

City of Scotts Valley

Sworn Officer Vision Standards

Please read the following information to ensure that you meet the minimum vision standards. Your vision will be checked during the Medical Examination phase. Scotts Valley Police Department vision standards are based on California Peace Officer Standards and Training guidelines.

If you have not had any vision related surgery or medical procedures, and you do not wear contact lenses or glasses:

*Your vision must be 20/40 or better (20/40 or better in your worst eye).

If you wear glasses:

*Your vision, with your glasses on, must be 20/20 in each eye.

*Your vision, without your glasses, must be: 20/40 or better in worst eye.

If you wear hard contacts:

*Hard contact lenses are not allowed unless vision is 20/40 or better in worst eye.

If you wear soft contacts:

*Your vision, wearing contact lenses, must be 20/20 in each eye.

*Your vision, without contact lenses, must be 20/200 or better in each eye.

*You must have successfully worn soft contact lenses for a one-year period prior to the date of the medical exam.

If you have had RK surgery:

*Your vision, with or without contact lenses, must be 20/40 or better.

*Your surgery must have been performed at least one-year prior to the date of the medical exam (documentation will be required).

If you have had Laser or Lasik surgery:

*Your vision, with or without contact lenses, must be 20/40 or better.

*Minimum elapsed time between surgery and examination: 3 months.

*Written certification required from ophthalmologist stating that visions are stable and there are no significant postoperative complications.

*Reevaluation will be required for those candidates who had significant postoperative problems.

Binocular Vision / Stereopsis -

Candidates should demonstrate a minimum stereopsis of at least 40" of arc by achieving a score of 6 or better on the Titmus Stereo Test.

Visual Field -

Candidates should demonstrate a minimum of 120 degrees of total horizontal field in each eye, have at least 100 degrees of vertical field and have no significant scotomas.

Color Vision -

Candidates should be able to pass the Pseudoisochromatic Plates (PIP) test. Candidates who fail the PIP test should be required to pass the Farnsworth D-15 test. Use of rose-colored lenses (i.e., "X-Chrom") will not be permitted during testing.

Note: Orthokeratology treatment is not acceptable - candidates must have discontinued treatments for at least 12 months prior to the medical exam (evaluations will then be made on a case-by-case basis).