

## **What it takes...**

Before we get involved with the duties of the office, we should gain an understanding about what it takes to become a deputy.. .that is, how he or she can qualify for the job.

### **An applicant to be eligible for appointment must:**

- Be not less than twenty-one years of age
- Be certified by a licensed physician, designated by the Sheriff, as in good health and physically fit for the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer
- Have graduated and received a regular or advanced high school diploma or its equivalent. A certificate of high school equivalency (GED) is acceptable.
- Be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Alabama
- Have a current, valid Alabama driver's license.
- Be free from a physical, emotional, or mental condition that might adversely affect the performance of duties, determined by a physician's examination.
- Be of good moral character and reputation.
- Have no criminal record at all, except for minor traffic violations.
- Not, by reason of conscience or belief, be opposed to the use of force when appropriate or necessary to fulfill the required duties.
- Pass a civil service examination and be certified by that particular county's Civil Service Commission, where in effect.
- Meet all Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training requirements.
- Pass a rigid background investigation (not only of himself, but also siblings).