



City of Desert Hot Springs
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK



APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

CONTACT INFORMATION		
<i>Provide the following information as it appears on your voter registration. Your voter registration status will be confirmed.</i>		
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INTERESTS / SKILLS / ABILITIES		
<i>List your skills, abilities, related volunteer community service and relevant interest to the office you are seeking.</i>		
See attached Addendum and Resume		
QUESTIONNAIRE		
<i>To assess the expectations you have about serving on the City Council, and to understand the expectations other people will have of you as a council member, please respond to each of the following questions. If additional space is needed, please use a separate sheet of paper. If desired, a resume may accompany your application.</i>		
1. Why do you want to be appointed to the Desert Hot Springs City Council?		
See attached Addendum and Resume		
2. How will your education, training, experience and history of community involvement make you a suitable candidate to serve as a member of the City Council?		
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3. In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing the City of Desert Hot Springs?

- Diversification of revenue sources
- Stabilization of City finances
- Development of long term future plans
- Growth of employment opportunities within the City
- Attracting amenities for City residents and visitors

4. What vision do you have for the future of the City of Desert Hot Springs?

My vision of the City includes a population of 70,000 to 90,000 residents with many working at various businesses and agencies within the City. These residents would enjoy a variety of amenities, including restaurants and businesses that supply their wants and needs within the City and therefore canceling the need for them to travel long distances to other cities to obtain them. The City would have a marketable identity sponsoring weekly events designed to bring visitors and revenue to our businesses. Businesses and government agencies would set up their operations here to take advantage of our workforce and low operations costs. They would provide high paying jobs with benefits that would support numerous service industries, such as health care, restaurants and entertainment. Basically, I envision a city that is safe, healthy and happy.

5. Use this space to provide any additional information or statements. Your comments will assist the City Council in giving your application the fullest consideration.

My wife, Rhonda, has lived in the City for more than 40 years. She remembers when the City didn't have a grocery store and only 2 or 3 restaurants. She remembers when the City had a movie theater and no fast-food restaurants. For most health care needs, you had to travel to another city. There has been some improvement, but not much has changed since then. The residents of Desert Hot Springs should be able to work, shop, receive health care and be entertained where they live and not travel out of town to obtain these needs and services.

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

I certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete. In compliance with State law, I understand that I will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests upon appointment to office, and annually thereafter.

Applicant's Signature

05/28/19

Date

City of Desert Hot Springs

City Council Appointment Application – Walter E. Meyer Jr.

Addendum

Interests/Skills/Abilities

- Desert Hot Springs Resident (1987-Present)
- Desert Hot Springs Public Safety Commissioner (2014 – Present, 2016-2018 – Chair)
- Desert Hot Springs Finance Committee (2012-2013)
- Desert Hot Springs Police Officer/Detective/Sergeant (1986-1990)
- Chief of Police (Cities of La Quinta and Coachella -2005 to 2007)
- Assistant Chief of Police (Calimesa – 2003 to 2005, La Quinta and Coachella – 2001 to 2003)
- Riverside County Sheriff's Department Investigator/Sergeant/Lieutenant/Captain (1990-2012)
- College of the Desert Adjunct Instructor/Police Academy Coordinator (2002 to Present)
- Masters of Arts degree – Chapman University (2002)
- Bachelors of Arts degree – Chapman University (2000)
- Riverside County Leadership Initiative (2007)

Questionnaire

1. Why do you want to be appointed to the Desert Hot Springs City Council?
 - To continue my history of public service with service to the residents of Desert Hot Springs
 - To help the City obtain and sustain stability in funding, operations and services
 - Develop and implement long term planning strategies
 - Promote the diversification of City revenue streams to protect future services
2. How will your education, training, experience and history of community involvement make you a suitable candidate to serve as a member of the City Council?
 - Past experience of executive level service on three (3) city staffs in conjunction with reporting to and providing services to four (4) city councils (Desert Hot Springs, La Quinta, Coachella and Calimesa)
 - Application of management lessons and strategies learned during my 12 years of employment as an upper-level manager within the Riverside County Sheriff's Department
 - Application of management principles learned during my undergraduate and graduate level studies
 - Application of facilitation and teamwork skills learned during my Master Instructor Certification training

Walter Edward Meyer Jr.
Sheriff's Captain - Retired
Riverside County Sheriff's Department

RESUME

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

To obtain an appointment to the city of Desert Hot Springs City Council and serve the residents of Desert Hot Springs.

