

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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The following is a list of typical questions that you might be asked during an employment interview for a position in law enforcement. Read through the questions and prepare appropriate answers that reflect your experiences and knowledge. Be sure to include specific examples from "real life" experiences, including your internship(s), in your answers. To gain further practice with interviewing, contact the University Career Center to schedule a mock interview.

1. Why are you applying at this law enforcement agency?
2. Have you applied to any other law enforcement agencies?
3. What have you done to prepare yourself for this job?
4. Give me an example of a time when you handled a stressful situation where you had to verbally or physically confront someone?
5. Have you ever been involved in a motor vehicle accident or received a speeding ticket?
6. You and your partners are executing a search warrant on a suspected drug dealer's residence. Your team finds illegal drugs and a large amount of money in the house. As your team is securing the contraband in the appropriate evidence bags, you observe one team member place some of the money into his pocket. What would you do?
7. Sometimes, the only way to resolve a difference is through negotiation and compromise. Please give a specific example of a time when you were able to resolve a difficult situation by finding common ground.
8. Law enforcement operates 24 hours/day, 7 days a week; are you able to work a variety of shifts and days off, and occasional unscheduled, ordered overtime?
9. Tell me about a time where you've had to provide service to a wide variety of people from diverse racial, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds?
10. Describe your experience working in a situation where you've had to closely follow rules, regulations, and procedures.