Mental examination—Procedure. (1) Applicants will complete preliminary history forms as required by the examiner. The "report of medical history" completed by the applicant will be made available to the examiner.

(2) During the psychiatric interview, the examining physician will evaluate each individual sufficiently to eliminate those with symptoms of a degree that would impair their effective performance of duty.

(a) The applicant's behavior will be observed and an estimate made of his current mental status.

(b) Any evidence of disorganized or unclear thinking, or unusual thought control, or undue suspiciousness, or of apathy or "strangeness" will be noted.

(c) Any unusual emotional expression such as depression, expansiveness, withdrawal, or marked anxiety, which is out of keeping with the content of the interview will be noted and carefully evaluated.

(3) The results of the examination will be recorded and that record or a summary of recommendations will be forwarded to the hiring authority.

(4) The mental examination report will be retained in permanent files by the employing fire department and must be available for examination at any reasonable time by representatives of the retirement system board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.50.050(6) and 41.50.090. WSR 78-03-023 (Order IV), § 415-104-750, filed 2/15/78. Formerly WAC 297-50-270.]