

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY IV

GRADE: 18

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs senior-level legal work; Work involves prosecuting and defending all manner of civil and criminal matters in various levels of trials and appellate courts and administrative forums. Work under the supervision of higher level attorneys in an effort to build the knowledge, skills, and expertise necessary for this position. Investigates and litigates various cases filed with the District Attorney's office.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Will make decisions and/or counsels with clients, victims, or police concerning the commencement of proceedings in court or related forums

May also provide written or oral legal advice to individual or governmental clients, and draft legal instruments or other written materials carrying legal implication

Appears in court and/or related forums to select juries, present and cross-examine evidence, make legal arguments, and act as an oral advocate

Drafts and files pleadings, answering motions, briefs and responses necessary to conduct litigation and/or proceedings in related forums

Investigate facts giving rise to legal issues, and bring about solutions to their clients legal problems in a variety of forums

Counsels and advises clients within bounds of confidentiality, when applicable, regarding legal issues in all phases of litigation

Identifies, locates, and prepares witnesses to present testimony effectively in court or related forums

Identifies and prepares non-testimonial forms of evidence for use in court and related forums

Conducts and/or supervises investigations and/or civil and criminal discovery proceedings

Drafts legal instruments and various documents with legal implications

Negotiates with others to settle litigation or other contested matters or to assist in solving problems with legal implications

Develops knowledge and expertise in applicable area of law to keep pace with constant developments and to impart this knowledge and skills to others in various settings

Performs related work as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Three to four (3-4) years of experience as a licensed attorney. Juris Doctorate (JD) degree required. Licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. Two (2) years of experience may be substituted for one (1) year of education.

Certificates, Licenses & Registration

Applicant must have a current valid Texas operator's driver's license
Must be able to be insured by the County's insurance carrier

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Ability to work efficiently and effectively in high-pressure situations

Ability to communicate effectively

Able to handle all stressful situations with an even temperament and work effectively with others in achievement of tasks

Must possess advanced professional level of analytical ability and be very well versed in the art of being diplomatic and tactful in addition to the use of good judgment and common sense

Must possess necessary writing skills at a seasoned level to communicate information and directions to attorneys, detectives, police agencies and citizens

Must be computer literate

Knowledge of all applicable laws and procedures

Must have good working knowledge and understanding of penal statutes and code of criminal procedures as well as case holdings and departmental policies

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 regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close 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.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

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:

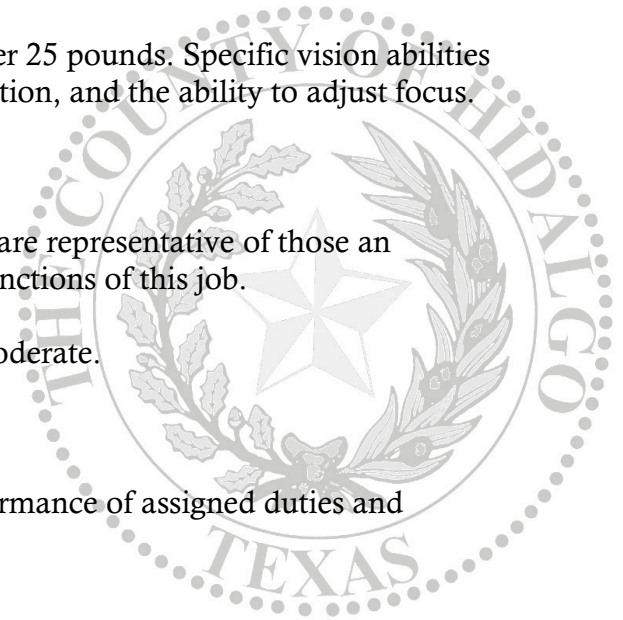
- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

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
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR I

GRADE: 12

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs entry level criminal investigation work; Investigate assigned criminal activities. Perform supplementary investigation to assist prosecutors in case preparations. Make arrests and file criminal cases.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Investigates all types of criminal activities and assists prosecutors in case preparation

Assists local, state, federal and out-of-state police offices in making arrests and filing criminal cases

Prepares and executes search and arrest warrants and serves subpoenas

Interviews inmates and other people to secure intelligence data and information; takes statements and confessions

Obtains evidence from police agencies and pen packet from various prison systems

Evaluates video taped interviews of children who are victims of physical/sexual abuse

Testifies in criminal trials

Performs all other related duties as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

One (1) year of experience in related field functioning as a law enforcement officer. Associate's degree in Law Enforcement preferred.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Excellent verbal and written communication skills are necessary

Skill is required in preparing written products and oral presentations

Ability to think logically and objectively

Ability to analyze and evaluate facts, evidence and related information

Registration, Certification, or Licensure

Texas Peace Officer certification from the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE)

