

# HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## DEPUTY SHERIFF

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

May be assigned to patrol, narcotics, civil process, warrants, courthouse security, criminal investigation or school policing. Depending on area to which assigned, may perform primarily undercover and surveillance work, patrol work, civil and criminal process serving or investigative work.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

#### **Criminal Enforcement Division**

Depending on area to which assigned, may perform any of the following duties:

Patrol an assigned area, generally by vehicle, to prevent crimes and enforce laws and regulations

Respond to emergency calls and routine complaints and take action as necessary

Issue traffic citations and direct traffic

Investigate traffic accidents and crimes against persons and property and assist federal, state and local law enforcement officials

Keep records of activities and make reports concerning crimes, complaints, accidents and investigations

File cases with District Attorney or U.S. Attorney

Make lawful arrests for violations of laws for the State of Texas and local government ordinance and/or resolution

Serve felony, misdemeanor and mental commitment warrants and make arrests

Serve court papers including writs, summons, subpoenas, capias, etc.

Question witnesses and suspects and take statements and depositions

Assist other law enforcement agencies as needed

Perform surveillance of suspects and assigned locations

Meet with informants and conduct undercover narcotics work

Handle and care for dogs involved in narcotics investigations

Conduct background investigations on applicants for law enforcements and corrections positions

Serve as a bailiff in county and district courts

Gather and label evidence, take photographs and fingerprints, guard and transport prisoners and testify in court

May address and work with community groups to promote good public relations and to inform citizens of police activities and crime prevention

May be responsible for animal control, especially relating to cattle on roadways

Return persons who have been arrested to county in other locations in and out of state

Regular attendance is a must

Ability to work well with others

### **In School Policing**

Respond to emergency calls within the school assigned. Handle routine complaints and take action as necessary

Issue traffic citations and direct traffic

Investigate crimes against persons and property and assists federal, state and local law enforcement officials

Keep records of activities and makes reports concerning crimes, complaints, accidents and investigations

File cases with District Attorney, U.S. Attorney, or Hidalgo County juvenile authorities

Make lawful arrests for violations of laws for the State of Texas and local government ordinance and/or resolution

Serve felony, misdemeanor and mental commitment warrants and make arrests

Question witnesses and suspects and take statements

Assist other law enforcement agencies as needed

May handle and care for dogs involved in narcotics investigations

Gather and label evidence, take photographs and fingerprints, guard and transport prisoners and testify in court

May address and work with community and school groups to promote good public relations and to inform citizens, students, and school faculty of police activities and crime prevention

Will interact with students and school faculty on a daily basis

Will be involved in participating and providing security for school related activities and functions

Will coordinate with Deputy Sheriffs assigned to other schools, criminal enforcement division and other law enforcement agencies for their participating or providing security for school related functions and activities

Will report directly to the school assigned rather than the sheriff's department on a daily basis, unless otherwise instructed

Employee may be assigned other duties in addition to those listed; duties may change according to the changing needs of the County Sheriff's department

## **SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES**

May be asked to oversee special details involving two or more officers

## **GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

### **Experience and Education**

Graduation from a high school or equivalent (GED)

At least one (1) year of law enforcement related experience

Bilingual (Spanish and English) with ability to converse fluently in both languages

### **Certificates, Licenses, & Registration**

Applicant must possess a current Basic Peace Officer Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standard and Education

Must have a current valid Texas motor vehicle operator's license

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

## **Knowledge, 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 County employees and officials, law enforcement agencies and the general public

Ability to analyze situations and adopt a quick, effective and reasonable course of action

Ability to write clear and concise reports and to maintain complete records as required

Ability to learn the use and care of vehicles, firearms and specialized equipment

Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing

Good physical condition

Ability to solve basic mathematic problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Ability to use decimals and percentages in solving such problems

Ability to speak, read and write in the English language

Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions and procedure manuals

Ability to write routine reports and correspondence

Ability to speak effectively before groups of employees or organizations

Ability to also speak and write in Spanish preferred

Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists

Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram or schedule form

## **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