

Definition: Under general supervision, performs work of moderate difficulty in the protection of life and property through the enforcement of laws and ordinances and performs related work as required.

Examples of Duties:

- Patrols a designated area of the County in a patrol car; prevents and discovers the commission of crime; apprehends criminals and offenders; enforces vehicle and traffic laws and makes police presence known in a manner that contributes toward deterrence of law violations.
- Answers calls and radio complaints involving fires, automobile accidents, misdemeanors, felonies and a wide variety of domestic-related disturbances, including assistance with mentally or physically ill persons, neglected children and marital disturbances; prepares varied related case, complaint and shift reports.
- Conducts accident investigations and preliminary investigation at the scenes of crimes; administers first aid to persons; gathers evidence; locates and questions witnesses; makes arrests as necessitated by circumstances; seeks and obtains arrest warrants and search warrants and testifies as a witness in court.
- Establishes traffic control and police protection at fires and other incidents which may attract crowds; performs police duties at parades, processions, demonstrations and sporting events; checks and reports on deficient street lights, signs, road surfaces or other facilities which service the public.
- Upon completion of appropriate training and education, performs specialized duties as required in the different divisions of the Department.
- Perform other duties as requested or required by the Department.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of modern police practices and methods;
- Good knowledge of applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances, particularly the laws of arrest and evidence;
- Some knowledge of the geography of the County;
- Working knowledge of the principles and techniques of interrogation;
- Good knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Police Department;
- Good knowledge of first aid principles;
- Skill in the use and care of firearms and in operating police vehicles;
- Ability to wear and effectively utilize all Department issued items of uniforms and equipment as specified in the Department's General Order, Uniforms and Appearance, regardless of assignment;
- Ability to work regular and irregular shift work and shift rotations necessary to provide police services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year (weekends and holidays included). Work shifts are normally eight (8) or ten (10) hours in duration but may be extended in the event of an emergency, disaster, manpower shortage, workload or work-in-progress.