

DEPUTY SHERIFF II

Performs a wide variety of law enforcement related functions within Clark County. Deputies perform general police duties including: patrolling roadways; answering criminal complaints; investigating crimes; serving civil papers, restraining orders, arrest warrants (to include making forcible arrests when necessary), etc.; transporting prisoners; controlling civil disturbances; and a variety of other emergency and routine activities.

Incumbents have principal responsibility for immediate response to complaints in which the presence of a uniformed Deputy Sheriff is desirable; "first-calls" include responsibility for initial or on-site investigation of criminal complaints. Positions may include specialist assignments such as Detective, SWAT, Canine, etc.

CLASSIFICATION DISTINCTIONS

This is the journey or fully working level for experienced Clark County Deputies and the hiring level for experienced outside law enforcement personnel. Incumbents are generally expected to use considerable judgment and independently perform the full range of field and office law enforcement functions. Incumbents work under general supervision from shift Sergeants within the policy, authority and procedures of the Sheriff's Office General Orders. Incumbents may be assigned as Field Training Officers to more junior Deputy I's.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

- Respond to radio calls for emergency assistance or law enforcement, including crimes of violence, unruly crowds, auto accidents, child neglect, theft and fraud, 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 investigation.
- Interviews 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 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 officer.

- Performs other work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or a GED certification
- At least two (2) years of recent, related law enforcement experience with a United States' state, municipal or county agency
- Current certification as a law enforcement officer through a United States, state certified law enforcement academy
- 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
- Certification through the Washington State Equivalency Academy prior to the completion of the twelve month probationary period
- 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: Understand and apply 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; 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 threats, 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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