

POLICE OFFICER

GENERAL DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS OF WORK:

Performs responsible protective service work involving a variety of general or support duty police assignments; does related work as required. Much of the work is performed under emergency conditions and frequently involves considerable personal hazard. Work is performed under the regular supervision of a Police Sergeant or Police Lieutenant. Designated as Essential Personnel.

This is medium work requiring the exertion of 50 pounds of force occasionally, up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects, and some heavy work requiring the exertion of 100 pounds of force occasionally, up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word, and conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels, and to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or to make fine distinctions in sound; visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, night vision, peripheral vision, preparing and analyzing written or computer data, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, hazards, and atmospheric conditions. The worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/TYPICAL TASKS:

Enforcing laws; patrolling city; investigating crimes; controlling traffic; collecting evidence; preparing reports; serving warrants and summons.

On an assigned shift, operates a patrol vehicle, bicycle or walks to observe for violations of traffic laws, suspicious activities or persons, and disturbances of law and order;

Responds to radio dispatches and answers calls and complaints; issues traffic citations; serves warrants and summonses;

Controls individual and group actions through verbal direction and/or the employment of necessary physical force;

Makes arrests and testifies in court;

Provides police escorts, directs traffic; performs residential and commercial checks;

Investigates traffic accidents;

Interviews victims and witnesses to obtain additional necessary information regarding crime, accident, violation, etc.; helps investigate crimes; helps collect evidence; conducts searches;

Fills out arrest records; prepares reports and records;

Participates in a variety of in-service and special training programs;

Responds to and investigates domestic disputes; assists other agencies when requested or assigned;

Transports and cares for prisoners as assigned;

May be assigned to community service, investigation, crime prevention, selective enforcement, POP, DARE or other technical or special support operations;

Serves as field training officer as required;

Performs related tasks as required.

REQUIREMENTS/EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

Graduation from high school and completion of police academy; possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia; must meet and maintain minimum training and experience qualifications for the position as established by the city and the Commonwealth of Virginia.