

LATERAL POLICE OFFICER - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT



- **Do you take lateral transfers from other police departments?**

Yes. BOFPC Rules allow for us to create two eligibility lists; one for new recruits and one for certified Police Officers / laterals. These are separate and independent applications which will be clearly noted and do not necessarily run at the same time.

- **When do you except Laterals?**

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will approve a timeline for a lateral process as needed. To be placed on an e-mail list to be notified of upcoming lateral applications, [click here](#).

- **Must I be a Wilmette resident?**

No. There is no residency requirement for this position.

- **I have an Associate's Degree and military experience or police experience. Is that acceptable in lieu of a four year degree?**

No, a four year (Bachelor's) degree is required for this position, regardless of other experience and/or education.

- **I have not graduated from my college with a four year degree yet, but will by test date. Will that allow me to meet the four year degree requirement?**

Yes, if that can be verified by the testing date. Candidates who have bachelor's degrees when they file their applications shall submit such proof when applying.

- **Can I receive "credits" or "points" for Military or other Law Enforcement experience?**

No credits or points are given for these items and they cannot be accepted in lieu of a 4 year degree. However, these types of experience may contribute to higher test scores.

- **I am a certified police officer in the State of Illinois. Will you require me to go to an Academy?**

No. If you are a certified police officer and in good standing with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB), you will not need to go to the Academy. You will be required to go through Field Training at the Department where you will be trained and supported by our staff.

- **Do traffic citations and other minor offenses count against me?**

They may, depending on the seriousness and frequency of the violations. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will make that determination.

- **What must my age be by the date of the examinations in order to qualify for application?**

You must be 21 years of age, but under 35 years of age by the application deadline.

- **What is the vision requirement?**

The eye exam requirement (far or distance vision) is 20/40 regular or corrected.