

Groton Long Point Police Department

Police Officer (nature of work/requisite skills)

GENERAL NATURE OF WORK: The law enforcement officer is required to demonstrate work application both independently as well as interdependently in fulfillment of the agency's mission. General work includes, but is not limited to, enforcement of local ordinances and state statutes, preserving the peace and providing community services to the citizens of Groton Long Point. Work involves responsibility for performing patrol duties, traffic control and motor vehicle law enforcement, investigation of criminal incidents, and ancillary administrative and support services. Duties include shift work, outdoor work and exposure to dangerous situations. Employees in this class are expected to be able to perform the more difficult assignments of basic law enforcement with a minimum of supervision (criminal code, criminal procedure, scene management and processing). Work requires considerable knowledge, skill and ability in basic law enforcement principles and practices, including departmental rules and regulations, local ordinances and state legislation. Work is performed under the supervision of the Chief of Police who reviews work for compliance with said mandates.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: Patrols the jurisdiction in a cruiser/ on foot/ bicycle/ ATV; checks patrol area for and investigates suspicious persons or circumstances; enforces criminal and traffic laws. Drives cruisers in emergencies; backs up other officers; searches buildings; apprehends impaired drivers; directs traffic; assists motorists with disabled vehicles; stops motor vehicle law violators and issues warnings and tickets; provides medical assistance; makes criminal arrests/conducts searches; controls unruly prisoners and resisting suspects; books and processes prisoners; investigates crimes such as thefts and assaults; investigates traffic accidents; conducts follow-up investigations, processes crime scenes; writes reports and memos on cases, complaints, investigations; makes referrals to outside agencies; participates in training and department developmental programs; performs all related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Knowledge of English language, grammar and spelling; ability to comprehend and carry out verbal and written instructions; solid knowledge in patrol enforcement techniques, self-defense and the use of police equipment and weapons; ability to perform effectively in stressful situations; ability to interact effectively and courteously with persons of widely varied ethnic, religious, social, cultural and economic backgrounds; ability to maintain good physical condition. The employee must possess and maintain all requisite certifications of the CT. POST academy for the position of police officer.