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OCPD SEASONAL AND FULL-TIME POLICE RECRUIT TESTING IS UNDERWAY

Early Saturday morning on November 8, 2008 approximately 108 applicants arrived at the testing site preparing for what all hoped would be their entrance into law enforcement.

The Ocean City Police Department began its rigorous police and public safety aid applicant testing for the 2009 summer beach season this weekend. The testing was held at the Ocean City Elementary School. The process involves a multi-part general knowledge written test, background screening packet as well a physical agility test.

Applicants who make through the initial phase of testing Saturday morning are then interviewed. Testing began earlier this year in anticipation of more applicants. "Due to the high numbers of applicants and fewer jobs being available, this is an opportunity, for many people thinking about a career in law enforcement to test the waters. Going through an intense and rigorous applicant testing process like this one, gives the applicant a little taste of what may be ahead for them," said Captain Kevin Kirstein, Commander of the Ocean City Police Administrative Division. Captain Kirstein noted this is no small operation to test and evaluate prospective applicants. The testing process involves over 20 OCPD personnel working long days.

The OCPD recruitment process is a year round operation. Corporal Greg DeGiovanni is responsible for establishing active recruitment from the best applicant pools available. "It seems like a momentous task," DeGiovanni said, "we send recruiting teams made up of OCPD officers to over 30 colleges and universities as well as military installations who are having job fairs for personnel who will be ending their enlistments." CPL DeGiovanni who is currently assigned to the training and recruiting section, has correspondence with more than 100 different higher education institutions. "We try to recruit right from a college or universities criminal justice program, however, this is not always the case, we have quite a few applicants who are majoring in everything from business to computer technology". CPL DeGiovanni's job has been to actively seek out and recruit applicants from sources who can provide the type of people most qualified to serve the citizens and visitors of Ocean City alike.

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The OCPD has to higher and train at least 100 seasonal police officers by the first week of May 2009. Out of the 108 perspective applicants who reported for testing Saturday morning, only half of them successfully completed the testing process and are eligible for employment with the OCPD.

OCPD officials estimate that only 7% meet the OCPD's minimum applicant pool, the OCPD will continue to conduct applicant testing throughout March of 2009.



OCPD Captain Kevin Kirstein address perspective police applicants

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OCPD CPL DeGiovanni demonstrates the different physical agility tests for perspective OCPD police applicants



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