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

- Jan. 2017 – Present Academy Coordinator – College of the Desert Public Safety Academy
Duties: Oversee the delivery of POST approved basic peace officer training to academy recruits. This includes selection and supervision of instructors, oversight of lesson plans, updating extended course outlines, scheduling classes, and securing POST certification for the academy and its graduates.
- Aug. 2012 – Present Security Supervisor –Betty Ford Center
Duties: Providing security services to the patients, staff and visitors to the Betty Ford Center. I am responsible for hiring, evaluating and scheduling the security staff. Performed investigations reference employee and patient misconduct. Coordinated security requirements with treatment staff to obtain optimal treatment results for patients. Additional duties included serving as the Emergency Management Coordinator and providing emergency management training to the Betty Ford Center staff.
- Sept. 2002 – Present Adjunct Faculty – College of the Desert
Duties: Provide instruction and training to students at the College of the Desert. This included developing and teaching the following courses: Criminal Law, Administration of Justice, Juvenile Justice, Basic Academy classes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- July 2010 – July 2012 **Sheriff's Captain** – Administrative Services
Duties: Developing Riverside County criminal justice system responses to the implementation of AB109. Conducting administrative reviews of department contracts, memorandums of understanding, and policies and procedures. The completion of special projects and the development of new policy and procedure as assigned by Sheriff's Administration.
- Sept. 2009- July 2010 **Sheriff's Captain** – Appointed as the Director of the Riverside County Regional Gang Task Force.
Duties: Supervision and coordination of anti-gang operations throughout the County of Riverside. Oversight of more than 80 task force officers representing 23 different law enforcement agencies (local, state and federal). Completion of bi-annual reports to the Executive Board (chief executives of all enforcement agencies in Riverside County) were required. A complete re-write of the Task Force's Policy and Procedure's Manual was completed and approved by the Board. Oversight of RSO personnel assigned to the SAFE Task Force (16 staff members) and preparation of budgets for both units was also required.
- Sept. 2008 – Sept. 2009 **Sheriff's Captain** – Larry D. Smith Corr. Facility
Duties: Supervision of all Facility functions and personnel while ensuring that the Facility complied with all Title 15 and 24 requirements. Preparation of the facility for incorporation of the new 582 bed expansion project. Oversight of the Secure Electronic Confinement Program, Work Release Program and the SITE-B/RSAT Program.
- May 2007 – Sept. 2008 **Sheriff's Captain** – Robert Presley Detention Center
Duties: Supervision of all Facility functions and personnel while ensuring that the Facility complies with all Title 15 and Title 24 requirements. Oversight of the Detention Care Unit at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center.

Jan. 2005 – May 2007

Sheriff's Captain / Chief of Police – Indio Station and Forensics-East

Duties: Supervision of all station functions including Patrol, Investigations, Administration, Forensics-East and the contract cities of Coachella and La Quinta. Additional duties included serving as the Chief of Police for both contract cities and as an executive board member on the Coachella Valley Narcotics Task Force and Coachella Valley Gang Task Force. I implemented the Zone Policing Strategy at Indio Station in April of 2005, more than one year prior to other patrol stations (other than Jurupa Valley) implementing similar strategies. Rebuilt and strengthened the station's relationship with the neighboring law enforcement agencies, the local Native American nations and the Palm Desert Station. Developed and implemented the floor plans for the new Mecca Sub-Station and new Thermal Station.

March 2003 – Jan. 2005

Sheriff's Lieutenant / Assistant Chief of Police - Cabazon Station

Duties: Supervision of the station's Administration, Patrol, Investigations and Evidence sections and the contract city operations for the city of Calimesa. This assignment included the preparation of department budgets for the Cabazon Station sub-org and police department budgets for the contract city. During this assignment, I was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Police for the city of Calimesa. I also served as the department liaison to the Morongo Tribe for the building and opening of the new 27-story Morongo Casino resort and hotel. I also developed and implemented a full evacuation plan for the city of Calimesa in the event of a major wildfire. An additional assignment included the development of the strategy for the creation and implementation of the Felony Warrant and Extradition Team (FWET). Additional duties included Acting Station Commander and member of the Department's Disaster Response Team.

