

### **The Sheriffs' Officer Physical Abilities Test (SOPAT)**

Physical testing is scheduled after your application package and all copies of documentation are received at the Recruitment and Selection Center. The Sheriffs' Officer Physical Abilities Test (SOPAT) floor plan is attached for your information. The physical testing consists of the following steps:

#### **Station 1: mobility run**

Complete the running of the course (follow arrows) and on completion of the sixth lap circle the end marker and proceed to Station 2. You must stop and replace markers and obstacles that you displace. The total running distance is 400 m (.25 mile).

#### **Station 2: push-pull activity**

Demonstrate the ability to control a 23 kg (50lb) resistance, while moving through the machine-controlled arch of 60 degrees. Move through this arch 6 times for the push activity and 6 times for the pull activity. A balanced position with elbows bent must be maintained throughout the performance of this activity.

#### **Station 3: modified squat thrust and stand with rail vault**

From a standing position, perform a squat thrust to the front. Place the chest on the mat. Stand as quickly as possible and then vault the rail. From a standing position, perform a squat thrust to the back, touching the shoulder blades to the floor. Sit up and stand (rolling to the side is not allowed) as quickly as possible, and then vault over the rail. Complete 10 squat thrusts, stand up and touch the tester's hand.

#### **Station 4: weight-carry**

The weight-carry portion of SOPAT immediately follows the timed portion of the test. Bend the knees, keep the back straight and upright, pick up the 36 kg (80lb.) weight and, holding it in front of the body, carry it around the marker 7.5m (25 ft) away, and back again. The weight carry portion of SOPAT is not timed.

#### **Scoring of the SOPAT**

Time to complete is scored to the nearest second. To be successful, a candidate must correctly complete the timed portion of the test within 4 minutes and 15 seconds. No exceptions will be made to this pass time.

#### **Trigger Press and Hand Dynamometer Test**

These tests measure hand strength for training on automatic pistols. The hand dynamometer testing requires applicants to press 35 kg of pressure. Applicants must be able to pass these tests using left and right hands. The firearms training program is intensive so recommendations to increase hand strength will be suggested at the time of the physical testing.

