

# TEXAS PEACE OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION (GENERIC)

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs public safety work as a first responder. Work involves the enforcement of criminal and general laws of the State of Texas and the enforcement of rules and regulations of the appointing agency regarding traffic, safety, and security of persons and property.

## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of law enforcement methods, traffic and criminal laws and regulations, agency policies and procedures, safety rules and regulations, evidence collection and handling, and court systems and procedures.

Ability to use and care for weapons, firearms, and equipment.

Ability to operate law enforcement vehicles.

Ability to use appropriate physical and defensive tactics.

Ability to administer first aid.

Ability to communicate effectively and to provide guidance to others.

Ability to make appropriate decisions under stress.

Ability to deal with situations of extreme stress and danger.

Ability to decide the appropriate use of force and use of deadly force.

Ability to carry out duties with integrity and honesty.

## EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Patrols and detects violations of state laws and local regulations, makes violator contacts, and places violators in custody or issues citations or warnings.

Patrols in municipal or rural areas with appropriate action to reduce crime, traffic violations, and crashes.

Conducts personnel, traffic, and criminal investigations; prepares complaints and cases for presentation in court; preserves and presents physical evidence; testifies in court; and reports disposition of cases.

Serves search and criminal arrest warrants.

Arrests, processes, and transports offenders.

Performs disaster rescue operations, responds to critical incidents and major investigations, cares for the injured, controls crowds, and directs traffic.

Removes debris from roadways; assists stranded motorists; and arranges for transportation, repair, or towing services.

Uses effective methods and resources to apprehend criminals, rescue victims, seize illegal contraband, detect and prevent terrorist attacks, and disrupt criminal organizations.

Administers first aid in emergency situations, and contacts friends or relatives of deceased or injured individuals as needed.

Answers inquiries pertaining to legal, policy, or procedural information.

Plans and participates in safety programs.

Trains consistently with issued weapons and equipment and maintains all equipment in proper condition.

Maintains proficiency in use-of-force tactics and uses appropriate force to avoid injury to the officer or suspect.

Required to work irregular hours and long shifts as necessary.

May interact with individuals with mental and emotional illnesses.

May be exposed to traumatic situations and graphic material.