# Caddo Sheriff's Office lowers hiring age to 18

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As staff shortages plague law enforcement agencies nationwide, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office has decided to welcome applicants starting at 18 years old.

"If you can join the military and fight a war, you can serve in your own community," said Sheriff Steve Prator.

Previously, applicants had to be at least 21 years old to apply to become a P.O.S.T certified or corrections deputy. CPSO implemented changes to its hiring requirements to reach a wider pool of potential applicants. This announcement comes as the agency looks at an all-time high of vacancies.

"At this time, we have over 90 positions available," said Sheriff Prator. "As we struggle to fill those positions, we realized we needed to give the younger generation a chance to join what I believe to be the best law enforcement agency in the area."

In addition to lowering the hiring age, CPSO has also streamlined its application process making it easier for applicants to join the team. Current or prior military, college graduates, and current P.O.S.T certified law enforcement are exempt from taking the entrance exam.

"If you are hardworking and in search of a meaningful career with great benefits and unlimited possibilities, I encourage you to submit an application," said Sheriff Prator.

To apply or learn more about working at CPSO, visit caddosheriff.org or call 681-0812.

# Attachments




