

# **HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT #4**

## **DEPUTY CONSTABLE**

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

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.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED**

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

Performs other duties as may be assigned

## **GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

### **Experience and Education**

Graduation from a high school or equivalent (GED)

One (1) year of law enforcement experience

Experience as a dispatcher or peace officer

Must have good computer skills

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

### **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

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.

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