Mandatory firearms qualification and physical training

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 regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close 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.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

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
- standing for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

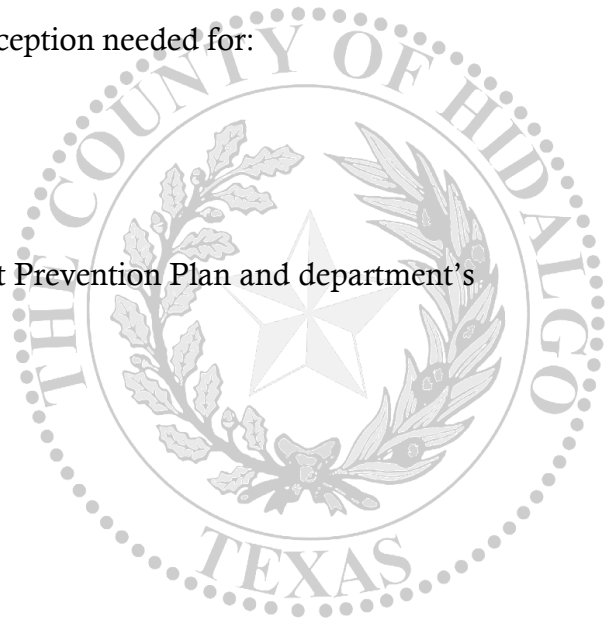
- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

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CLERK I

GRADE: 01

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs (entry-level) clerical work in areas such as bookkeeping, inventory control, statistics, employment, human resources, purchasing, or accounting; Work involves compiling and tabulating data, checking documents for accuracy, transporting documents, and maintaining files; Works under close supervision with minimal latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Produces and proofs correspondence, reports, purchase orders, summaries, manuals, vouchers, records, and other related forms

Reviews completed forms for signatures and proper entries

Provides information to the public by mail or telephone

Receives shipments and supplies, inspects for damage, and checks for correct quantity and quality

Assembles, organizes, and tabulates data; may perform data entry and retrieval

Files and maintains forms, records, and reports

Opens and distributes incoming mail and prepares mail-outs

Delivers documents, supplies, or other items; takes deposits to the bank; and runs errands as appropriate

May maintain office schedules and appointments

May perform back-up receptionist or telephone switchboard duties

May assist in conducting physical inventory

May receive and count cash

May make arrangements for repairs and services

May assemble and pack shipments, contact transportation companies to arrange for shipping, and assist in loading trucks

Performs related work as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Six (6) months of experience with clerical operations; Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of office procedures and of spelling, grammar, punctuation, and arithmetic

Skill in using personal computers and office equipment

Ability to prepare and maintain records, files, and reports

Registration, Certification, or Licensure

May require a valid driver's license

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

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

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close 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.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

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:

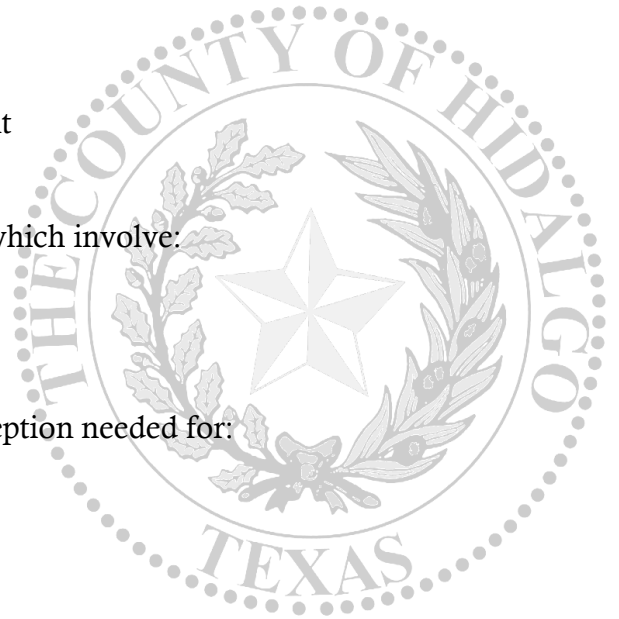
- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

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:

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- communication with others
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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR II

GRADE: 14

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs mid-level criminal investigation work; Investigate assigned criminal activities. Perform supplementary investigation to assist prosecutors in case preparations. Make arrests and file criminal cases.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Investigates all types of criminal activities and assists prosecutors in case preparation

Assists local, state, federal and out-of-state police offices in making arrests and filing criminal cases

Prepares and executes search and arrest warrants and serves subpoenas

Prepares reports and correspondence

Interviews inmates and other people to secure intelligence data and information; takes statements and confessions

Locates and interview persons, take statements and depositions, evaluate evidence, examine records, collect data and report facts

