

Police Officer - Patrol

Rockport Police Department - Rockport, Texas
Starting Hourly \$26.30 (Lateral Opportunities)



Join Our Team – Serve & Protect as a Police Officer!

Why Rockport?

Rockport is a thriving coastal city that values strong community relationships and proactive law enforcement. Our police department is committed to professionalism, integrity, and public service. We provide our officers with the training, tools, and support they need to succeed and grow in their careers. Employee benefits include medical/dental/vision paid for by the city with employee-paid dependent coverage option, TMRS Retirement 7% contribution with 2:1 match by the city, tuition reimbursement, certificate and degree pay, take-home vehicle program and all uniforms and equipment provided.

What You'll Do:

- Patrol & Respond: Monitor residential and commercial areas, respond to calls for service, and deter criminal activity.
- Traffic & Safety Enforcement: Enforce traffic laws, investigate accidents, and ensure road safety for all citizens.
- Investigation & Report: Conduct preliminary investigations, gather evidence, interview witnesses, and prepare reports.
- Community Engagement: Build relationships with residents, businesses, and community organizations to foster trust and collaboration.
- Emergency Response: Respond swiftly to critical incidents, provide backup to fellow officers, and assist other emergency services.
- Judicial & Administrative Duties: Testify in court, prepare warrants, serve subpoenas, and assist with municipal court operations when needed.
- Crime Prevention & Public Safety: Participate in crime reduction initiatives, security checks, and public safety programs.

Minimum Qualifications:

- You must be 21 years of age or older at the time of employment.
- High school diploma or equivalent (specialized law enforcement training preferred).
- TCOLE Basic Peace Officer Certification required.
- Successful completion of a certified police academy.
- Valid Texas driver's license (or ability to obtain).
- Must meet all licensing requirements set forth by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).
- Military applicants must have an honorable discharge (if applicable).
- Strong moral character and clean background required.

What We're Looking For:

- Integrity & Professionalism: Committed to upholding the highest standards of law enforcement ethics and conduct.
- Strong Decision-Making: Ability to think quickly, assess situations, and make sound judgments under pressure.
- Excellent Communication Skills: Able to interact effectively with the public, colleagues, and other agencies.
- Physical & Mental Readiness: Capable of handling high-stress situations, strenuous activity, and emergency responses.
- Community-Oriented Mindset: Dedicated to building trust and serving with empathy and fairness.

Call (361) 790-1105 or visit www.rockportpolice.com for additional information. Visit bit.ly/47njMPH for full job description and to apply.



Police Officer
Patrol Division
\$26.30/Hr Starting Pay

PD/8
Grade: 17
Non-Exempt

JOB SUMMARY

This position is responsible for the enforcement of federal, state, and local laws and the protection of life and property.

MAJOR DUTIES

Patrols the city to detect and deter criminal activity and traffic violations and to provide assistance as needed; monitors commercial and residential areas for signs of criminal activity.

Enforces traffic and parking laws through the issuance of citations and warnings; inspects roadways, bridges, traffic signals and signs to identify and report hazardous conditions.

Performs business and residential security checks; checks doors, windows, garages, and fences; reports unsecured property.

Responds to calls relayed by communications officers, including domestic disputes, assaults, burglaries, traffic accidents, lost or missing persons searches, public service requests, stranded motorists, and others.

Conduct preliminary investigations into traffic accidents and other incidents, including interviewing victims, complainants, and witnesses, gathering information and evidence, and securing crime scenes.

Apprehends, arrests, and processes offenders, including fugitives, subpoenas witnesses.

Maintains traffic control through observation and use of speed detection devices; tests and detains drivers suspected of DUI; issues traffic citations; participates in the department's selective enforcement details.

Provides traffic direction as needed for parades, funerals, and sporting events.

Provides assistance and backup support to other officers and emergency service providers as necessary.

Testifies in judicial proceedings, as necessary.

Complete all required reports and forms, including accident and incident reports.

Inspects and maintains assigned patrol car, uniform, and equipment.

Prepares criminal and search warrants, complaints, and affidavits; serves criminal and court-related paperwork.

At times may perform duties as municipal court bailiff including court security, witness coordination, warrant and subpoena service, and other related duties at the direction of the municipal court judge.

At times, may perform administrative duties including completing departmental reports, analyzing crime information, enforcing municipal ordinances, etc.

Performs related duties.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

Knowledge of relevant federal and state laws, criminal and traffic codes, search and seizure laws, town ordinances, and department policies and procedures.

Knowledge of traffic accident investigation techniques and procedures.

Knowledge of the geography and streets of the city.

Knowledge of the court system and judicial procedures.

Skill in the use of a computer.

Skill in operating police vehicles, firearms, and emergency equipment.

Skill in operating radios and communications equipment.

Skill in operating radar equipment.

Skill in restraining persons without causing physical harm.

Skill in oral and written communication.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

The Police Lieutenant or Sergeant assigns work in terms of very general instructions. Work is reviewed for compliance with instructions and established procedures and the nature and propriety of the final results.

GUIDELINES

Guidelines include state and federal laws, traffic laws, city ordinances, court rulings, constitutional guidelines, training manuals, and department policies and procedures. These guidelines require judgment, selection, and interpretation in application.

COMPLEXITY / SCOPE OF WORK

The work consists of varied law enforcement duties. The varied nature of calls and the potential for emergencies contribute to the complexity of the work. The purpose of this position is to protect life and property and enforce federal, state, and local laws. Successful performance contributes to the detection and deterrence of crime and to the protection of life and property.

CONTACTS

Contacts are typically with co-workers, other city employees, other emergency service providers, court system personnel, attorneys, judges, medical personnel, law enforcement officers from other agencies, and the general public. Contacts are typically to give or exchange information, provide services, interview persons, and resolve problems.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS / WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work is typically performed while sitting at a desk or table or while intermittently sitting, standing or stooping. The employee frequently lifts light and occasionally heavy objects, climbs ladders, uses tools or equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity, distinguishes between shades of color, and often utilizes the sense of smell.

Strenuous physical exertion may sometimes be required.

The work is typically performed in an office and outdoors, occasionally in inclement weather. The employee may be exposed to dust, dirt, grease, machinery with moving parts, and contagious or infectious diseases. The work requires the use of specialized law enforcement equipment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge and level of competency are commonly associated with completion of specialized training in the field of work, in addition to basic skills typically associated with a high school education.

Successful completion of a certified police academy required. Prior experience and/or training of one to two years preferred but not required.

Possession of or ability to readily obtain a valid driver's license issued by the State of Texas for the type of vehicle or equipment operated.

Ability to meet current requirements set forth by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Possession of a TCOLE Basic Peace Officer Certification.

Minimum of 21 years of age on date of employment.

Good character and reputation; and meets all TCOLE requirements for licensing regardless of license status.

If applicable, discharge from military service must be under honorable conditions.
