

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF A POLICE OFFICER

1. Walk, sometimes for a long period of time, in extreme weather conditions, in physically hazardous locations.
2. Run, sometimes sprinting at a high rate of speed for a short distance, in extreme weather conditions, in physically hazardous locations.
3. Ascend or descend stairs.
4. Climb over, pull up over, and jump over obstacles.
5. Jump down from elevated surfaces or areas.
6. Climb or crawl through openings.
7. Crawl under obstructions or in confined areas.
8. Balance on uneven or narrow surfaces.
9. Use body force to gain entrance or break through barriers.
10. Push objects, vehicles or persons.
11. Pull objects or persons.
12. Lift and carry objects or person
13. Drag objects or persons.
14. Sit or stand for extended periods of time.
15. Employ defensive tactics, using balance, leverage, concentration of power and opponent's power.
16. Swim.
17. Operate a motor vehicle during the day or at night, in emergency situations, at high rates of speed, on the open road or in congested traffic, in unsafe conditions caused by factors such as fog, rain, ice or snow.
18. Detain individuals.
19. Top suspicious individuals and vehicles.
20. Pursue fleeing suspects in a vehicle or on foot.
21. Disarm persons.
22. Restrain or subdue resisting suspects.
23. Effectuate a full physical custody arrest, forcibly if necessary, using handcuffs and other restraints.
24. Conduct visual and audio surveillance.
25. Perform law enforcement patrol functions, on foot or in a vehicle.
26. Issue summonses.
27. Direct traffic, sometimes for long periods of time, using hand signals, flares, barricades, etc.
28. Observe, record, recall, and report incidents and information.
29. Operate radar equipment.
30. Administer field sobriety tests.
31. Operate a fire extinguisher.
32. Fingerprint, photograph, and videotape individuals, objects, and scenes.

33. Transport citizens, prisoners, and committed mental patients, using handcuffs and other restraints.
34. Work rotating shifts and adapt to irregular working conditions.
35. Maintain mental alertness and readiness to act, even during periods of calm and inactivity.
36. Identify, collect, label, and preserve evidence.
37. Secure the scene of a crime, emergency, or disaster.
38. Stand guard at the scene of a crime, emergency, or disaster to prevent damage, loss or injury.
39. Control crowds.
40. Secure and evacuate persons from particular areas, using either verbal commands or the appropriate use of physical force.
41. Perform rescue and support functions at the scenes of accidents, emergencies, and disasters.
42. Administer emergency first aid.
43. Physically check buildings, including doors and windows, to insure they are secure.
44. Remediate hazardous conditions by direct action or notification of appropriate authority or agency.
45. Perform searches of people, vehicles, buildings and large outdoor areas, which may involve seeing, feeling, and detecting objects and walking for long periods of time.
46. Search for missing, wanted, or lost persons and evidence.
47. Load, unload, aim and fire handgun and shotgun in a day and night conditions from a variety of body positions at the proficiency level required by qualification standards.
48. Process arrested persons, which includes examining documents, communicating verbally and eliciting and recording information.
49. Understand and follow orders, policies, and procedures.
50. Accept direction and function cooperatively as one member of a unit.
51. Communicate effectively, verbally and in writing, detailing incidents and activities of those involved.
52. Prepare written investigative and other reports, including sketches, using appropriate grammar, symbols and mathematical computations.
53. Read and comprehend legal and non-legal documents, including the preparation and processing documents such as summonses, affidavits, and warrants.
54. Communicate effectively and coherently over telephone, walkie-talkie, or radio, initiating or responding to verbal communications.
55. Communicate effectively in court and in other formal settings.
56. Communicate effectively with people, including juveniles, by giving information and direction, by eliciting information and by advising of rights, processes and procedures.
57. Communicate effectively with individuals in an agitated or distraught condition.

58. Integrate individual activities and goals with the efforts of other members of the law enforcement community for the promotion of common goals and objectives.
59. Mediate disputes and confrontations with hostile and potentially violent individuals.
60. Gather information by observation of behavior, visual inspection, and oral communication, determine what information is significant, assess a situation based on that information; and exercise independent judgement to make decisions concerning choice of action equipment.
61. Perform a variety of tasks involving different and sometimes contrasting skills in a rapid succession during a short period of time.
62. Exercise independent judgement in determining when there is reasonable suspicion to detain, when probable cause exist to search and/or arrest, and when force may be used and to what degree.
63. Endure verbal, mental, and physical abuse, including threats, taunts, and insults to self, family, and fellow officers.
64. Withstand exposure to and deal appropriately with stress involved in dealing with hostile views, opinions, and behavior in antagonistic settings; with crime victims, accident victims and their families; with incidents of suicide and domestic violence.