

Interested in knowing if there are any departments that have a typing requirement for their officers, and if so, did they establish a words per minute standard?

Responses

Santa Maria Police Department has no requirement but felt that it was a good idea and recommended a words per minute speed of 30 to 35.

Simi Valley Police Department has extensively discussed the issue but never came to a positive conclusion. They felt that their Police Officers Association would not be supportive of such a requirement.

The Turlock Police Department established a typing skills requirement three years ago. Their requirement is 25 words per minute. Applicants are required to attach a typing certificate with their application.

The Fremont Police Department requires 35 words per minute. When this policy was implemented existing employees were mandated to meet this requirement within one year. Employees were assisted by the department to meet this requirement. Typing tutorials were purchased and placed on all laptops that were issued to personnel.

As can be seen from the responses received, this is a new and emerging issue that law enforcement is facing. We at the Fontana Police Department are still examining the issue and will provide additional information once a course of action has been decided upon.