

POLICE LIEUTENANT

DEFINITION

This employee is responsible for the protection of life and property of the citizens of the city. The employee is under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police. The employee is expected to perform his or her duties according to state laws, city ordinances and the policies and procedures of the police department. Instructions to the employee are somewhat general but many aspects of the work follow standardized guidelines. However, the employee is frequently required to use independent judgement in order to complete tasks.

EQUIPMENT/JOB LOCATION

The employee will operate a variety of equipment including firearms, radio and communications equipment, police vehicles, radar, drug test kit, computer, and fingerprinting and emergency equipment.

The demands of this position can be stressful both mentally and physically. The employee may be required to run, jump, bend, climb, crawl, squat, lift and carry heavy objects. The employee will work both indoors and outdoors with the possibility of being exposed to adverse weather conditions and hazardous or extremely dangerous situations.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE JOB

Patrols, by foot or motor vehicle, the streets of the city, places of business, and residential districts enforcing city ordinances and state laws.

Investigates crimes against persons and property, visits the crime scene; interviews victims; interrogates suspects and witnesses; seeks and preserves evidence; investigates and follows up clues.

Keeps detailed records of investigations made and prepares reports of work progress.

Investigates accidents involving persons or property, reports probable cause of accidents, and pursues appropriate course of action.

Answers dispatched calls.

ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Makes specialized types of investigations; investigates homicides, assaults, auto thefts, burglaries, missing persons, larcenies, bad checks, lottery and vice operations, and identifies locations of fugitives; inspects pawnshops, secondhand stores, and junk shops.

Cooperates with county, state, and federal officers in the apprehension and detention of wanted persons and investigations of crimes.

Testifies in court and legal proceedings.

May provide animal control services.

May provide emergency first aid.

Provides specialized instruction and makes presentations to school classrooms, community groups, and others.

Performs other duties as assigned.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of the principles and practices of modern police organization and operations.

Knowledge of the practices, methods and equipment used in crime investigations, interrogation, and the identification and preservation of physical evidence.

The use of police records and their application to police administration, investigations, and solution of police problems.

The geographic area of the City.

City ordinances, state and federal laws.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other city officials, county, state and federal authorities, civic leaders and the public. Public contact is frequent.

Prepare and effectively present oral and written information relating to investigations.

React quickly and calmly in emergency situations and to determine the proper course of action.

Explain and interpret pertinent provisions of laws, ordinances and regulations.

QUALIFICATIONS

Must possess a valid Tennessee driver's license.

Any combination of training and experience equivalent to:

Graduation from a accredited high school.

Completion of basic police training courses and experience in police work, some of which must have been in a responsible investigative or detective capacity.

Must meet the Minimum Standards POST Law (TCA 38-112-106).