Obtains evidence from police agencies and pen packet from various prison systems

Evaluates video taped interviews of children who are victims of physical/sexual abuse

Testifies in criminal trials

Performs all other related duties as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Three (3) years of experience in related field functioning as a law enforcement officer. Associate's degree in Law Enforcement preferred.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Excellent verbal and written communication skills are necessary

Skill is required in preparing written products and oral presentations

Ability to think logically and objectively

Ability to analyze and evaluate facts, evidence and related information

Laws of arrest, search and seizure, service of legal process, and the legal rights of citizens

Registration, Certification, or Licensure

Texas Peace Officer certification from the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE)

Mandatory firearms qualification and physical training

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 regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close 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.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

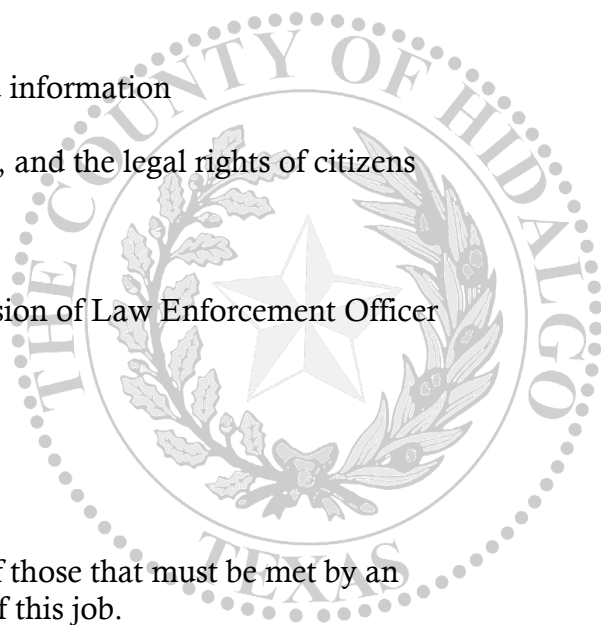
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

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

- sitting for extended periods of time
- standing for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

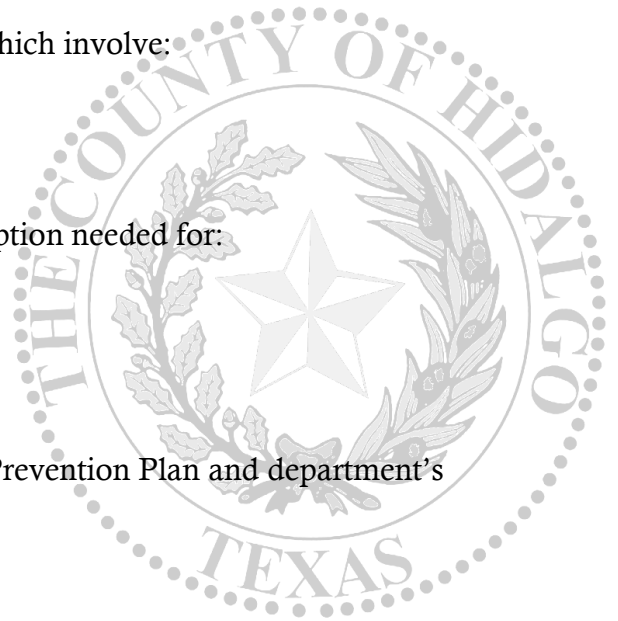


Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- 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
- communication with others
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III

GRADE: 08

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Employee performs complex administrative support or technical program assistance work. Work involves disseminating information, maintaining filing systems, and performing internal administrative support work. Employee may supervise the work of others and may train others. Employee works under general supervision with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Prepares, interprets, and disseminates information concerning agency programs and procedures

Prepares, edits, and distributes correspondence, reports, studies, forms, and documents

Participates in the planning and execution of an agency program

Develops, coordinates, and maintains record keeping and filing systems

Responds to inquiries regarding rules, regulations, policies, and procedures

Coordinates meetings, conferences, and seminars

Assists in the development of administrative or technical assistance policies and procedures

May coordinate work between organizational units of the agency

May assist in compiling and analyzing data, making calculations, and preparing reports

May assist in the preparation of presentations for administrative hearings

May research, compose, design, or edit agency publications such as brochures, forms, and manuals

May develop training materials

May train others

May supervise the work of others

Performs related work as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Two to three (2-3) years of experience in administrative support work. Graduation from a junior college with an Associate's degree in administrative support preferred. Two (2) years of experience maybe substituted for one (1) year of education.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of office practices and administrative procedures

Skill in standard office equipment and software

Ability to implement administrative procedures and to evaluate their effectiveness; to interpret rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; to communicate effectively, to train others; and to supervise the work of others

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

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

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close 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.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

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:

