

- ~Wage scale changes effective July 1, 2025 (see page 8)
- ~ 12 hours shifts
- ~ Every other weekend off
- ~New PD/FD building

~\$7,500 Hiring incentive for ILEA Certified Officers
~\$2,000 Hiring incentive for Non Certified



TESTING DATE:
**BASED ON INDIVIDUAL
AVAILABILITY**

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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Please review this packet entirely to better understand the testing and hiring process to becoming a Marshalltown Police Officer.

The City of Marshalltown Police Department (MPD) will be conducting Police Officer Testing. Testing dates and times will be scheduled individually with candidates. Candidates will be required to present photo identification before participating in the testing process.

To be considered for testing, the City of Marshalltown **Application for Employment must be submitted to the Human Resource Department.** There will not be a testing fee to test for the MPD.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

To become a Police Officer for the City of Marshalltown, all minimum hiring standards must be satisfied: The person must (1) be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Iowa or intend to become a resident upon being employed; (2) be 20 years of age by date of hire (maximum age for a police officer or firefighter covered by Chapter 400 of the Iowa Code is 65); (3) hold a valid Iowa driver's license at time of employment; (4) not be addicted to drugs or alcohol; (5) be of good moral character as determined by a thorough background investigation including a fingerprint search conducted of local, state, and national fingerprint files; (6) successfully pass physical fitness tests adopted by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy; (7) not be opposed to use force to fulfill duties; (8) be a high school graduate or hold a GED certificate; (9) have uncorrected vision of not less than 20/100 in both eyes, corrected to 20/20, and color vision consistent with the occupational demands of law enforcement; (10) have normal hearing in each ear (hearing aids are acceptable if a candidate can demonstrate sufficient hearing proficiency to perform all necessary duties of a law enforcement officer); (11) be examined by a physician and meet the physical requirements necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of a law enforcement officer; (12) undergo psychological testing; (13) undergo polygraph testing; and (14) undergo cognitive (Basic Skills) testing.

New employees attending the ILEA to obtain certification as a Police Officer will be required to sign a pre-employment agreement concerning repayment of training expenses paid by the City if employed by the City of Marshalltown as a Police Officer for less than three years. The probationary period for Iowa Police Officers is a minimum of nine months. For employees who are ILEA certified when hired by the City of Marshalltown, the probationary period will begin on the employee's first day of employment. For employees who are not ILEA certified when hired by the City of Marshalltown, the probationary period will begin on the employee's first working day after receiving ILEA certification. Any conditional offer of employment will be contingent upon passing the State-required physical examination, which includes drug testing.

**TESTING PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY CERTIFIED IN THE STATE OF IOWA
(OR WHO HAVE MORE THAN A 180-DAY BREAK IN SERVICE)**

CERTIFIED OFFICERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PHYSICAL PORTION OF THE TESTING DAY AS LONG AS THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SEPARATED FROM IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS.

Four parts of the testing process will be administered in the following order on the testing day:

1. Three-part physical fitness test
2. Police Officer Selection Test (POST)
3. Finger Printing
4. Interview

1. THREE-PART PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

Three parts of the physical fitness test (sit ups and push ups) will be given first followed by the 1.5 mile run. The run may be either inside or outside, weather permitting. Each part of the physical fitness test must be passed to proceed to the next test. Failure of any part of the physical fitness test will eliminate the candidate from further consideration.

IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT PHYSICAL STANDARDS FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING

The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council, in recognizing the importance of physical fitness status for job performance established this physical test regimen as a pre-employment standard effective February 15, 1993. No person can be selected or appointed as a law enforcement officer without first successfully passing all of the elements of this test. (See 501 IAC 2.1, adopted pursuant to Section 80B.11(5), Code of Iowa.)

Upon entry into the Academy every candidate will be given the same test as an assessment for training purposes and to ensure that each recruit can undergo the physical demands of the Academy without undue risk of injury, and with a level of fatigue tolerance to meet all Academy requirements. If at the time of entrance into the Academy an officer does not meet minimum standards, he or she will not be admitted. Below lists the rationale, purpose, testing procedures, standards of performance and preparation tips for the physical fitness testing.

What is physical fitness?

Physical fitness is a status pertaining to the individual officer having the physiological readiness to perform maximum physical effort when required.

Physical fitness consists of three areas:

- I. **Aerobic capacity** or cardiovascular endurance pertaining to the heart and vascular system's capacity to transport oxygen. It is also a key area of heart disease in that low aerobic capacity is a risk factor.
- II. **Strength** pertains to the ability of muscles to generate force. Upper body strength and abdominal strength are important areas in that low strength levels have a bearing on upper torso and lower back disorders.
- III. **Flexibility** pertains to the range of motion of the joints and muscles. Lack of lower back flexibility is a major risk area of lower back disorders.

