

**DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S MERIT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 8, 2007**

The Merit Commission met at the Northern Illinois University Recreation Center for the purpose of conducting the Power Test, and Written Examination for candidates applying for the position of Corrections/Patrol Deputy.

The meeting commenced at 8:00 A.M. Those present were: Commissioners Gene Lane, Bennetta Stearnes and Todd Walker. Also present were staff members from the Sheriff's Department who assisted with the testing.

There were a total of 118 applications turned in prior to the deadline. Fifty-five applicants appeared today for the examinations. Of those applicants, thirty-seven passed the Power Test. One applicant who completed and passed the Power Test was in physical distress afterward and had to be transported to the hospital. He will be allowed to take the written examination at a later time if he chooses to do so.

The written examination began at approximately 10:30 a.m. and was administered to thirty-six applicants. Candidates were dismissed at approximately 12:30 following the examination and were given both verbal and written instructions. They were instructed to call the Sheriff's office on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> to learn whether they passed or failed their written examination and to schedule an appointment for an oral interview if they were successful in passing the exam.

After the dismissal of the candidates, the written examinations were scored by the Commissioners. Clerical support was provided for this process by the Sheriff's secretarial staff.

Twenty-three applicants passed the written examination. Oral interviews will be scheduled for these applicants on December 11, 12, 13 and 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

*Bennetta Stearnes, Secretary*