

13 AAC 96.080. Basic standards for village public safety officers

(a) A nonprofit regional corporation may not use grant money to employ a village public safety officer unless the individual

(1) is a citizen of the United States or a resident alien who has demonstrated an intent to become a citizen of the United States;

(2) is 21 years of age or older;

(3) is of good moral character;

(4) has a high school diploma, or its equivalent, or has passed a General Educational Development (GED) test;

(5) before attending a basic training program under 13 AAC 96.100,

(A) receives a physical examination from a physician lawfully admitted to practice in this state; and

(B) submits, on a medical record form supplied by the department, a certification from that physician that the individual

(i) is free from a physical or hearing condition that would adversely affect performance of an essential function of a village public safety officer;

(ii) has normal color discrimination, normal binocular coordination, normal peripheral vision, and corrected visual acuity of 20/30 or better in each eye; and

(iii) is free from a mental or emotional condition that would adversely affect performance of an essential function of a village public safety officer;

(6) has not been convicted, by a civilian court of this state, the United States, or another state or territory, or by a military court, of one or more of the following offenses, or of an offense with substantially similar elements to such an offense under Alaska law:

(A) a felony;

(B) a misdemeanor within five years of the date of hire, if the misdemeanor does not involve an act listed under (C) of this paragraph;

(C) a misdemeanor within 10 years of the date of hire, if the misdemeanor involves

(i) an assault against a family member, former family member, member of the individual's household, or former member of the household; or

(ii) the violation of a domestic violence restraining order; or

(D) two or more DWI offenses;

(7) has not

(A) illegally manufactured, transported, or delivered

(i) a controlled substance; or

(ii) an alcoholic beverage in violation of a local option under AS 04.11 or a municipal ordinance;

(B) illegally used a controlled substance other than marijuana during the 10 years immediately before the date of hire, unless the person was under the age of 21 at the time of using the controlled substance;

(C) used marijuana within one year before the date of hire;

(8) has neither been denied village public safety officer certification nor had that certification revoked; and

(9) has neither been discharged for cause nor resigned under threat of discharge for cause from employment as a village public safety officer, a village police officer, or a police officer in this state or any other state.

(b) A nonprofit regional corporation may not use grant money to employ a village public safety officer for a period of more than 24 months unless the officer obtains a village public safety officer certificate from the department as set out in 13 AAC 96.110. Upon written application from a nonprofit regional corporation, the department will, in its discretion, extend this period up to six months to permit the officer to complete the training necessary under 13 AAC 96.110, if the officer is unable to do so in the first 24 months of employment because of an illness, injury, or emergency.

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