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**UNIFORMED PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION FOR
POLICE SERGEANT
(Town of Vestal)**

Exam Number: 70-400A

EXAMINATION DATE: June 5, 2021

LAST DATE TO FILE APPLICATION WITH PROCESSING FEE OR WAIVER*: April 14, 2021

***Processing Fee:** Twenty dollar **(\$20.00)** non-refundable payment is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required processing fee must accompany your examination application. **Credit cards, checks, or money orders payable to the Broome County Office of Management and Budget will be accepted.** Please be sure to include applicant's name and examination number on your check or money order. A check returned for insufficient funds may disqualify your application and result in further action and/or service charges.

If your application is disapproved, the fee will not be refunded. Compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements specified on this announcement and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Be specific when completing the application; include all pertinent information including credit hours if applicable. Work experience must be paid unless otherwise specified. Part-time experience will be prorated.

***Only applications which are post-marked on or before the last date to file will be accepted. All interdepartmental mail must be received by the close of business on the last date to file. FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Admission notices will be mailed to all approved candidates approximately 8 days before the examination. If you do not receive your notice by the Tuesday before the examination, please call 778-2222.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Broome County Department of Personnel of any change in name or address. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved. The candidate change of information form is available at www.gobroomecounty.com/personnel/forms.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application. Fee waiver forms are available at the Broome County Department of Personnel, the Department of Social Services or on line at www.gobroomecounty.com.**

MINIMUM SALARY	VACANCIES**	LOCATION OF WORK
\$86,059	Anticipated	Town of Vestal

Eligible list: Successful candidates will be certified to fill vacancies only in the department in which they are employed.

**Vacancies- Positions may be filled temporarily at this time; however, the resulting eligible list must be used to permanently fill the position.

DUTIES: This is work with responsibility for the performance of specialized tasks in areas such as a police investigations unit, juvenile delinquency, narcotics unit, traffic safety division or in supervising officers on patrol or non-uniformed personnel in the records unit or other functional areas. The work is usually performed under the general supervision of a Police Lieutenant or higher level officer in accordance with established rules, regulations and procedures. Does related work as required.

PROMOTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: On or before the date of the examination, candidates must be permanently employed in the competitive class in the Town of Vestal and must have served continuously on a permanent or contingent permanent basis for 24 months preceding the date of the written test as a Police Officer in the Town of Vestal.

Anticipated eligibility: If you expect to meet the promotional qualifications by December 5, 2021, you will be tentatively admitted to this examination.

Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and BOCES

Per Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:

Law enforcement methods and practices

These questions test for knowledge of accepted police methods and practices and/or their application to situations in the police field. The questions are a sampling of the various knowledge that police personnel may be required to possess in the course of their day-to-day work-related activities.

New York State Laws - Police

These questions test for knowledge of the laws in effect on January 1, 2021 that law enforcement personnel may encounter in the course of their day-to-day work-related activities. The questions are a sampling of job-related sections of the Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Family Court Act and other laws relevant to law enforcement in New York State.

Supervision

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

Understanding and interpreting written material

These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

Preparing written material in a police setting

These questions test for the ability to prepare the types of reports that police personnel write. Some questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately. They consist of restatements of information given in note form. You must choose the best version from each set of four choices. Other questions test for the ability to organize paragraphs. They consist of paragraphs with their sentences out of order. For each of the paragraphs you must choose, from four suggestions, the best order of the sentences.

The New York State Department of Civil Service **has** prepared a test guide for this examination. This publication is available on line at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>

Candidates must bring their picture ID and two sharpened #2 pencils to the examination **USE OF CALCULATORS IS PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAMINATION**. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited.

Seniority Credit: Seniority is based on the length of continuous permanent classified service in the jurisdiction in which promotion is sought, with points added to an eligible's passing score for each appropriate five year period or fraction thereof in accordance with the following schedule:

Less than 1 year.....0 points	Over 11 years up to 16 years.....3 points
1 year up to 6 years.....1 point	Over 16 years up to 21 years.....4 points
Over 6 years up to 11 years2 points	Over 21 years.....5 points

Rating: The written examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service, in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this written test.

Applying for civil service examinations in multiple jurisdictions when examinations are scheduled on same date:

If you have **applied** for both a Broome County examination and an examination for another jurisdiction, both of which are scheduled for the same date, you must submit a Broome County Cross-filing Form indicating the site at which you intend to take your examination. The cross-filing form is available in our Department or online at <http://qobroomecounty.com/files/personnel/pdfs/Crossfiling.pdf> and should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the examinations. Failure to submit the Cross filing form in a timely manner may result in our not being able to accommodate your request to sit at your choice of exam sites. When taking both a State and Broome County examination, you will be required to take all your examinations at a State examination center. You will be advised by the State when and where to report for your examinations.

Religious accommodation/handicapped candidates/military personnel: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

Military Law provides special rights for members of the armed forces whose military service conflicts with scheduled civil service testing. Section 243-b (2) of Military Law states that "any member of the organized militia or reserves, who, because of active military duty other than for training purposes, missed the application filing period for an examination and as a result is deprived of the opportunity to compete in an examination, shall be given a special military make-up exam". Please contact the Department of Personnel for more information.

Children of Firefighters and Police Officers killed in the line of duty: "In conformance with section 85-A of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform the Department of Personnel of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established."

General Information/Instructions: A copy of the general instructions may be obtained upon request to the Broome County Department of Personnel Department or from our website at www.qobroomecounty.com