

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
BE IT ORDERED BY THE NEW BRAUNFELS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER ENTRY LEVEL EXAM

Notice and appropriate action regarding the approval of the **CERTIFIED ONLY** POLICE OFFICER ENTRY LEVEL Examination. The hiring process has been approved in accordance with City of New Braunfels Firefighters and Police Officers Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations (Local Rules).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXAM:

The next approved written examination will be administered on the following date and time:

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2026
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Place: New Braunfels Police Department
3030 West San Antonio Street
New Braunfels, Texas 78130

Check-in will begin at 7:15 a.m. Late arrivals will not be admitted and are considered disqualified. Photo identification through your current State-issued driver's license will be required at time of check-in for the examination.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this examination is to establish an eligibility list to fill new and future vacancies. The eligibility list will be valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date it is approved by the Commission, or until the list is exhausted.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The following list includes the minimum qualifications for taking the written examination:

1. Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age at the time and date of the written examination.
2. Must submit proof of a High School Diploma or transcripts, G.E.D., or Home School transcript indicating completion.
3. Must have a Peace Officer License from Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) or provide proof of enrollment in a police academy or challenging TCOLE at the time of application, with a TCOLE test date prior to the formal offer of employment. The applicant will be required to show proof of passing the TCOLE exam through a copy of the TCOLE letter that reflects the score/grade by the date of the formal offer of employment. Applicants who are certified by the test date will be given preference on the eligibility list, regardless of their position on the list. A degree is not required if the applicant has this license.
4. Certified Officers with at least three (3) years of law enforcement experience will qualify for the lateral program (one [1] step will be recognized for each completed year of full-time prior service, as deemed applicable, up to Step [10]. Police Officers who have ten [10] or more years of full-time prior service shall be placed at Step 10.)
6. Must provide proof of your current valid Driver's License and cannot be prohibited from operating a motor vehicle by any other State or Federal law.
7. Must provide proof of a valid Social Security Card.
8. Must be a U. S. citizen.
9. Must be able to read, write and converse in English fluently.
10. Must not be prohibited from purchasing or carrying a firearm or possessing ammunition.
11. Must not have any of the disqualifying items listed in the attached "Additional Suitability Factors."

WRITTEN EXAMINATION:

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications must pass a Civil Service entry-level written examination with a minimum passing score of 70% or higher. The exam consists of up to one hundred questions with a two-hour time limit. Veterans are eligible to receive five additional points after passing the exam with a minimum of 70%. To receive veteran's preference points, a copy of the DD-214 must be submitted with the initial application or on the test date. Applicants who pass the entrance exam are ranked on the eligibility list from highest to lowest score. Additional information on the written examination can be found [HERE](#).

PHYSICAL AGILITY:

All successful applicants will immediately proceed to the physical agility test on the same day as the written exam. Additional information on the physical agility test can be found [HERE](#).

HIRING PROCESS:

Prior to being hired, applicants must successfully complete all steps below:

1. Complete and submit an online employment application;
2. Receive an invitation to test and overview of the hiring process (sent via email);
3. Complete a Personal History Statement (sent via email with invitation to test);
3. Pass a written examination;
5. Pass a physical agility;
6. Pass a physical examination, including pre-employment drug screen & vision requirements;
7. Pass an oral interview board;
8. Receive a conditional job offer;
9. Pass a polygraph examination;
10. Pass a comprehensive background investigation;
11. Pass a psychological examination;
12. Be reviewed and appointed by the City Manager.

ANNUAL PAY:

- CURRENT STARTING ANNUAL BASE PAY FOR CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER: **\$74,642.00**
- **\$3,000** Sign-On and Retention Incentive for Certified Police Officers who have less than three (3) years of experience (paid out in three \$1,000 annual lump sum payments)
- **\$5,000** Sign-On and Retention Incentive for Certified Police Officers who have three (3) or more years of experience (paid out as follows: \$2,500 at hire; \$1,500 after completion of first year; \$1,000 after completion of two years)

ADDITIONAL PAY (ANNUAL AMOUNTS):

- TCOLE Intermediate Peace Officer \$600 | Advanced Peace Officer: \$1,200 | Master Peace Officer: \$1,800
- Associate's Degree: \$600 | Bachelor's Degree: \$1,200 | Master's Degree: \$1,800
- Bilingual (Spanish, German, or ASL only, test required): \$300
- Shift Differential for evening and night shifts
- Additional pay for specified certifications

BENEFITS:

- Vacation – 120 hours per year
- Sick Leave – 120 hours per year
- Mental Health Leave
- Military Leave – 150 hours per year
- Bereavement – 24 hours per year
- Paid Parental Leave – 80 hours per year
- Longevity Pay
- TMRS – 7%, 2:1 city match
- Thirteen (13) Paid Holidays
- Medical, Vision, Dental, and Life Insurance
- Tuition Reimbursement up to \$5,000 annually
- Employee Assistance Program
- Tania Glenn and Associates
- Free Das Rec Membership
- Uniforms, Footwear, Equipment, Weapons

***Note: All insurance products are offered and effective on the first day of the month following 30 days of employment.**

For position information, please contact the recruitment office at the City of New Braunfels Police Department at (830) 221-4139, or by email at joinnbpd@newbraunfels.gov.

Please complete an online application at:



[City of New Braunfels Career Site](#)

The City of New Braunfels is an Equal Opportunity Employer

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

Applications for this examination will be accepted until **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

APPLICANTS MUST ALSO PASS THE PHYSICAL AGILITY STANDARDS AND MEET ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN THE “ADDITIONAL SUITABILITY FACTORS,” WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON OUR [CIVIL SERVICE PAGE](#).



