



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. Office work, such as preparing reports, processing arrests, etc., is performed at police headquarters. 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:

Patrols an area on foot or in a vehicle in order to prevent and detect violations of laws and ordinances; protects life and property; addresses quality of life issues as they relate to the community and helps safeguard against hazards to public safety; enforces traffic and parking laws; answers radio dispatched complaints and incidents involving domestic disputes, fires, thefts, drunkenness, altercations, traffic collisions, and a variety of misdemeanors and felonies; participates in booking arrested persons; searches for and collects evidence; prepares 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.

Essential Abilities

Must possess the ability to read and interpret documents, laws and procedure; 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. . 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 Bachelors degree preferred, along with supplemental course study in law enforcement.