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PA State Parole Agent Testing Period Opening September 28

HARRISBURG – Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Chairman Leo Dunn today announced that the State Civil Service Commission (SCSC) will be opening the testing period for individuals seeking to become state parole agents.

From September 28 to November 30, the SCSC is offering the parole agent 1 civil service exam to all interested applicants.

“The process of becoming a parole agent can be challenging and demanding – so this job is not for everyone,” Dunn said. “We are looking for qualified individuals who are committed to public service and will work fiercely to keep all Pennsylvanian’s safe by ensuring that the newly released parolees make successful transitions to productive lives in our communities,” Dunn said.

Applications are available on the State Civil Service Commission’s website at www.scsc.pa.gov or by contacting the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP) Bureau of Human Resources at 717.787.5699 x 1322 or email ra-pbpprec@pa.gov.

To be eligible to apply as a parole agent, applicants must:

- Must have civil service status based on prior commonwealth employment or competitive civil service testing.
- Be a Pennsylvania resident at the time of application and possess a valid Pennsylvania driver’s license;
- Be a United States citizen at the time of initial application;
- Meet the minimum education and experience requirement;
 - Four years of paraprofessional experience which includes two years of paraprofessional social services, human services, corrections, or law enforcement experience; OR
 - Two years of paraprofessional social services, human services, corrections, or law enforcement experience, and an associate’s degree; OR
 - A bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, law enforcement, legal studies, political science, behavioral science, or a related field; OR
 - An equivalent combination of experience and training.

The selected applicant must be free of criminal history that would preclude a Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) certification. Individuals convicted, or under indictment, for any felony; for any misdemeanor where more than one year in prison can be imposed, or any computer crime are precluded from CLEAN certification.

Individuals selected as a result of the examination process must successfully pass an extensive ten-year background investigation, fingerprinting requirement, drug screening, medical examination and psychological evaluation before appointment as a parole agent. Individuals must complete the intense eight-week Basic Training Academy in Elizabethtown, PA. The starting salary for new agents is over \$40,000 annually.

“Parole supervision is much more than working one-on-one with the parolee, it encompasses coordination and consultation with a parolee’s employer, counselors and family members,” said Dunn. “Our agents are required to be the enforcement officer, behavioral counselor, social worker and job counselor – all often at the same time,” said Dunn.

The PBPP is an equal opportunity employer, firmly committed to promoting public confidence in the agency’s integrity and professional excellence.

More information on how to apply can be found by visiting the “[Apply for Jobs](#)” section of the state parole website at www.pbpp.pa.gov.

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