

DEPUTY SHERIFF I

Performs assigned law enforcement and general police duties including: patrolling road ways; answering criminal complaints; investigating crimes; serving civil papers, restraining orders, arrest warrants (including making forcible arrests when necessary), etc.; transporting prisoners; controlling civil disturbances; and a variety of other emergency and routine activities.

CLASSIFICATION DISTINCTIONS

This is an entry level classification for inexperienced officers. Incumbents generally serve two years as a Deputy I, which includes three to four months in the state law enforcement academy. Following Academy graduation, Deputy I's are supervised by Field Training Officers and/or Patrol Sergeants. Deputy I's must exercise independent judgment in emergency situations within the policy, authority and procedures of the Sheriff's Office General Orders.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

- Respond to radio calls for emergency assistance and law enforcement such as result from crimes of violence, unruly crowds, auto accidents, child neglect, thefts and frauds, vandalism, and a variety of other misdemeanors and felonies. Takes necessary steps to restore the peace, and renders first aid and other emergency assistance; conducts investigations.
- Interview witnesses and suspects to crimes or auto accidents; arrests suspects; composes and submits written reports.
- Serves warrants, makes arrests, and transports prisoners. Administers tests for intoxication. Testifies in court as arresting officer. Serves civil processes and confiscates property by court order.
- Patrols assigned area in radio patrol car; cites traffic violators. Makes security checks of businesses and industrial districts. Maintain surveillance of public gathering places. Investigates and renders assistance at auto accidents.
- Subdues or restrains persons committing or believed to be about to commit acts of violence according to the urgency of the need in the judgment of the senior officer present.
- Performs other work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or a GED certification
- At least twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of appointment
- United States' Citizenship at the time of appointment
- Ability to read and write the English language (required by RCW 41.14.00)
- Valid driver's license at time of appointment
- Have no prior felony convictions and/or recent or excessive drug usage history
- Have the ability to perform the essential mental and physical demands and functions of the position

Knowledge of: Geographic area of employment, including major roads and traffic routes; basic aims and principles of crime prevention, law enforcement, and rehabilitation.

Ability to: Learn and understand laws of arrest, search and seizure, and rules of evidence; respond quickly and exercise sound judgment under conditions of danger, confusion, and personal affront; physically restrain persons using proper and safe methods; use physical force to effect an arrest of resisting subjects; handle firearms safely and fire them accurately; maintain cooperative and responsible attitude toward co-workers and general public; use a personal computer; and speak and write effectively, using good grammar.

Any combination of work experience and education which clearly demonstrates the ability to perform the work of the class.

WORK ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work is performed in a variety of settings, including a patrol car and both indoor and outdoor commercial and residential settings. The majority of time is spent in a vehicle patrolling the Clark County area. Often work settings require exposure to varying and extreme weather conditions. When responding to emergencies risks of physical hazard will exist from various sources including violent people, a variety of weapons, noise, chemicals, bodily secretions, sharp objects, traffic, drugs and drug paraphernalia and crime scenes in general. Incumbents are expected to manage face-to-face interactions and confrontations with angry, hostile, depressed and/or other wise emotionally distraught members of the public. As a result of such threat, the work requires quick, independent action and alertness in emergency and possibly life threatening situations.

Essential tasks of this positions include: operating motor vehicles; using car radios or cellular phones while patrolling; responding to emergency and routine calls; conducting investigations and/or interrogations; sustaining pursuits on a variety of terrain [on foot (running) and by vehicle (driving)], subduing, restraining and apprehending individuals suspected of criminal activity; making forcible arrests; carrying/dragging unconscious individuals; eye sight uncorrected not worse than 20/100, correctable to not worse than 20/30 OR correctable with soft contacts to 20/20-20/40; strong eye-hand coordination; handling firearms safely and firing them with consistency and accuracy; confiscating and documenting property and evidence; using personal computers to write police reports and document on going investigations; climbing stairs, walls and along ledges, hillsides or embankments; moving heavy objects via pushing, pulling, etc; crawling through small spaces; kneeling or crouching in small, confined areas and sitting for extended periods of time during surveillance; lifting materials, equipment and persons exceeding 100lbs.; and disruption of sleep patterns as a result of rotation and/or irregular shift work.

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