

## **DEPUTY SHERIFF**

### **JOB PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

Performs a wide variety of assigned law enforcement related functions and general police duties within Clark County. Deputies perform general police duties including: patrolling roadways; answering criminal complaints; investigating crimes; serving civil papers, restraining orders, arrest warrants (including making forcible arrests when necessary), etc.; transporting prisoners; controlling civil disturbances; and a variety of other emergency and routine activities.

Incumbents have principal responsibility for immediate response to complaints in which the presence of a uniformed Deputy Sheriff is desirable; "first-calls" include responsibility for initial or on-site investigation of criminal complaints. Positions may include specialist assignments such as Detective, SWAT, Canine, etc.

### **CLASSIFICATION DISTINCTIONS**

Incumbents begin work by attending the state law enforcement academy for five months. Following Academy graduation, Deputies are supervised by Field Training Officers and/or Patrol Sergeants. Deputies must exercise independent judgment in emergency situations within the policy, authority and procedures of the Sheriff's Office General Orders along with state and federal law.

Journey or fully working level deputies are experienced and the hiring level for experienced outside law enforcement personnel is considered a lateral hire. Incumbents are generally expected to use considerable judgment and independently perform the full range of administrative and field law enforcement functions. Incumbents work under general supervision from shift Sergeants within the policy, authority and procedures of the Sheriff's Office General Orders.

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

- Respond to radio and or dispatched calls and computer aided dispatch for emergency assistance and law enforcement needs that result from crimes of violence, unruly crowds, auto accidents, child neglect, thefts and frauds, vandalism, and a variety of other misdemeanors and felonies. Takes necessary steps to restore the peace, and renders first aid and other emergency assistance; conducts investigations.
- Interview witnesses, victim and suspects to crimes or auto accidents; arrests suspects; composes and submits written reports.

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- Serves warrants, makes arrests, and transports prisoners. Administers tests for intoxication and drug usage. Testifies in court as arresting officer. Serves civil processes and confiscates property by court order.
- Patrols assigned area in patrol vehicle; cites traffic violators. Makes security checks of businesses and industrial districts. Maintain surveillance of public gathering places. Investigates and renders assistance at auto accidents.
- Subdues or restrains persons committing or believed to be about to commit acts of violence according to the urgency of the need in the judgment of the senior officer present.
- Performs other work as required.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- High school diploma or a GED certification
- United States' Citizenship at the time of appointment
- Ability to read and write the English language (required by RCW 41.14.00)
- Valid driver's license at time of appointment
- Have no prior felony or domestic violence convictions and/or recent or excessive drug usage history
- Have the ability to perform the essential mental, verbal, visual and physical demands and functions of the position

### **Lateral Deputy Qualifications**

- At least two (2) years of recent, related law enforcement experience with a United States, state, municipal or county agency.
- Current certification as a law enforcement officer through a United States, state certified law enforcement academy, recognized by Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.
- Certification through the Washington State Equivalency Academy prior to the completion of the twelve month probationary period

**Knowledge of:** Geographic area of employment, including major roads and traffic routes; basic aims and principles of crime prevention, law enforcement, and rehabilitation.

**Ability to:** Learn and understand laws of arrest, search and seizure, and rules of evidence; respond quickly and exercise sound judgment under conditions of danger, confusion, and personal affront; physically restrain persons using proper and safe methods; use physical force to effect an arrest of resisting subjects; handle firearms safely and fire them accurately; maintain cooperative and responsible attitude toward co-workers and general public; use of various forms of technology to include computers; and speak and write effectively, using good grammar.

Any combination of work experience and education which clearly demonstrates the ability to perform the work of the class.

### **WORK ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The work is performed in a variety of settings, including a patrol vehicle and both indoor and outdoor commercial and residential settings. The majority of time is spent in a vehicle patrolling the Clark County area. Often work settings require exposure to varying and extreme weather conditions. When responding to emergencies risks of physical hazard will exist from various sources including violent people, a variety of weapons, noise, chemicals, bodily secretions, sharp objects, traffic, drugs and drug paraphernalia and crime scenes in general. Incumbents are expected to manage face-to-face interactions and confrontations with angry, hostile, depressed and/or otherwise emotionally distraught members of the public. As a result of such threat, the work requires quick, independent action and alertness in emergency and possibly life threatening situations.

Essential tasks of this positions include: operating motor vehicles; using digital police radios or other technology while patrolling; responding to emergency and routine calls; conducting investigations and/or interrogations; sustaining pursuits on a variety of terrain [on foot (running) and by vehicle (driving)], subduing, restraining and apprehending individuals suspected of criminal activity; making forcible arrests; carrying/dragging unconscious individuals; audiometric standards of no less of more than 25 decibels at the 500, 1000, 2000 or 3000 (HZ) levels in either ear, eye sight uncorrected not worse than 20/100, correctable to not worse than 20/30 OR correctable with soft contacts to 20/20-20/40; strong eye-hand coordination; handling firearms safely and firing them with consistency and accuracy; effective use of assigned law enforcement equipment which may include flashlights, asp, tazer, handcuffs, OC spray, etc.; confiscating and documenting property and evidence; using computer technology to write police reports and document ongoing investigations; climbing stairs, walls and along ledges, hillsides or embankments; moving heavy objects via pushing, pulling, etc.; crawling through small spaces; kneeling or crouching in small, confined areas and sitting for extended periods of time during surveillance; lifting materials, equipment and persons exceeding 100 lbs.; and disruption of sleep patterns as a result of rotation and/or irregular shift work.

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