

Blanco County Sheriff's Office

Patrol Deputy Job Posting

The Blanco County Sheriff's Office, a community-oriented team of rural law enforcement professionals, is seeking qualified applicants to fill a Patrol Deputy opening.

Job Summary

The deputy sheriff is responsible for the enforcement of federal and state laws within the County of Blanco. He/she is empowered to protect the lives and property of all citizens. While performing the duties of deputy sheriff, he/she is required to respond to citizens' calls for assistance, observe and apprehend criminal offenders and traffic violators prevent criminal activities and maintain the social order.

STARTING PAY: \$19.00/hour; \$41,500/year, base pay on 84 hour two week pay period
Additional pay for Intermediate, Advanced and Master Peace Officer Certificate .

Qualifications

- At least 21 years of age.
- Must have a high school diploma or an equivalent G.E.D. certification.
- Valid Texas driver license.
- Valid Social Security card.
- Must pass a thorough background investigation, to include criminal history, personal credit record, and past work ethic.
- Must have working knowledge of computer operating systems (knowledge of Windows, Microsoft Word and Excel).
- Must possess at least a basic TCOLE certification. Higher certification is preferred.
- A minimum of one years' experience as a patrol deputy or officer is mandatory.

Essential Job Functions

Enforcement

- Issue citations.
- Search suspects and prisoners.
- Arrest offenders (adult / juvenile).
- Transport (adult / juvenile) suspects and prisoners.
- Book (adult / juvenile) prisoners.
- File criminal charges (adult / juvenile).
- Serve warrants.

Patrol

- Directed and random patrol.
- Respond safely to calls for service.
- Perform building / residential checks.
- Conduct field interviews.
- Obtain knowledge of Blanco County and the surrounding area.
- Traffic control.
- Assist motorists.
- Assist other agencies with calls for service.
- Assist Fire/E.M.S. on calls for service.
- Respond and clear alarm calls.
- Maintain positive public relations.
- Dispute resolution.
- Answer 911 emergency calls.
- Conduct preliminary and follow up investigations.
- Animal control calls.

Administrative:

- Complete offense reports.
- Arrest reports and release documentation.
- Accident reports.
- Complete mandated T.C.O.L.E. training.
- Comply with sheriff's office policies and procedures.
- Other administrative assignments that further the law enforcement mission.
- Court testimony.

Use of Equipment:

- Operate and maintain control of a patrol vehicle at all speeds.
- Use and maintain proficiency with service weapon(s).
- Use and maintain proficiency with less lethal weapons.
- Communicate and comprehend police radio transmissions.
- Operate the in car video camera system.
- Operate the body worn video cameras.
- Use alternative restraining devices.
- Operate computers and Window based programs.
- Operate standard office equipment
- Audible and visual emergency equipment.

Working Conditions:

Mental demands:

- Read and communicate effectively (verbal and written).

- Maintain emotional control under stress and have the ability to make sound decisions, quickly.
- Should not be fearful of heights or be claustrophobic.
- Handle situations calmly when people are injured, deceased, or blood is present.
- Mentally prepared to employ deadly force.
- Adaptable to irregular shifts and days off including holidays.

Physical requirements:

- **Use of force:**
Use necessary physical force while restraining and/or arresting a suspect.
- **Sitting:**
Drive a patrol vehicle for long periods of time and/or work at a desk for extended periods.
- **Walking / Running:**
Frequently on concrete, tall grass, mud, water and on rough uneven ground including rocks with debris and obstacles.
- **Lifting / Carrying:**
Frequently light objects such as firearms and other types of property. Occasionally weights that exceed 50 pounds, to recover an item like a television, or to remove an injured person from a dangerous position at an accident scene.
- **Fine Dexterity:**
To write reports, handle firearms, use radar equipment, operate computers, spotlights and dust for fingerprints.
- **Vision:**
Correctable vision with acceptable night vision, depth perception, the ability to obtain physical descriptions identify basic colors and the ability to recognize weapons from a distance. Able to read a document or view a computer screen with out the assistance of non-conventional visual aids.
- **Hearing / Talking:**
To communicate with supervisors, officers, suspects, witnesses, attorneys, and the general public of all races, ethnic groups and genders under normal circumstances without mechanical aids.
- **Foot Controls:**
To drive a patrol vehicle.
- **Standing:**
To speak with suspects, question witnesses, issue traffic summons, and stand for long periods of time at a crime scene or while directing traffic.
- **Pushing / Pulling:**
To remove victims / suspects from an accident scene, open heavy jail doors or move heavy debris from a roadway.
- **Reaching:**
To open and crawl through a window of a house, business or a vehicle at an accident scene.
- **Climbing / Balancing:**
To access rooftops, climb stairs, ladders, jump and climb fences.

The nature of law enforcement work is such that all types of body positions are assumed to varying degrees, depending on the shift assignment, nature of calls for service and the criminal element on the streets. An officer may be required during a routine shift to perform many of the above or similar physical requirements at a moment's notice.

- Correctable vision with acceptable night vision and depth perception. The ability to read documents and work on a computer monitor for extended periods of time without the use of non-conventional visual aids.
- **Hearing / Talking:**
To communicate with supervisors, officers, suspects, witnesses, attorneys, and the general public of all races, ethnic groups and genders under normal circumstances without the use of mechanical aids.
- **Standing:**
The ability to stand for long periods.
- **Pushing / Pulling:**
To remove heavy objects and/or open heavy jail doors.

- **Reaching:**
Ability to reach from side to side along a workstation, rapidly, while managing separate computer systems.

Due to the nature of this position, an employee may be subject to all types of body positions to varying degrees while performing the duties of the said position.