Why fitness is important as a job-related element for law enforcement officers

It has been well documented that law enforcement personnel (as an occupational class) have potential for serious health risks in terms of cardiovascular disease, lower back disorders, and obesity. Law enforcement agencies have the responsibility of minimizing known risks. Physical fitness is a health domain which can minimize the "known" health risk for law enforcement officers.

Physical fitness has been demonstrated to be a bona fide occupational qualification (BFOQ). Job analysis that accounts for physical fitness has demonstrated that the fitness areas are underlying factors determining the physiological readiness to perform a variety of critical physical tasks. These three fitness areas have also been shown to be predictive of job performance ratings, sick time, and number of commendations of police officers. Data also shows that fitness level is predictive of trainability and academy performance.

2. POLICE OFFICER SELECTION TEST (POST)

Candidates who pass the physical fitness test will then proceed to the POST. The POST (Police Officer Selection Test) is the State of Iowa's required pre-employment test for law enforcement officers. The test provider, Stanard and Associates, will provide the

Physical Fitness Testing Overview

The Physical Fitness Test Battery consists of four basic tests. Each test is a scientifically valid test. The tests will be given in sequence with a rest period between each test.

1 MINUTE SIT UP TEST

This is a measure of the muscular endurance of the abdominal muscles. It is an important area of performing police tasks that may involve the use of force and is an important area for maintaining good posture and minimizing lower back problems. The score is in number of bent leg sit ups performed in 1 minute. Hands must remain on or about the head, in the up position, elbows should touch the knees or upper portion of the thigh, in the down position, the back must come down so that shoulder blades touch the floor. Legs may be held for assistance.

1 MINUTE PUSH UP TEST

This test requires pushing one's own weight off the floor. This measures the amount of force the upper body can generate and is an important area of performing police tasks requiring upper body strength. The score is calculated by the number of push ups performed in one minute. The chest must come down and touch a fist placed under the individual's chest, then the arms must go to full extension to complete a push up.

1.5 MILE RUN

This is a timed run to measure the heart and vascular system's capability to transport oxygen. It is an important area of performing police tasks involving stamina and endurance and to minimize the risk of cardiovascular problems. The score is in minutes and seconds.



MINIMAL PHYSICAL FITNESS PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS CHARTS

MALES AGE	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60 +
1 minute sit up	38	35	29	24	19
1 minute push up	29	24	18	13	10
1.5 mile run	12:51	13:36	14:29	15:26	16:43

FEMALES AGE	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60 +
1 minute sit up	32	25	20	14	6
1 minute push up	15	11	9	* 12	* 5
1.5 mile run	15:26	15:57	16:58	17:54	18:44

Females in excess of 49 years of age may do push ups on their knees. Normative data for these age groups has not been established.

- The actual performance requirement for each test is based upon norms from a national population sample.
- The applicant must pass every test.

How to Prepare for the Fitness Test

Preparing for the sit-up test

The progressive routine is to do as many bent leg sit ups (hand behind the head) as possible in 1 minute. At least 3 times a week do 3 sets (3 groups of the number of repetitions one did in 1 minute.)

Preparing for the push up test

If one has access to weights, determine the maximum weight one can bench press one time. Take 60% of that poundage. This will be the training weight. One should be able to do 8-10 repetitions of that weight. Do 3 sets of 8-10 repetitions adding 2.5 pounds every week.

If one does not have weight equipment, then the push up exercise can be utilized. Determine how many push ups one can do in one minute. At least 3 times a week do 3 sets of the amount one can do in one minute.

Preparing for the 1.5 mile run

Following is a graduated schedule that would enable one to perform a maximum effort for the 1.5 mile run. If one can advance the schedule on a weekly basis, then proceed to the next level. If one can do the distance in less time, then that should be encouraged.

Week	Activity	Distance	Time in Minutes	Frequency
1	Walk	1 mile	20-17	5/week
2	Walk	1.5 miles	29-25	5/week
3	Walk	2 miles	35-32	5/week
4	Walk	2 miles	30-28	5/week
5	Walk/Jog	2 miles	27	5/week
6	Walk/Jog	2 miles	26	5/week
7	Walk/Jog	2 miles	25	5/week
8	Walk/Jog	2 miles	24	4/week
9	Jog	2 miles	24	4/week
10	Jog	2 miles	22	4/week
11	Jog	2 miles	21	4/week
12	Jog	2 miles	20	4/week

City of Marshalltown with a list of valid test scores on file for those who have taken the test in the appropriate window of time before the testing date. Those candidates who are on this list and have a valid passing score will not need to retake the POST. Additionally, Police Officers who are currently certified in the State of Iowa and who have not had a 180-day break in service will not be required to take the POST.

