

Sheriff



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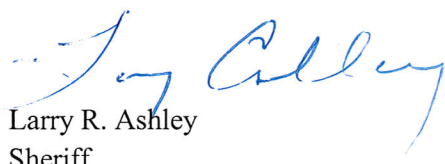
To Whom It May Concern:

Our agency is requesting an elevator exemption for our new Training Facility to be constructed in 2020 based on the following Florida Statutes and use of the structure.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Training Building, which is to be constructed adjacent to the firing range in Crestview, Florida is proposed to be a two story building. The first floor of this building will house a public training center and will meet current ADA requirements for full accessibility. The second floor of this building will house deputy offices and a specialized OCSO training room specific to sworn deputy training only. As a sworn Deputy, physical requirements must be met as clarified below. There will be no public accommodation to the second story of the OCSO training building. With secured key card access to the second floor, sworn deputies of the OCSO will be the only authorized persons to access this level of the training building.

OCSO deputies are required pursuant to Florida Statutes §943.13 to pass a physical examination based on standards established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC). The CJSTC established Florida Administrative Rule 11B-27.002, which created a uniform assessment form to be utilized by all physicians conducting a physical examination for law enforcement sworn personnel applicants. The uniform assessment form stipulates that the physician will utilize the law enforcement agency's job description to determine an applicant's ability to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position. The OCSO's job description for a sworn deputy mandates that deputies shall complete the physical fitness standards outlined in the Wellness and Physical Abilities Testing Program, which is codified in OCSO General Order 36.12 and specifically requires OCSO deputies to be able to climb stairs.

As previously mentioned, the second level of this training building will be accessed exclusively through key card access by sworn deputy sheriffs. Thus, we request an elevator exemption for this training facility as there will be no public access to the second story.


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