PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DEPUTY
Job Code: 40030

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS

Under general supervision of a Sergeant, or designee, performs general law enforcement work of average difficulty and responsibility in the preservation and protection of life and property, the prevention of crime, the maintenance of good public order, the enforcement of civil and criminal law, and other related duties as required by direction or assignment. All assignments involve responsibility for recognizing the social importance of the law enforcement function, and for conscientious and effective performance of duties without immediate supervision. Incumbent exercises judgment and individual initiative in the performance of routine duties and in emergency situations. Duties are generally performed on an assigned shift, but the deputy may be called upon to continue assigned duties or special work assignments on other shifts and/or at such times as directed to best fill the efficient and effective operations of the Sheriff's Office. Duties may be required to be performed in uniformed or plain clothes. Work is reviewed through personal observation, inspections and by discussion and review of daily reports for adherence to prescribed methods and procedures.

This position requires that the member be at least 21 years of age and certified by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission in compliance with Chapter 943 F.S.S as well as meet the minimum vision requirement of 20/30 corrected visual acuity.

The duties and responsibilities in this position include the pursuit, apprehension and arrest of law violators or suspected law violators.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Patrols assigned areas of the County to preserve public order and tranquility, and to prevent and/or discover the commission of crimes against person or property.

Makes arrests and testifies in the prosecution of law violators; conducts preliminary and/or detailed investigations of the commission of crime or law violations.

Protects the crime scene, gathers and preserves matters of evidence, takes and records testimony; directs and coordinates activities on-site until relieved by a superior officer; assists detectives in specialized investigations.

Transports prisoners to jail, and prepares offense and case reports and investigative information for evidence for court.

Serves warrants, capias, court orders and other legal processes; locates and arrests persons wanted on warrants or court orders.

Enforces the traffic laws and arrests or issues summons to traffic law violators; reports unsafe road conditions; directs the flow of traffic when required; investigates traffic accidents.

Participates in work involving juveniles, making preliminary and/or detailed investigation and follow-up, referring such cases as needed to Juvenile Court.

Assists in the training of Personnel.

Participates in Sheriff's Office recruitment and community relations activities as directed.

QUALIFICATIONS

A. Training and Experience

High school diploma or GED and certification of completion of basic police officer training as required by the State of Florida. Meet requirements and standards of the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission as authorized by F.S.S. 943.13.

B. Essential Requirements of the Position

Knowledge of the application of modern law enforcement principles and practices.

Knowledge of the importance of law enforcement work, the geography of the County, its unincorporated areas and the general roadway system of the County.

Knowledge of applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

Knowledge of first aid practices.

Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.

Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations.

Ability to cope with stressful situations and perform calmly under stressful conditions.

Ability to work closely with others as a team.

Ability to prepare and present clear, accurate, concise and objective written and oral reports.

Ability to enforce the law with firmness, tact and impartiality and to deal courteously with the public.

Ability to recognize and understand the emotional and physical reactions of both victims and perpetrators of crimes.

Ability to maintain a level of physical conditioning to be able to physically subdue, restrain, and apprehend law violators.

Ability to meet requirements of periodic in-service training in all high liability areas (firearms, defensive tactics, A.S.P., tactical driving).

Ability to render physical assistance to victims.

Ability to adhere, at all times, to the standards and principles of honesty and integrity, and to keep your private life unsullied as an example to all.

Ability to comply with the Drug Free Workplace Act.

Skill in calmly and systematically eliciting critical information from individuals whom may be injured and/or highly emotional.

Skill in the proper and safe utilization of law enforcement issued equipment, radio communications equipment and mobile dispatch terminal.

Skill in firearms to be able to operate authorized revolver or semi-automatic handguns designated by the agency from a standing, crouch, kneeling, or prone position with either hand with accuracy. Essentials for this requirement shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following: grip, stance, sighting under various lighting conditions, trigger control, body positioning, drawing techniques and loading/unloading.

Skill in the operation of motor vehicles in a safe and efficient manner in a law enforcement environment. Essentials for this requirement shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Ability to sit in a standard car seat
- Ability to use right foot for operation of gas pedal
- Ability to use right foot for operation of brake pedal
- Ability to use column gearshift
- Ability to obtain and maintain a valid Florida driver's license (minimum Class E)
- Ability to utilize standard vehicle emergency equipment; ability to use mirrors for safe vehicle operation
- Ability to properly identify colors utilized in descriptions

Ability to perform all functions of the job classification without posing a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals in the work place.

This list of functions, duties, responsibilities and skills is not intended to be all-inclusive and the employer reserves the right to assign additional functions and responsibilities as deemed necessary.