

# SHIPPENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## ESSENTIAL DUTIES OF A POLICE OFFICER

1. Running for several hundred yards;
2. Climbing over obstacles;
3. Crawling;
4. Pushing motor vehicles;
5. Pulling or carrying accident, fire, or crime victims;
6. Using physical force to apprehend and subdue arrestees;
7. Withstanding prolonged exposure, as long as eight hours, to extreme weather conditions;
8. Withstanding prolonged periods of standing and sitting;
9. Withstanding frequent exposure to street-producing situations such as encountering a person injured or killed by accident, crimes or suicide;
10. Dealing with domestic disputes;
11. Dealing with verbal and physical abuse of the officer, including taunts, insults, and threats to the police officer, family members or fellow police officers;
12. Communicating effectively with individuals suffering from trauma
13. Operating a motor vehicle for long periods of time;
14. Using a firearm effectively;
15. Complete our written/computerized reports in a clear and concise manner.

