

EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY

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POLICE OFFICER I

Starting Salary \$580 - \$753 per week, plus excellent benefits

A Police Officer I performs law enforcement and public safety duties by patrolling business and residential areas on foot and by vehicle to provide protection of life and property, to enforce laws and ordinances, and to assist citizens in emergency/hazardous situations. Police work involves a great deal of public contact and employees are exposed to various hazards and are subject to OSHA standards on bloodborne pathogens.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/TYPICAL TASKS

- Performs searches of people, vehicles, buildings and large outdoor areas, detaining people and stopping suspicious vehicles and persons;
- Effects an arrest, forcibly if necessary, using handcuffs and other restraints; Prepares investigative and other reports, including sketches, using appropriate grammar, symbols and mathematical computations;
- Operates a law enforcement vehicle during both day and night, in emergency situations involving speeds in excess of posted limits, in congested traffic and in unsafe road conditions caused by factors such as fog, smoke, rain, ice and snow;
- Exercises 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;
- Communicates effectively and coherently over law enforcement radio channels while initiating and responding to radio communications;
- Gathers information in criminal investigations by interviewing and obtaining the statements of victims, witnesses, suspects and confidential informers.
- Pursues fleeing suspects and performs 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;
- Loads, unloads, aims and fires 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;
- Conducts visual and audio surveillance for extended period of time;
- Performs rescue functions at accidents, emergencies and disasters to include directing traffic for long periods of time, administering emergency medical aid,

- lifting or dragging and carrying people away from dangerous situations and securing and evacuating people from particular areas;
- Process arrested suspects to include taking their photographs and obtaining a legible set of inked fingerprint impressions;
- Endure verbal and mental abuse when confronted with the hostile views and opinions of suspects and other people encountered in an antagonistic environment.

QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 20 years of age;
- Successful completion of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course (602 hours);
- Excellent physical and mental condition and able to pass examinations by a physician and psychologist;
- Excellent personal and employment history;
- Valid NC driver's license and good driving record;
- Course work at the college level in criminal justice, psychology, sociology, and related subjects preferred.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Must be able to physically perform the basic life operational functions of standing, walking, hearing, kneeling, reaching, feeling, grasping, pushing, pulling, bending, climbing, crawling, fingering and performing medium work, exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, 20 pounds frequently, and 10 pounds constantly. Must possess the visual acuity to operate a police vehicle and distinguish details and differences when observing people, places or things, jumping, running, crawling,

CLOSING DATE

Applications will be accepted at the Employment Security Commission, 103 W. Center Street Ext. until the vacancy is filled.

This position is non-exempt and eligible for overtime pay.

The City of Lexington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or non-disqualifying disability in employment or the provision of services.

Applicants offered employment will be asked to participate in a drug and alcohol screening.