The POST is made up of four separately timed test sections. The first three sections: Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, and Grammar use multiple-choice and true/false formats. The fourth section, Incident Report Writing, requires the applicant to write answers in complete sentences. The questions in the POST relate to police duty, however, no prior knowledge of law or law enforcement is needed to answer the questions.

Candidates who have a passing POST score on file in Iowa will not need or be allowed to retake the POST in Marshalltown to obtain a higher score. The City of Marshalltown Civil Service testing does not give points for a candidate’s actual scores on the POST.

The number of test questions and time limits for each test section are as follows:

Mathematics	20 items, 20 minutes
Reading Comprehension	25 items, 25 minutes
Grammar	20 items, 15 minutes
Incident Report Writing	10 items, 15 minutes

The mathematics section contains problems that require basic arithmetic. Calculators will not be allowed, but scratch paper will be provided.

In the reading comprehension, candidates will read passages relating to police work and will then answer questions based on the passages. All information needed to answer the questions is provided in the passage.

The grammar section of the exam contains two types of questions. The first type presents incomplete sentences and candidates are required to choose the alternative that best completes the sentence. The second type of question presents sentences that contain a spelling error and candidates are to choose the answer alternative that contains the misspelled word.

The incident report writing section tests writing skills. A sample incident report form is given and candidates are to use the information in the report to answer the questions. All answers must contain the correct information and be written in complete sentences with proper grammar spelling.

Candidates will perform better on the POST if he/she spends time preparing for it. Study guides for the POST are available at the following website: <https://www.applytoserve.com/Study/> for a small fee. Candidates who have not previously taken the POST or have taken the POST and did not pass are strongly encouraged to use this resource to prepare for the test.

3. FINGER PRINTING

All candidates who have successfully completed the physical fitness tests and the POST will complete finger printing for background checks.

4. PANEL AND CHIEF INTERVIEW

All candidates who have successfully completed the physical fitness tests , the POST , as well as certified officers, will participate in a panel interview and interview with the Police Chief.

INCREASE: Wages & Compensation Effective July 1, 2025

Annual amounts are approximate based on 2,184 hours/year and are only an estimate.
CERTIFIED officers are placed on the scale equivalent to the number of full years they have been certified in the state of Iowa.

Estimated annual base wages

Non-ILEA Certified	\$65,869
1 year.....	\$67,835
2 years	\$69,866
3 years	\$71,962
4 years	\$74,103
5 years	\$76,330
6 years	\$78,624
7 years	\$80,982
8 years	\$83,428
9 years	\$85,918
10 years	\$88,495

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2025:

Shift premium of \$.30/hr paid to employees on the night shift.

Additional premium of \$1.00/hr for fluent language speaking abilities.

Benefit Summary (Effective January 1, 2024)

This is a general summary and is presented for informational purposes only; this is not a guarantee of the benefits listed. In case of any discrepancy the master documents shall apply instead of this summary. Police officers' benefits are negotiated by the Teamsters bargaining union, are approved by the City Council, and are subject to change.

Full-time regular employees and their eligible dependents are eligible for group health coverage on the first day of the month following starting date of employment. The City currently pays 85% of the premium for the health care plan. Employees' currently monthly costs are \$317.02 for a family plan, \$225.58 for employee plus one or \$134.10 for a single plan and are deducted on a pre-tax basis.

Medical - PPO plan

- Health Partners
- \$20 Office visit co-pay if PPO providers are utilized
- \$500/\$1,000 annual deductible if PPO providers are utilized
- Major medical 90%/10% co-insurance if PPO providers are utilized
- Annual out-of-pocket maximum of \$1,250/individual or \$2,500/family if PPO providers are utilized
- Annual wellness/preventive benefits paid at 100% for eligible routine physicals, vision exams, etc.

Prescription Drug Plan

- Prescription drug plan subject to annual deductible. Mail order drug service available for maintenance medications in a 90-day supply for the cost \$60 per 90-day prescription for brand name and \$30 per 90-day prescription for generic.

Dental

- Annual preventive services (exam, cleaning, x-rays) covered at 100%
- 80% coverage for basic services (fillings, root canals) and 50% coverage for major services (bridges, crowns).
- 50/\$100 annual deductible for basic/major services.
- \$1,500 annual benefit maximum per plan member
- \$1,500 lifetime orthodontia benefit per plan member.

Life Insurance

- Employee Life insurance and AD&D of one times the employee's annual salary paid at 100% by the City.
- Supplemental term life insurance may be purchased for the employee up to \$300,000.
- Life coverage may be purchased for spouse up to \$150,000, and for eligible dependent children (\$2,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000).

