



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

DATE: Saturday, June 24, 2023
TIME: 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (Media arrive 5:45 a.m. – 6:15 a.m. RSVP Only)
EVENT: Police Recruit Applicant Physical Agility Test
LOCATION: 10001 South 15th Avenue, Phoenix Regional Police Academy

****MEDIA** please enter through 7th Ave. gate; At the Intersection of Dobbins Road and 7th Ave., take 7th Ave. south. Follow 7th Ave. as it turns into Olney Ave. and proceed to the Gate and you will be met by Staff. **Map Attached.**

Police Recruit Applicant Physical Agility Test

(June 21, 2023) The Phoenix Regional Police Academy invites media to one of the most exciting events of the month. The first step in a police officer's career is on the track. Literally. There's a run, an obstacle course, a 165-pound dummy drag, but maybe the most anticipated part of the morning, is the wall. Applicants must sprint, climb and clear a 6-foot solid wall to pass the Peace Officer Physical Aptitude Test (POPAT) and move on in the rigorous application process to become a sworn Phoenix Police Officer.

Several times a year, hundreds of Academy hopefuls rise with the sun and partake in POPAT. You'll see an inspiring and diverse mix of community members. The physical abilities of participants range from pro-athletes to those who will find passing the test very demanding. Often decked out in a mix of school, team and name-brand athletic gear, what they all have in common is the desire to serve their community as peace officers for Arizona's largest police agency. The POPAT is guided, tested and timed by some of the best and most charismatic police physical fitness trainers in the state.

We expect a large turnout for this extremely visual media opportunity. Witness the beginning of the determination it takes to become a peace officer. Reporters interested in attempting the POPAT for their stories are welcome to participate.

Academy and recruiting staff will be available for interviews. We will also facilitate Interviews with POPAT participants who are willing to talk with media.

Please email Seth Landau, Senior Public Information Officer, Employment Services Bureau, seth.landau@phoenix.gov if you plan on attending.