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EARS/HEARING ACCOMODATION FIELD EXAM

1. Applicant Name (Last, First, Middle)	2. Birth Date (Mo./ Day/Year)
3. Department	

Ears and Hearing Accommodation Field Exam

This applicant failed to meet the one or more of the parameters for hearing in Section2.1. This field test simulation must first be administered to an individual with acceptable hearing and then to the applicant that is hearing impaired. The purpose of the field test is to determine if the applicant can hear words or sounds that are safety sensitive to him or another. If the applicant has hearing loss at a significant level in both ears, it does not matter which direction the projected sound comes from. If the applicant has hearing loss at a significant level in one ear, or one ear worse than the other, then the projected sound must come from the direction of the affected ear. The field test consists of the following. Both field tests must be passed at 100%.

FIRST TEST: The **first test** consists of three parts and simulates an officer contact with an individual on a busy street, highway, or interstate located within the agency jurisdiction.

Part 1: Officer approaches an accident scene with a victim trapped inside the vehicle. The victim tells the officer that their leg is trapped under the steering column. Victim will speak in a normal voice.

☐ **Officer correctly hears victim's words.** ☐ **Officer failed to correctly hear victim's words.**

Part 2: Officer approaches a traffic violator and is speaking with the driver when his partner back at the patrol car calls out, from 30 feet away, that the man in the back seat has a gun. Partner officer will speak in an excited voice and louder than normal volume.

☐ **Officer correctly hears partner's words.** ☐ **Officer failed to correctly hear partner's words.**

Part 3: Officer is conducting a field interview of an individual when a second individual approaches from behind and says in a normal voice, from 10 feet away, "I am going to kill you."

☐ **Officer correctly hears individual's words.** ☐ **Officer failed to correctly hear individual's words.**

SECOND TEST: consists of three parts and simulates an officer in a building conducting a search in a dark and silent room, aside from normal HVAC operations.

Part 1: Officer will listen to directions whispered by partner officer in same area, 15 feet away.

☐ **Officer correctly hears partner's directions** ☐ **Officer failed to correctly partner's directions.**

Part 2: Officer will hear a suspect breathing normally from 10 feet away around a corner.

☐ **Officer correctly hears suspect breathing.** ☐ **Officer failed to hear suspects breathing.**

Part 3: Officer will hear a trigger being cocked/or slide being manipulated, from **15** feet away in the same room.

☐ **Officer correctly hears weapon.** ☐ **Officer failed to correctly hear weapon.**

☐ **Applicant passed all six tests.** ☐ **Applicant failed one or more tests.**

I, _____certify that the listed field exam for hearing was
Please type or print **Department Head**

conducted on_____ by _____ on
Applicant Officer/Department representative

(date)_____ and the results listed are correct.

Department Head Signature_____

State of New Mexico }
County of _____}SS

On this _____day of _____, _____, before me personally appeared
_____ known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed
Department Head

to the above instrument and acknowledged the same to be his/her own free act and deed.
Notary Public_____My commission expires:_____
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