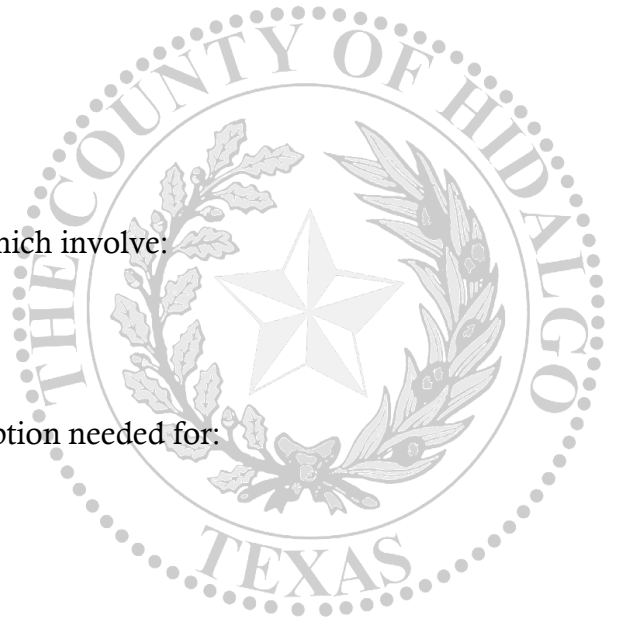
- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

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
- communication with others
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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR III

GRADE: 16

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs (senior-level) criminal investigation work. Investigate assigned criminal activities. Performs supplementary investigation to assist prosecutors in case preparations. Makes arrests and file cases.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

May train other entry and mid-level investigators to perform all related duties of investigations

Investigates all types of criminal activities and assists prosecutors in case preparation

Assists local, state, federal and out-of-state police offices in making arrests and filing criminal cases

Prepares and executes search and arrest warrants and serves subpoenas

Prepares reports and correspondence

Interviews inmates and other people to secure intelligence data and information; takes statements and confessions

Locates and interview persons, take statements and depositions, evaluate evidence, examine records, collect data and report facts

Obtains evidence from police agencies and pen packet from various prison systems

Evaluates evidence of criminal cases involving various types of victims including children

Testifies in criminal trials

Performs all other related duties as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Five (5) years of law enforcement experience. Associate's degree in Law Enforcement, criminal justice, or related field. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in criminal justice or related field is generally preferred. Must have basic certification as a peace officer from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLOSE). Two (2) years of experience may be substituted for one (1) year of education.

Certificates, Licenses & Registration

Possession of an Advanced Certificate of Law Enforcement

Applicant must have a current valid Texas operator's driver's license. Investigators use their own private vehicle and not a county car.

Must be able to be insured by the County's insurance carrier

Mandatory firearms qualification and physical training

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Must be able to use a computer with programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint

Proper use and properly care for firearms

Ability to read, analyze and interpret the complex documents

Ability to think logically and objectively

Must have criminal law and criminal procedure experience with particular reference to the apprehension, arrest and custody of persons committing misdemeanors and felonies including rules of evidence pertaining to the seizures and preservation of evidence

Must have Interview and interrogation techniques and methods

Understanding of pertinent federal, state and local laws, regulations and codes

Knowledge in principles and practices of legal document preparation including citations and arrest warrants

Ability to analyze and evaluate facts, evidence and related information

Knowledge of laws of arrest, search and seizure, service of legal process, and the legal right of citizens

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 regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds, occasionally up to 100lbs. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close 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.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

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
- standing for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

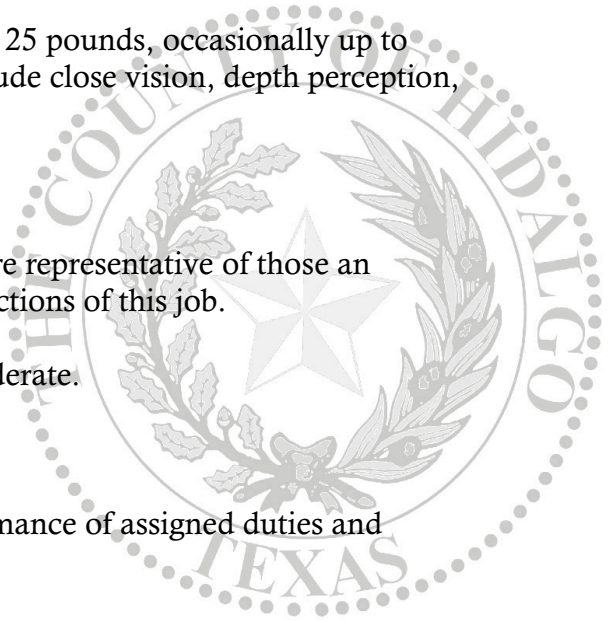
- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

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
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations



New

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 t 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.