



## SAN BENITO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### **Psychological Exam Requirement for a CCW Permit.**

CCW Applicant;

The Sheriff is given the statutory discretion to issue a license to carry a firearm to residents within the County of San Benito (Penal Code § 26150; Penal Code 26155). This longstanding discretionary authority is fragile in this season of increased firearms legislation. We desire to retain our authority to issue these permits, and are working to see that authority preserved and protected. To date we have more than 100 active permits issued to our residents, and we are receiving new applications daily.

Supported by California Penal Code 26190(f) (1), the San Benito County Sheriff's Office Policy 218.4.2 (b) shall state "all initial applicants shall submit to a psychological exam conducted by an authorized psychologist used by the Department for psychological testing. The cost of such psychological testing (not to exceed \$150) shall be paid by the applicant. The purpose of any such psychological testing is intended only to identify any outward indications or history of psychological problems that might render the applicant unfit to carry a firearm. This testing is not intended to certify in any other respect that the applicant is psychologically fit. If it is determined that the applicant is not a suitable candidate for carrying a firearm, the applicant shall be removed from further consideration (Penal Code § 26190)."

Effective immediately, all applicants, submitting applications, on or after January 01, 2013, and having passed Phase One of the CCW process shall, as part of the CCW process, submit to a psychological exam. Currently the San Benito County Sheriff's Office utilizes **Affiliated Psychologists located at 20863 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 580, Cupertino, CA 95014. They can be contacted at 408-342-0600.**

Further information on this testing process will be explained during your initial interview.