

City of West Carrollton, Ohio

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Position Title: Patrol Officer

Department: Police

Employment Status: Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt



GENERAL NATURE OF WORK: This is specialized work in protecting life and property through the enforcement of laws and ordinances for the City of West Carrollton and the State of Ohio in the City of West Carrollton's Police Department. An employee in this class is responsible for maintaining law and order and performing related assignments such as traffic control, criminal investigations, and crime prevention. Duties are performed under the limited direction of the Sergeant.

EQUIPMENT & JOB LOCATION: This position requires general knowledge of police and office equipment, including personal and laptop computers, national and regional crime information computers, video and photography equipment, firearms, communication equipment, media equipment, police vehicles, and general office equipment. Work sites include police headquarters, city buildings and property, and other areas inside and outside the City of West Carrollton.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS – EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Any one position may not include all of the listed duties, and the examples listed do not include all duties that may be found in all positions in this class.

- Patrols the city or assigned area on foot or by operating a vehicle or bicycle, prevents or discovers commission of crimes, searches for suspicious activity or situations, apprehends criminals and enforces motor vehicle operation and parking regulations.
- Assists citizens with problems, including but not limited to lost children, injured or sick persons, animal bites, civil and domestic disputes, locked doors, traffic complaints, and abandoned vehicles.
- Performs daily vehicle and equipment inspections.
- Refers individuals to appropriate social service agencies when necessary.
- Conducts traffic stops of vehicles when violations are observed, verifies driver's license and vehicle registration data, advises driver of safe driving practices, and issues citations or makes arrests as warranted.
- Investigates auto crashes, extracts victims, provides emergency aid, gathers evidence, records observations and statements of witnesses and victims, requests assistance from other officers or agencies as needed, directs the removal of the vehicles involved, and ensures the area is clear.
- Processes crime scenes.
- Prepares and reviews all necessary reports and records; performs other administrative duties as required.
- Prepares criminal, traffic, and civil cases and testifies in court when necessary.
- Interviews complainants, witnesses, suspects, and prisoners to obtain crime information.

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- Secures found, confiscated, and evidentiary property, safeguarding the property to either return to the owner or present as evidence in a court of law.
- Pursues, apprehends, searches, and arrests subjects using appropriate force; advises suspects of their rights; transports subjects to the appropriate areas and books criminals into jail.
- Attends daily roll-call meetings.
- Responds to mutual-aid requests from surrounding jurisdictions.
- Enforces all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, and ordinances.
- May act as Officer-in-Charge when no immediate supervisor is on duty.

ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

- Participates in special events when necessary.
- Develop community policing objectives and problem-solving practices within the community.
- Attends police organization or community meetings as directed.
- Performs civic functions by providing public education and crime prevention information through various programs, including the Police Explorers group; provides other public safety information or activities as needed.
- Responds to complaints from citizens.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with city officials, fellow employees, other city employees, and the general public.
- Ability to perform both routine and specialized patrol tasks with skill and competence.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations.
- Ability to physically protect themselves and others.
- Ability to coordinate activities with various outside agencies, including other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Thorough knowledge of modern law enforcement practices and methods; thorough knowledge of police administration methods and practices and of local police department rules and regulations.
- Thorough knowledge of state and local laws and ordinances, particularly those pertaining to arrest and evidence.
- Thorough knowledge of the occupational hazards and corresponding safety precautions necessary for safely performing assigned duties.
- Considerable knowledge of the techniques necessary to conduct criminal investigations, including evidence collection, obtaining witnesses, making arrests, and performing follow-up investigations.
- Thorough knowledge of city geography and population patterns.
- Ability to understand and execute complex oral and written directions and to prepare clear and comprehensive reports.

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- Ability to maintain records, prepare reports, and perform other necessary clerical and/or administrative duties.
- Skill in the use and care of firearms.
- Skill in dealing firmly, tactfully, and courteously with the general public.
- Ability to interpret actions or spoken words to produce a response.
- Ability to understand reactions or people.
- Ability to conduct research pertaining to state and local laws, statutes, and ordinances.
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Ability to report events, incidents, and situations correctly and concisely, and in chronological order.
- Ability to adjust verbal tone to various situations or people.
- Ability to improvise solutions to situations that do not have standard operating procedures.
- Ability to accurately remember important details or concepts.
- Ability to recognize or identify the existence of a problem; recognize the elements of a problem or situation or criminal activity.
- Ability to visualize objects and persons; utilize sensory perceptions such as hearing, smelling, and feeling.
- Ability to distinguish colors of fleeing suspects' clothing, car, etc.
- Skill in effective time management and carrying out multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Ability to perform a task in the presence of distracting, stimulating, or monotonous conditions.
- Ability to adhere to protocol under stressful conditions.
- Ability to physically restrain people.
- Ability to handle confidential information.
- Ability to work under the limited direction of the Sergeant.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

- Graduation from a standard high school or the equivalent and successful completion of the Ohio Peace Officers' Training Program or any combination of training and experience that provides the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- Must be at least 21 years of age.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Satisfactory completion of all state-required training.
- Must be in good physical condition, i.e., the ability to pass all required physical exams and drug testing as required by the State of Ohio and/or the City of West Carrollton.
- Ability to work other than normal working hours.

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This position description in no manner states or implies that these are the only duties and responsibilities to be performed by the position incumbent. My signature below signifies that I have reviewed and understand the contents of my position description. I agree that I am able to perform the essential functions of the position satisfactorily and, if requested, reasonable accommodations will be made by the City to enable employees with disabilities to perform the essential functions of their job, absent undue hardship to the City.

(Signature of Candidate)

(Date)

(Witness Signature)

(Date)

(Approval of Appointing Authority)

(Date)