

Meriden Police Department

Police Officer-Patrol

Position Objectives:

Under general supervision, responsible for the enforcement of laws and ordinances; maintains order and protects life and property; prevents and investigates crimes and makes arrests.

Reporting Relationships:

Reports to: Sergeants and Lieutenants

Supervises: None

Job Location and Equipment List:

Majority of work is performed outdoors in all types of weather conditions. Office work, such as preparing reports, processing arrests, etc., is performed at police headquarters or in a police vehicle. Position involves extensive driving of a marked police vehicle. Position includes use of phones, computers, firearms, less-lethal weapons, restraints, protective vests and equipment, batons, chemical munitions, laser equipment, and other law enforcement related tools.

Essential Functions:

Patrol an area on foot or in a vehicle in order to prevent and detect violations of laws and ordinances; protects life and property; address quality of life issues as they relate to the community and helps safeguard against hazards to public safety; enforce traffic and parking laws; answer radio dispatched complaints and incidents involving domestic disputes, fires, thefts, drunkenness, mental health, disputes, traffic collisions, juvenile complaints, and a variety of misdemeanors and felonies violations; participates in process of arrested person(s); search for and collects evidence; prepare police reports, arrest and search warrants and a variety of other related paperwork; seeks and develops sources of information and ascertains information necessary for the arrest of persons alleged to have committed an offense; investigates missing person reports; issues traffic citations for violations; attends training assignments; assists other emergency service and city agencies. The position requires to work some days in excess of eight hours, work holidays, weekends, and different shifts such as overnight.

Essential Abilities:

Must possess the ability to read and interpret documents, laws, & procedure in the English language; must possess the ability to write clear and accurate reports and correspondence; must possess the ability to communicate and convey directions and commands to persons and to speak effectively before groups of citizens and individuals; reasonable accommodations may be made to individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions; Must possess the ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardizations exists; ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in oral, written, diagram, or schedule format; must possess the ability to receive and maintain certification as a police officer through the Connecticut Police Officers Standards and Training Academy; must possess and maintain a valid Connecticut operator's license.

Essential Physical Abilities:

While performing the duties of this profession, the employee is regularly required to talk and hear; the employee is frequently required to stand, walk, sit, use hands and fingers, handle, feel, and move objects. The employee must use tools or controls; reach out with arms and hands; the employee is occasionally required to climb or balance and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The position requires specific agility such as being able to run, lift, pull, carry an object or person, and defend self and others physically. The employee must have the ability to learn the use and care of firearms, and periodically demonstrate proficiency of use. Must possess keen observation skills and have the ability to remember names, faces, and details of incidents.

Desirable Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

Employee must be 21 years of age and a U.S. citizen at the time of appointment. A minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Associates or Bachelor's degree preferred, is along with supplemental course study in law enforcement.