

STATEMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON POLICE SERGEANT LAWSUIT

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The United States Department of Justice filed a suit in federal court alleging that the New Jersey Civil Service examination used to test for promotion to Police Sergeant was discriminatory. However, contrary to recent communications circulated among law enforcement personnel, at this point in time, **no decisions have been made with respect to changes in test format or test content.**

In particular, we are aware of at least one entity that has made a claim that the 2010 Police Sergeant exam will be similar to a product being offered for sale. This claim is purely speculative and does not stem from any decisions made by or information provided by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

The New Jersey Civil Service Commission plans to issue an announcement for Police Sergeant in July of 2010 and anticipates testing in the fall. When decisions are made with respect to test content or format, information regarding these changes will be published on the Commission's website, www.state.nj.us/csc and will also be provided to PBA and FOP leaders.

While the decisions to attend test preparation classes and study group sessions are purely personal, the Civil Service Commission wants you to make those decisions based on facts and not on speculation.