

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Full Time Patrol Officer **(Sworn Entry Level Police Officer)**

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is accepting applications for the position of Entry Level Police Officer.

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The Full Time Patrol Officer position has a current pay grade of 11, with a range of \$52,722 - \$75,920. See attached Job Description outlining duties, skills, abilities, training, experience and working conditions or visit www.reconnectwithnature.org for more information. **Applications will be available from June 3rd, 2022, until June 17th, 2022. Candidates must be able to pass polygraph and psychological examinations and pass a P.O.W.E.R. test as admittance into the Police Academy (Entry Level). Lateral candidates must be able to provide a POWER card if requested.**

Application Procedure: **Do not submit an application on-line**, please pick up an application at the address below. Applications will need to be picked up in person with a valid driver's license between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications need to be returned by 3:00 p.m. on June 17th, 2022.

Application pickup:

Nicole Veerman, Police Office Manager
22606 S. Cherry Hill Road
Joliet, IL 60433
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815-727-5478 (fax)
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**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY
JOB DESCRIPTION**

TITLE: PATROL OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: POLICE
FLSA STATUS: FULL TIME / SWORN
LOCATION: OPERATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY

DATE: AUGUST 2020

BASIC FUNCTION

To perform general duty police work in protection of life and property, enforcement of laws and investigation of crimes; does related work as required.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Reports to:

- Police Sergeant

Supervises:

- Junior Patrol Officers
- Civilian Employees

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Patrols the FPDWC property throughout the county, either on foot, in an automobile, on a bicycle, or on an ATV in a designated area
- Identifies violations of laws and local ordinances
- Participates in the guidance, training and orientation of new officers and officers in training
- Attends regular training classes in police methods, first-aid, target practice and other related duties
- Prepares and develops special reports and documents as requested

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Some geographical knowledge of Will County and the FPDWC properties
- Some working knowledge of the common laws covering traffic and general behavior
- Ability to react quickly and calmly to emergency situations
- Ability to drive an automobile safely and efficiently
- Excellent physical condition
- Ability to pay close attention to audio and visual detail to identify violators and accurately describe crime scenes
- Ability to exercise good judgment to identify violations of the law and handle difficult situations
- Ability to operate vehicles safely for long periods of time and to patrol assigned areas
- Ability to physically subdue resistant violators
- Ability to effectively manage stressful situations
- Ability to document results of investigation to provide accurate descriptions of events
- Ability to proficiently use firearms
- Ability to perform physically demanding tasks such as climbing stairs and/ladders, chasing fleeing suspects, lifting and carrying an injured person, etc.

- Other duties as assigned.
- Serve as liaison and public relations officer for the assigned area; establish and preserve good relationships with the general public; may develop reliable informants and provide intelligence information to divisional and/or departmental personnel.
- Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers, other District and County employees and the public using principles of good customer service.
- Interpret, apply, and make decisions in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local policies, laws, and regulations.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Education: High School Graduate or GED equivalent.

Requirements:

- U.S. Citizen
- Must be 21 years of age at the time of appointment or completion of Police Academy.
- High School Graduate or GED equivalent
- Possess a valid driver's license with good driving record
- Specialized training or college level coursework in law enforcement, criminal justice, or a related field is highly desirable. Some work experience that demonstrates a general aptitude for police work is desirable.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND CONDITIONS

Environment: Reactive emergency, natural or man-made disaster, and routine peace keeping environments with travel from site to site; work in intense life-threatening conditions; exposure to dangerous persons, firearms and communicable diseases; the employee regularly works near moving mechanical parts; regularly exposed to outside weather conditions and wet and/or humid conditions; possibility to work in high, precarious places; exposed to fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, extreme cold, extreme heat, and vibration; exposed to potentially hostile environments; extensive public contact; the noise level in the work environment is usually moderate; however, the noise level is occasionally very loud due to sirens, firearm training, etc.

Physical: Primary functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for sufficient mobility to work in a law enforcement setting; restrain or subdue individuals; walk, stand, sit, or run for prolonged periods of time; occasionally stoop, bend, kneel, crouch, reach, and twist; occasionally climb and maintain balance; regularly push, pull, lift, and/or carry light to moderate weights; frequently lift and/or move moderate to heavy weights; occasionally lift and/or more heavy weights; operate law enforcement and general office equipment; requires a sense of touch, finger dexterity, and gripping with hands and fingers; ability to communicate verbally to exchange information; ability to operate office equipment including use of computer keyboard; ability to operate a vehicle to travel to various locations; ability to operate firearms, knife and handcuffs see in the normal visual range with or without correction; vision sufficient to read computer screens and printed documents and to operate equipment; hear in the normal audio range with or without correction, etc.

The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job function.

PAY RANGE AND ANNUAL SALARY

Pay range: Grade 11

Starting Salary: \$ 52,722

Midpoint: \$ 63,267

Maximum: \$ 75,920

Schedule: Full Time