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Minimum Qualifications:

U.S. Citizen

- 21 years of age and younger than 37 at the time of conditional offer (Veterans – 40 years of age at the time of conditional offer)
- Current Valid Driver’s License
- Qualify for a Top Secret Clearance
- DD-214 or Statement of Service (dates of service and campaigns) Specialized Experience: Weapons and Tactics Training

Accelerated Career Track to ERT:

- 31 week Police Officer Training
- Emergency Response Team Selection and Basic Training
- Upon successful completion, reassignment to USSS Special Operations Branch Emergency Response Team.

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1. Those who have occupied a combat arms occupational specialty in the U.S. Armed Forces.
2. Those who served as a tactical operator (in a non-support or administrative role) in a Department of Defense special operations unit.
3. Those who served as a military member not occupying a combat arms occupational specialty but possess direct combat experience.
4. Those who have served as a member of a federal, state, or local law enforcement tactical team.

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Qualifications

To be considered for the position of a Uniformed Division officer, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be at least 21 years of age at time of application and younger than 37 at the time of receipt of a conditional offer of employment to continue in the application process. Applicants with veterans’ preference must be at least 21 years of age at time of application and younger than 40 at the time of receipt of a conditional offer of employment to continue in the application process
- DD-214 or Statement of Service (dates of service and campaigns) Specialized Experience: Weapons and Tactics Training
- Possess a current valid driver’s license
- Have uncorrected vision no worse than 20/60 binocular; correctable to 20/20 in each eye (NOTE: Lasik, ALK, RK and PRK corrective eye surgeries are acceptable eye surgeries for applicants provided specific visual tests are passed. The following are the waiting periods before visual tests are conducted after the surgery: Lasik surgery–three months; PRK–six months; and ALK and RK–one year.) Applicants must meet the vision requirement at the time of application.
- Be in excellent health and physical condition
- Pass an Applicant Physical Abilities Test
- Complete interviews and pass a written examination
- Qualify for a Top Secret clearance and undergo a complete background investigation, to include driving record check, drug screening, medical and polygraph examinations
- Certify that you have registered with the Selective Service System or are exempt from having to do so, if you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959
- The Secret Service prohibits employees from having visible body markings (including but not limited to tattoos, body art, and branding) on the head, face, neck, hand and fingers (any area below the wrist bone).

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