Automatic Disqualifiers

You should be aware before starting the application process that you will automatically be eliminated for any of the following:

- A. Ever been convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor.
- B. Ever illegally sold, produced, cultivated, distributed, or transported a controlled dangerous substance, narcotic drug, or marijuana.
- C. Illegally used a controlled dangerous substance or narcotic drug for any purpose within the 3 years prior to application (2 years for Public Safety Aide and Communications Operator).
- D. Illegally used marijuana for any purpose within the year prior to application.
- E. Illegally used a controlled dangerous substance, narcotic drug, or marijuana while employed as a law enforcement officer.
- F. Ever used heroin, phencyclidine (PCP), lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), Psilysibin (Mushrooms), or Ecstasy.

The following apply only to Police Officer and Public Safety Aide candidates.

- F. Ever used any controlled dangerous substance or narcotic drug not already listed above (Ex. Cocaine, or any prescription drug not prescribed to you) that exceeds:
- i. A total of five times, or
- ii. One time since becoming 21 years old.
- G. Any tattoo that falls in to one of the below listed categories. All other tattoos must be concealed by authorized uniform items.
- i. Located on the hands, neck, face, scalp, or head
- ii. Are offensive in nature regardless of location
- H. Visible body mutilation. This includes "plug" or "gauge" style earrings.