

## POLICE OFFICER

### Nature of Position

Responsibility in an assigned area, during a specified tour of duty, for the enforcement of laws, codes, ordinances and the protection of lives and property. Work is performed in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department and may be assigned based upon shifts and other factors which relate to the needs of the Department and experience and/or ability of the officer.

### Examples of Work Performed (Illustrative Only)

- Participates in police training and duties.
- Assists in emergency medical care to the degree warranted by training and the immediate need of the situation.
- Patrols assigned areas and takes action on observation or report of violations of the law.
- Prepares detailed reports and testifies or presents evidence in court when necessary.
- Performs traffic related stops and arrests in accordance with State **of Florida** Law.
- Performs routine security checks of homes, neighborhoods, businesses and/or locations of specific or special concerns.
- Investigates real or potential safety hazards for possible corrective action and notifies appropriate authorities.
- Renders aid and/or assistance to injured persons, stranded persons or lost motorist, indigent persons, physically or mentally handicapped persons and others where aid and/or assistance is needed or required.

### Desired Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Possess or have the ability to acquire knowledge of State of Florida criminal statutes relative to arrests, search and seizure; evidence and court procedures.
- Possess or have the ability to acquire knowledge of local codes, ordinances and requirements.
- Knowledge of accepted police practices of patrol, accident investigation, traffic control and administrative procedures relative to law enforcement.

- Proficiency in fire arms and relates weapons.
- Advanced first aid skills.
- Ability to speak and write effectively and to prepare comprehensive reports.
- ***Ability to Understand the concept of community policing and perform in accordance to those principles.***

#### Education, Experience and Qualifications

- Must be United States citizen, 19 years of age or older.
- Graduation from an accredited high school or possession of a State of Florida G.E.D. certificated or equivalent is required.
- Must be free from any felony conviction or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
- Must pass a polygraph examination, physiological, physical and drug screen.
- Must possess a valid Florida Driver's License.
- Certification or the ability to obtain certification as a law enforcement officer in the State of Florida is required.