IMPORTANCE OF HONESTY

The Myrtle Beach Police Department is seeking Police Officer Applicants who demonstrate certain characteristics. Honesty is the most important characteristic that you must demonstrate. It is extremely important that you are completely honest in all of your answers.

The importance of honesty from the time of completion of all application documents, questionnaires, and the Personal History Statement, as well as during all interviews, cannot be overemphasized. Failure to respond to any questions accurately and completely, whether orally or in writing, will result in disqualification. Many applicants have been disqualified for dishonesty.

While filling out documents, you are cautioned to take your time and to be thorough and specific in all answers. If you have any doubt in your mind concerning a particular question, or if you are unsure whether to include certain information, the answer is “Yes: include it.”

You may think that something you have done will disqualify you from further consideration. It may or may not. What will certainly disqualify you is lying or distorting the truth. For example, an arrest (either when you were a juvenile or as an adult) may or may not disqualify you; however, lying about the arrest will disqualify you from further consideration. Or, you may have been fired from a job. That, by itself, may or may not disqualify you; however, lying about it will disqualify you from further consideration. The use of drugs, including marijuana, may or may not disqualify you; however, lying about it will disqualify you from further consideration.

I have read and understand the contents of this paper:

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Name of Applicant

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Signature of Applicant
Date