

Backgrounds Investigation

Downloadable Form Links



The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Background Investigation begins with completion of a Personal History Statement. In addition to the P.H.S., there are a variety of required forms and documents necessary to complete the process. The below links will direct you to each individual form for download. All forms are provided in an electronic format so that they can be typed.

1. [Personal History Statement](#)

The Personal History Statement is part of the background investigation portion of the selection process. Deputy Sheriff Applicants will be required to have a completed PHS and Applicant Notary Waiver at the time of their VPAT appointment. However, this form is very extensive and requires that you obtain several documents not readily available to you. Because you need to fill out this so early in the process, it is provided online so that you may begin working on it at any point.* **If you have applied for the Deputy Sheriff Trainee position, use this PDF as a guide of what information you will need to collect, as you will complete our Web version of the Personal History Statement. You will not be submitting this PDF copy.**

**We have found the best program to fill out the PDF documents is Adobe Reader. It is a free program for all computer platforms that can be downloaded at [Adobe's Website](#). Make sure that as you begin filling out this PDF document, you save it as a format that you can continue to change. This is very important, as if it is not editable, you will not be able to make changes that are often needed. Additionally, you may at some point, be invited into our pilot electronic application process (eHire) which also has this requirement.*

2. [Required Documents Checklist](#)
3. [Application Notary Waiver](#)
4. [Core Value Writing Exercise](#)
5. [Cursive Writing Exercise](#)
6. [Previous County Employment](#)
7. [Gender and Ethnicity](#)
8. [Height Weight Advisement](#)
9. [Tattoo Image Form](#)
10. [Passport Photo Form](#)

This is a **PERMANENT RECORD**. All information must be **TYPED** and **INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. These **INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED EXPLICITLY**. You must bring your completed Personal History Statement (if not done online), completed required forms and all required documentation (originals and copies) with you to your scheduled interview appointment with the Pre-Employment/Background Investigation Unit. We recommend that you make a copy of this form to be used as a rough draft. Only **ORIGINAL** Personal History Statement Forms will be accepted at the time of your appointment. **KEEP A COPY** of the completed document for your records.

Any and all forms downloaded, once completed, **MUST BE PRINTED ON SINGLE SIDED PLAIN WHITE 8 ½" X 11" PAPER**.