

HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE'S OFFICE

Job Title: Deputy Constable	FLSA Status:	Non-Exempt
Dept. Code: 291-295	Civil Service Status:	Non-Exempt

SUMMARY:

Protects county residents and property, enforces laws and serves legal documents, as appropriate. Depending on the assigned precinct, duties include primarily law enforcement and patrol or execution of civil and criminal processes.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serve warrants and make arrests;
- Patrols an assigned area, generally by vehicle to prevent crimes and enforces laws and regulations;
- Issues traffic citations, directs traffic and assists other law enforcement agencies in working accidents;
- Investigates traffic accidents and crimes against persons and property, and assists federal, state and local law enforcement officials;
- Keeps record of activities and prepare reports concerning crimes, complaints, accidents and investigations;
- Questions witnesses and suspects and take statements;
- Gathers and labels evidence, takes photographs and fingerprints, guard and transports prisoners, and testifies in court;
- Transports and books prisoners;
- Serve as substitute dispatcher or bailiff as required;
- Train new deputies and reserves in performance of various job duties;
- Respond to emergency calls and routine complaints and takes action as necessary;
- May assist emergency vehicles on escorts and on traffic control;
- Regular attendance is a must;
- Ability to work well with others;

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential duties and responsibilities.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:

- High school diploma or GED.
- One (1) year of law enforcement experience.
- Experience as a dispatcher or peace officer is preferred.

- Must have good computer skills.
- Bilingual is preferred.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS:

- Must possess basic certification by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education;
- May be required to be certified as a Jailer or Radar Operator;
- Employee must have a current valid Texas Motor Vehicle Operator's license.
- Must be able to be insured by the County's insurance carrier.
- Clean driving record.
- May be required to post a bond or security.

OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions, departmental policy, rules, regulations and laws;
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other law enforcement officials, agencies and the general public;
- Ability to analyze situations and adopt a quick, effective and reasonable course of action;
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.
- May be required to type accurately at a speed of at least forty (40) words per minute.
- Employee may be assigned other duties in addition to those listed; duties may change according to the changing needs of County.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to talk or hear. The employee is required to stand. The employee is required to walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over fifty (50) pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

While performing the function of this job, the employee frequently works in outside weather conditions. The employee occasionally works with explosives when searching buildings during bomb threats or discharging a firearm. Employee is occasionally exposed to fumes or airborne particles and toxic or caustic chemicals when performing

the duties of a peace officer while at a hazardous spill scene or fire. The employee may possibly be exposed to AIDS or hepatitis from an infected suspect.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate to loud.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- Sitting for extended periods of time.
- Operating assigned equipment.

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

- Making sound decisions and using good judgment.
- Maintaining confidentiality.
- Demonstrating intellectual capabilities.

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- Working closely with others.
- Working in a multi-task environment.

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- Making observations.
- Reading and writing.
- Operating assigned equipment.
- Communicating with others.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM:

Required to follow all department's safety regulations.