Long Term Disability Insurance

- The City currently pays 100% of the LTD premium for employees

Flexible Benefit Plan (With Debit Card)

- Medical and/or Dependent care spending accounts may be established that allow an employee to set aside a portion of earnings to pay for unreimbursed medical care and/or dependent care expenses on a pre-tax basis

Employee Assistance Program

- Available at no cost to the employee and family members to provide short-term counseling, referral services, and resources to assist with personal issues.

Direct Deposit

- Direct deposit of payroll checks to any combination of personal checking or savings accounts.

Holidays

- 8 paid holidays

Personal Days

- 2 personal days per year. During the first year of employment, one personal day may be used during the first six months. After six months, the other may be used.

Sick Leave

- Sick leave is earned from the first pay period worked. An employee earns four hours each two-week pay period, to a maximum accumulation of 130 days.

Retirement Plan / Pension

- All police officers shall become members of the State of Iowa's Retirement System for Police Officers and Firefighters. Chapter 411 of the State Code of Iowa establishes the member's contribution rates.

Vacation

- 36 hours at hire
- 1 week after 1 year
- 2 weeks after 2 years
- 3 weeks after 5 years
- 4 weeks after 12 years

Continuation of health/dental insurance

- City employees who are covered by the City's group medical/dental plan on the day prior to a defined "normal" retirement with the MFPRSI or due to an MFRSI defined disability are eligible to continue their existing group coverage. The City pays 50% of the premium for employees who have at least 15 years of continuous service in a position that was eligible for insurance benefits.

Deferred Compensation and IRA

- Deferred compensation (Section 457 of the IRS code) is a method to enable public employees to defer federal and state income taxes on a portion of their savings. Taxes are paid on the savings and earnings when withdrawn, usually during retirement, when the employee is presumably in a lower tax bracket.
- ICMA (International City/County Management Association) administers the City's deferred compensation plans and both traditional and Roth IRAs. These plans are available for regular employees who are regularly scheduled to work at least 520 hours per year. Employees may elect to contribute to these plans through payroll deductions.

Iowa Code Section 400.17 - 2020

1. Except as otherwise provided in section 400.7, a person shall not be appointed, promoted, or employed in any capacity, including a new classification, in the fire or police department, or any department which is governed by the civil service, until the person has passed a civil service examination as provided in this chapter, and has been certified to the city council as being eligible for the appointment. However, in an emergency in which the peace and order of the city is threatened by reason of fire, flood, storm, or mob violence, making additional protection of life and property necessary, the person having the appointing power may deputize additional persons, without examination, to act as peace officers until the emergency has passed. A person may be appointed to a position subject to successfully completing a civil service medical examination. A person shall not be appointed or employed in any capacity in the fire or police department if the person is unable to meet reasonable physical condition training requirements and reasonable level of experience requirements necessary for the performance of the position; if the person is a habitual criminal; if the person is addicted to narcotics or alcohol and has not been rehabilitated for a period of one year or more, or is not presently undergoing treatment; or if the person has attempted a deception or fraud in connection with a civil service examination.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 400.7, a person shall not be appointed or employed in any capacity in any department which is governed by civil service if the person is unable to meet reasonable physical condition training requirements and reasonable level of experience requirements necessary for the performance of the position; if the person is addicted to narcotics or alcohol and has not been rehabilitated for a period of one year or more, or is not presently undergoing treatment; or if the person has attempted a deception or fraud in connection with a civil service examination.

3. a. Employees shall not be required to be a resident of the city in which they are employed, but they shall become a resident of the state within two years of such appointment or the date employment begins and shall remain a resident of the state during the remainder of employment. The state residency requirement under this paragraph "a" shall not apply to employees of a city that has adopted an ordinance to allow its employees to reside in another

state and shall not apply to an employee of a city that later repeals such an ordinance if the employee resides in another state at the time of the repeal.

b. Cities may set a reasonable maximum distance outside of the corporate limits of the city, or a reasonable maximum travel time, that police officers, fire fighters, and other critical city employees may live from their place of employment. An employee subject to a residency requirement based on distance or travel time who does not meet that residency requirement on the date of appointment or on the date employment begins shall take reasonable steps to meet the requirement as soon as practicable, and a city may provide the employee up to one year from the date of appointment or the date employment begins to meet the residency requirement.

4. A person shall not be appointed, denied appointment, promoted, removed, discharged, suspended, or demoted to or from a civil service position or in any other way favored or discriminated against in that position because of political or religious opinions or affiliations, race, national origin, sex, or age, or in retaliation for the exercise of any right enumerated in this chapter. However, the maximum age for a police officer or fire fighter covered by this chapter and employed for police duty or the duty of fighting fires is sixty-five years of age.