

MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT AND OPINION

Dear Doctor:

The following person:

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

is an applicant to **MOOSE JAW POLICE SERVICE**. He/she is required to perform a Peace Officers' Physical Abilities Test (POPAT). The test is designed to simulate and measure an officer's physical ability to respond to a critical incident and apprehend or potentially control a prisoner/suspect. The test was developed by exercise physiologists and is based on their research findings. Their research has identified that the usual physical components of a response to a critical incident may involve quick action including various motor skills while simulating **getting to a problem, intensive heavy work resolving the problem** and then **removing the problem**. The test is conducted in a gymnasium and consists of running 400 meters (1/4 mile) which includes climbing up and down stairs, jumping over low obstacles and pushing and pulling on heavy weights (50 to 80 lbs. - 22 to 37 kg.) and then lifting and carrying (depending on the test) between 32 - 45 kg. (70 - 100 lbs.) 15 meters (50'). It was found that most participants of the test **experience maximal heart rate** during the test. This indicates a brief (up to 4:45 minutes) but maximal stress being placed on the cardiovascular system. To minimize the chance of precipitating a major cardiovascular event, we are requesting that this person be examined to determine his/her employment and test risk potential.

In addition to your usual examination, we request your assessment of this person with respect to factors which may place him/her at risk during this **maximal test** or **future** peace officer related duties:

1. Hypertension with possible causative factors;
2. Diabetes Mellitus;
3. Persons with known heart disease or symptomatic cardiovascular disease including angina, breathlessness, palpitations, edema, syncope, dizziness;
4. Individuals with low fitness levels;
5. Acute systemic infections including viral respiratory infections;
6. Muscular and/or skeletal problems which may affect physical performance or present long term limitations on the person;
7. Any other areas of concern: _____

IN YOUR OPINION:

1) Is this person safe to complete a Peace Officer's Physical Abilities Test? YES [] NO []

Comments: _____

2) Considering the fact that an applicant's typical response prior to maximal testing may include fear and anxiousness due to anticipation:

Will this person remain safe to perform POPAT testing if resting blood pressure and/or resting heart rate values exceed 144/94 mmHg or 100 bpm, and all signs of chest, arm, neck and jaw pain, light headedness, fainting, and shortness of breath are absent? YES [] NO []

Comments: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

(Name and Signature of Medical Doctor)

NOTE: Please give this form to the applicant for return to the Moose Jaw Police Service.