

POLICE OFFICER**NATURE OF WORK**

This is general duty police work. Work involves responsibility for the protection of life and property, prevention of crime, general enforcement of laws and ordinances as well as providing traditional and non-traditional service to the community. Work involves an element of danger and employees must be able to act without direct supervision and to exercise independent discretion. Work is performed in accordance with Department rules and regulations, the constitution of the United States of America and the State of Connecticut. Work is reviewed through reports, personal inspection and discussion.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

- Patrols assigned beat via radio equipped patrol vehicle or on foot.
- Observes and handles physical hazards taking appropriate action.
- Uses communications equipment to include two-way radio and telephone.
- Makes written and/or verbal reports in accordance with department directives and law on forms provided for such purpose.
- Enforces traffic laws and maintains traffic flow.
- Handles calls for emergency service.
- Handles calls for service criminal or non-criminal in nature.
- Observes and handles as required problems of an emergency, criminal or non-criminal nature coming to his/her attention.
- Investigates traffic accidents.
- Makes arrests in accordance with law and department procedure.
- Collects evidence, makes service in criminal and civil proceedings, testifies as a witness in court or other official proceedings.
- Conducts follow-up investigations using support services as required.
- Handles problems concerning juveniles.
- Identifies and solves community problems. Officer must be able to gain a thorough knowledge of the community he/she serves and be able to effectively deal with that community at large.
- Performs related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS OF WORK

Graduation from high school or possess a GED; and possess the following abilities and skills:

- Ability to solve problems.
- Ability to instruct others, to help others learn how to do or understand something.
- Ability to use dangerous equipment or material or work in dangerous surroundings.
- Ability to spend a major portion of time out of doors without regard to weather conditions, possess physical stamina, be able to lift, walk long distances, and stand or sit for long periods of time.
- Ability to work with detail using technical terms.
- Ability to read and understand written material.
- Ability to write clearly, in detail, using technical terms.
- Ability to respect the rights of others and to cope with situations firmly, courteously and tactfully.
- Ability to carry out oral and written instructions.
- Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with fellow employees and the general public.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Graduation for this classification must be able to meet and maintain throughout the course of employment established physical, medical and psychological requirements.

Possess and maintain a valid Connecticut driver's license.

Minimum age requirement is 21 years of age.

Satisfactory completion of the Basic Police Officer's Training program as established by the Police Officer Standards & Training Council and maintain certification during course of employment.

Candidate must be willing to enter into a partnership with the Department to undertake a course of study in an approved field at an institute of higher learning, leading to an Associate's Degree within five (5) years after completing his or her probationary period.

Must reside in New Haven, or within 20 miles of a town that borders New Haven, within six months after graduating from the Academy.