- Jan. 2001 – March 2003 **Sheriff's Lieutenant / Assistant Chief of Police - Indio Station**
Duties: Supervision of the station's Administration section and the contract city operations for the cities of Coachella and La Quinta. I served as the Assistant Chief of Police for the cities of Coachella and La Quinta. This assignment included the preparation of department budgets for the Indio Station and Forensics-East sub-orgs and police department budgets for the two contract cities. During this assignment, I was assigned to and completed a complete remodel of the station's interior. I was also assigned to develop the strategy for the creation and implementation of the first gang task force in the County of Riverside. This strategy was later used in the creation and implementation of the county-wide gang task forces. Additional duties included Acting Station Commander, oversight of the Forensics-East unit, supervision of the Special Enforcement and Traffic teams for the contract cities and member of the Department's Disaster Response Team.
- Jan. 1998 – Jan. 2001 **Sheriff's Sergeant – Riverside/Jurupa Valley Station**
Duties: Patrol Watch Commander with later assignment as the Zone 1 Community Action Team supervisor (COP program). This assignment involved the implementation of the first complete Community Oriented Policing program in the Department.
- Jan. 1992 – Jan. 1998 **Sheriff's Investigator – SIB East & West**
Duties: Investigation of criminal activity including narcotics and vice offenses (specializing in clandestine drug laboratory investigations). Duties included participation in undercover positions. This assignment also included a special two year deployment to the DEA Clan Lab Task Force and the oversight of major Federal investigations throughout the United States. During this assignment, I was recognized for achieving the first successful Federal jury trial prosecution of defendants charged with the transportation and distribution of precursor chemicals.

- March 1990 – Jan. 1992 **Sheriff's Investigator** - Palm Desert Station
 Duties: Investigation of criminal activity including homicides, sex crimes, property crimes, traffic collisions and narcotics. This included a special assignment as the Palm Desert Station Traffic Investigator whose duties included review and correction of all traffic collision reports and coordination of major traffic collision investigations.
- Jan. 1986 – March 1990 Desert Hot Springs Police Department
Sergeant / Corporal / Police Officer
 Duties: Various assignments including Patrol, Investigations, SWAT, Traffic, FTO, Supervision, and president of the police officer's association. I completed my POST Basic Training at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy during this time period.
- Aug. 1983 – Dec. 1985 Palm Springs Police Department
Reserve Police Officer / Community Services Ofcr.
 Duties: Patrol functions and operation of the department's jail facility.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Lexipol/General Orders Committee
 Department Awards Committee
 Department Technology Committee
 Jail Information Management Systems Committee
 California State Sheriff's Association Conference Committee
 College of the Desert/PSA Law Enforcement Advisory Committee
 Criminal Justice Partner's Sub-Committee (Corrections Representative)

COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENTS

Riverside County Law Enforcement Executives Association (Vice-president)
 Coachella Valley Gang Task Force (Chair and Vice Chair)
 Sheriff's Department Disaster Response Team

EDUCATION

April 2000 – Aug. 2002	Chapman University, Orange, California Master of Arts – Criminal Justice with an Emphasis on the Administration of Criminal Justice Systems.
April 1994 – Jan. 2000	Chapman University, Orange, California Bachelor of Arts with Honors – Criminal Justice
June, 1980	Palm Springs High School - Graduate

SIGNIFICANT AWARDS and COMMENDATIONS

March 2010	Riverside County Sheriff's Unit Citation Award
May 2008	Paul Harris Fellowship - Rotary
March 2003	Riverside County Sheriff's Department Commendation
March 2000	American Legion Medal of Valor
April 2000	Riverside County Sheriff's Department Medal of Courage
February 1998	Riverside County Sheriff's Department Gold Star
May 1986	San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy – Class President

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2000 – 2011	Adjunct Faculty – RCC / Ben Clark Training Center
Aug. 2002 – Present	Adjunct Faculty - College of the Desert

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2014 – Present	Desert Hot Springs Public Safety Commissioner (2014 –Vice Chair, 2016 to 2019 –Chairperson)
2012 -2013	Desert Hot Springs Finance Committee (Member)
2007 - 2010	Palm Springs Unified School District Parent Advisory Committee (Member)
2005 - 2007	La Quinta Rotary (Program Chair)
2005 - 2007	Desert Sands Unified School District - Campaign to Reduce Underage Drinking (Committee Chair)
2001 - 2003	Bubbling Wells Elementary School Parent/Teacher Group (Vice-President)

CERTIFICATIONS

POST Basic
POST Intermediate
POST Advanced
POST Supervisor
POST Management
POST Master Instructor Certification Course Graduate 2015
POST Basic Supervisor's Course Instructor
POST Facilitated Instructor
Riverside County Sheriff's Department EST/SWAT Academy
FBI Sniper Certification
DEA Clandestine Drug Lab Certification
Riverside County Leadership Initiative
Graduate – Role of the Police Chief
Lifetime Member – California Narcotics Officers Association

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married – 30 years
Wife – Rhonda (Retired)
Daughter – Brittany (age 27, Marketing)
Son – Matthew (age 24, Business Analyst)