



Wauchula Police Department

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City of Wauchula Position Vacancy Posting Full-Time Law Enforcement Officer

The Wauchula Police Department is committed to a hiring process that ensures the selection of the most highly qualified Florida certified law enforcement candidates. The department also encourages officers to develop new skills, broaden their professional knowledge, and take on greater responsibilities. This procedure will be regularly evaluated to ensure it remains job-related and free from discrimination.

The City of Wauchula complies with EEO, ADA, FMLA, and other applicable employment laws in its hiring and employment practices.

The City of Wauchula Police Department is accepting applications for the following position:

Job Title:	<u>Police Officer</u>	Department:	<u>Wauchula Police Department</u>
Job Code:	<u>7720</u>	Division:	<u>Patrol</u>
FLSA Status:	<u>Non-Exempt</u>	Posted Date:	<u>01/07/2026</u>
Pay Grade:	<u>13</u>	Closing Date:	<u>Open Until Filled</u>
Reports To:	<u>Patrol Supervisor</u>		

POSITION SUMMARY

JOB DESCRIPTION - POLICE OFFICER

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

General duty police work in the protection of life and property through the enforcement of laws and ordinances.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Effect an arrest, forcibly if necessary, using handcuffs and other restraints; subdue resisting suspects using maneuvers and weapons and resort to the use of hands and feet and other approved weapons in self-defense.
2. Prepare investigative and other reports, including sketches, using appropriate grammar, symbols, and mathematical computations.
3. Exercise independent judgment in determining when there is reasonable suspicion to detain, when probable cause exists to search and arrest and when force may be used and to what degree.
4. Operate a law enforcement vehicle during both the day and night; in emergency situations involving speeds more than posted limits, in congested traffic and in unsafe road conditions caused by factors such as fog, smoke and rain.
5. Communicate effectively and coherently over law enforcement radio channels while initiating and responding to radio communications.





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6. Gather information in criminal investigations by interviewing and obtaining the statements of victims, witnesses, suspects, and confidential informers.
7. Pursue fleeing suspects and perform rescue operations which may involve quickly entering and exiting law enforcement patrol vehicles; lifting, carrying, and dragging heavy objects; climbing over and pulling up oneself over obstacles; jumping down from elevated surfaces; climbing through openings; jumping over obstacles, ditches, and streams; crawling in confined areas; balancing on uneven or narrow surfaces and using body force to gain entrance through barriers.
8. Load, unload, aim and fire from a variety of body positions – handguns, shotguns and other agency firearms under conditions of stress that justify the use of deadly force and at levels of proficiency prescribed in certification standards.
9. Perform searches of people, vehicles, buildings and large outdoor areas which may involve feeling and detecting objects, walking for long periods of time, detaining people and stopping suspicious vehicles and persons.
10. Conduct visual and audio surveillance for extended periods of time.
11. Engage in law enforcement patrol functions that include such things as working rotating shifts, walking on foot patrol and physically checking the doors and windows of buildings to ensure they are secure.
12. Effectively communicate with people, including juveniles, by giving information and directions, mediating disputes and advising of rights and processes.
13. Demonstrate communication skills in court and other formal settings.
14. Detect, and collect evidence and substances that provide the basis of criminal offenses and infractions and that indicate the presence of dangerous conditions.
15. Endure verbal and mental abuse when confronted with the hostile views and opinions of suspects and other people encountered in an antagonistic environment.
16. Perform rescue functions at accidents, emergencies, and disasters to include directing traffic for long periods of time, administering emergency medical aid, lifting, dragging, and carrying people away from dangerous situations and securing and evacuating people from particular areas.
17. Process and transport prisoners using handcuffs and other appropriate restraints.
18. Put on and operate a gas mask in situations where chemical munitions are being deployed.
19. Extinguish small fires by using a fire extinguisher and other appropriate means.
20. Read and comprehend legal and non-legal documents, including the preparation and processing of such documents as citations, affidavits, and warrants.
21. Process arrested suspects to include taking their photographs and obtaining a legible set of inked fingerprint impressions.
22. When designated, train care for and use a K-9 dog in patrol and other assignments.
23. Patrols the area of the city by car, on foot, motorcycle, or bicycle.
24. Process Crime Scenes for evidence alone, with assistance, or under the direction of a supervisor.
25. Process traffic crashes to determine and establish violators.

Minimum Qualifications

1. At least 19 years of age.
2. U.S. Citizen.
3. High school graduate or successful completion of an equivalency program (GED).
4. Completion of FL CJSTC approved Basic Law Enforcement Academy.





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Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

1. Ability to analyze situations quickly and objectively and determine proper course of actions.
2. Ability to cope with situations firmly, courteously, tactfully and with respect for the rights of others.
3. Ability to learn the geography of the city and its physical and social characteristics.
4. Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
5. Ability to read, write and speak English effectively.
6. Ability to meet physical requirements and standards.

Licenses, Certifications or Registrations

1. Florida Law Enforcement Certification.
2. Possession of a valid Florida Driver License.

Essential Physical Skills

1. Endure sustained acts of physical exhaustion and extended periods of duty under unfavorable and life-threatening situations.
2. Light (up to 15 pounds) to heavy (45 pounds and over) lifting and carrying
3. Meets all physical requirements needed to complete certification requirements.
4. Acceptable eyesight (with or without correction).
5. Acceptable hearing (with or without hearing aid).
6. Ability to communicate orally and in writing.
7. Reaching, pulling, pushing.
8. Depth perception, distinguish colors.
9. Walking, climbing, standing, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, jumping, running, driving, smelling.

Environmental Conditions

1. Works inside.
2. Works outside in various weather conditions with noise, fumes, gases, smoke or flames, odors, slippery and uneven surfaces, heights, poor lighting.
3. In or with moving objects or vehicles.
4. In hazardous and stressful conditions.

The Chief of Police retains the right of final approval for candidates selected by a board or committee. The Chief also retains the right to select the best eligible candidate should no one meet the above requirements.

Internal Candidates interested in this opening are encouraged to submit a memorandum outlining their desire to transition from part-time to this full-time patrol officer position before 12:00 p.m. on 02/10/2025. Submit a memorandum and resume via the chain of command to the Chief of Police for consideration.

