immediately reachable for appointment. If rated, training and experience will be based on the statements in your application which are subject to verification.
13. **ELIGIBLE LIST:** Eligible lists will be established on the basis of passing grades received by the candidates in the competitive portions of the exam. Lists are established for a duration of one year unless further extended. The resulting eligible list will be used to fill appropriate vacancies as they occur. Lists resulting from promotion examinations are certified first.
14. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES:** Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.
15. **FOR POSITIONS REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION & FINGERPRINTING:** Applicants may be required to undergo a state and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification. Fingerprints to be used in performing the background checks would be collected from applicants pursuant to regulations promulgated by the DCJS, which will perform the State background check. DCJS will also submit the fingerprints to the FBI for the completion of the national background check. Individuals found to have criminal histories that bar their appointment to the position sought would then be disqualified by the municipal civil service agency pursuant to Section 50(4) of the Civil Service Law. As mentioned above, this Chapter applies to applicants or eligibles for original appointment to positions in the classified service. Current employees, transfer candidates, individuals reinstated from preferred lists pursuant to Section 81 of the Civil Service Law and applicants for promotion exams or current eligible's on promotion eligible lists are specifically exempted from the provisions of this Chapter. This act took effect July 22, 2003.
16. **CALCULATORS:** **Unless otherwise notified**, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. **The calculator function on cell phones** and devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited. You may not bring reference materials unless notified to do so.
17. **WEATHER:** Listen to your local TV & Radio Stations, (WNYT, WRGB, WTEN, WXXA & 98.5 THE CAT, OLDIES 93.5, 1230 WHUC, 810 WGY, 107.7 WGNA)
18. **EMERGENCIES (OTHER THAN WEATHER):** If any emergency prevents you from appearing for the exam, please notify this office no later than 10:00 AM on the Monday following the test date. (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday) verifiable documentation of the reason must be provided.

NOTE: As a condition of employment only within Greene County Departments candidates receiving a conditional offer of employment must successfully pass a drug screen, failure to meet the above standards may result in disqualification. Also, any other entity or employer making a conditional offer of employment may also impose these same conditions.