POLICE OFFICER/CADET

GENERAL PURPOSE: Under general supervision, provides responsive and courteous police services in the protection of life and property through the enforcement of laws and ordinances, generally consisting of routine patrol, interventions, investigations and traffic regulation duties. The City of New Braunfels Department operates under Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City of New Braunfels Firefighters and Police Officers Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The following duties **ARE NOT** intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification, only a representative summary of the primary duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.

- Preserves the peace of the community through mediation, investigation, intervention, documentation, and arrest; utilizes all lawful means to improve the quality of life by reducing the fear and incidence of crime, recognizing and resolving problems, and meeting the public safety needs for the City of New Braunfels (City).
- Enforces local, state and Federal laws, and enforces compliance with local regulations and ordinances, according to policies, procedures and regulations.
- Patrols the City to respond to citizens' requests for assistance, enforce traffic regulations, detect crime, apprehend violators, and assure public safety.
- Patrols and provides security for assigned areas, looking for unusual or suspicious activities or persons; responds to emergency and non-emergency calls for service; communicates with victims, witnesses and suspects in cases; provides scene security and protection for Fire and medical personnel.
- Investigates crimes and accidents; secures and processes crime and accident scenes and identifies and collects evidence within scope of authority.
- Arrests law violators; transports and processes suspects, victims and prisoners.
- Completes detailed reports and required documentation; serves warrants and court documents.
- Maintains vehicle and equipment in accordance with Department guidelines.
- Represents the Police Department at court hearings; prepares reports and testifies in court cases.
- Assists and coordinates with other emergency services personnel, public organizations and businesses, and Federal, state and local law enforcement organizations.
- Presents education and information programs for community and school awareness projects; teaches and counsels residents on law enforcement activities and referral resources.
- Performs specialized functions in areas of expertise, including patrol and shift management, training, K-9, SWAT/SRT, and other special enforcement, intervention and investigative teams.
- Maintains the integrity, professionalism, values and goals of the City by assuring that all rules and regulations are followed, and that accountability and public trust are preserved.
- Participates in and performs field training duties and assignments as required.
- May be assigned to additional assignments or divisions as determined by Management.

- Performs other duties as assigned or required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS): Education and Experience:

- High school diploma or GED equivalent.

Required Licenses or Certifications:

- For Certified Only Testing: The applicant must have a Peace Officer License from Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) or provide proof of enrollment in a police academy at the time of application, with a TCOLE test date prior to the formal offer of employment. The applicant will be required to show proof of passing the TCOLE exam through a copy of the TCOLE letter that reflects the score/grade by the date of the formal offer of employment. Applicants who are certified by the test date will be given preference on the eligibility list, regardless of their position on the list. A degree is not required if the applicant has this license.
- Must have a valid Texas Driver's License (or **must** be able to obtain as required by Texas State law if current driver's license is from another licensing state within the United States) **AND** cannot be prohibited from operating a motor vehicle by any State or Federal law.

Required Knowledge:

- Police Department guidelines, policies and procedures.
- City, county, state and federal laws, regulations, codes and ordinances.
- Texas criminal justice and court systems and the principles of criminal justice records management.
- Law enforcement methods, practices, and procedures.
- Basic criminal procedures on the apprehension, arrest, and custody of persons committing misdemeanors and felonies, including preservation and presentation of evidence in traffic and criminal cases.
- Basic criminal procedures on the rules of evidence, probable cause, use of force, and search and seizure.
- Investigative and interrogative procedures and protocols for observation of critical details.
- Available local community issues and regional community resources available to citizens.
- Geography, roads, and landmarks of City and surrounding areas.

Required Skills:

- Exercising controlled discretion in situations requiring diplomacy, fairness, and sound judgment.
- Recognizing suspicious behavior patterns, mediating difficult situations, and using effective arrest and control techniques.
- Interacting effectively with people of different socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds.
- Remaining alert at all times and reacting quickly and calmly in emergency situations.
- Operating motor vehicles and special police equipment during emergency situations.
- Interpreting laws and regulations, making decisions, maintaining composure, and working effectively under stressful conditions and emergency situations.
- Evaluating facts and evidence, drawing logical conclusions and making proper recommendations.
- Identifying, collecting and preserving crime scene evidence.
- Working as a team member with other law enforcement agencies.

- Care, maintenance and safe operation of a variety of law enforcement vehicles, equipment, weapons and tools.
- Operating a personal computer using a variety of business software.
- Effective communication, both verbal and written.

Physical Demands / Work Environment:

- Work is performed indoors and outdoors with exposure to inclement weather; includes ability to stand and sit for long periods while maintaining alertness and rapid response; must be able to safely climb, crawl, bend, jump, balance, and run with minimal to no notice; and the ability to safely lift, drag and/or carry in excess of one hundred (100) pounds occasionally, and frequently lift and/or carry a minimum of fifty (50) pounds; may be exposed to physical attacks, hazardous chemicals, drugs, infectious and communicable diseases; required to physically restrain persons; subject to extended periods of intense concentration in review of crime scenes, special investigations and law enforcement report preparation; will be subject to working in and around water; may be required to ride a bike.
- Must be able to work in uniform, with duty belt, issued weapons, and a bulletproof vest.
- Must be able to work irregular hours that will include evenings, weekends, nights and holidays on any assigned shift.
- May be required to work immediately before, during or immediately after an emergency or disaster.
- Must maintain a level of physical fitness to meet Police Department standards.
- NOTE: This position is designated safety and/or security sensitive.