

The City of Whitewright, Texas is accepting applications for a full-time TCOLE certified Peace Officer. This position will be responsible for enforcing federal, state, and local laws and ordinances related to the protection of life and property, responding to citizen's calls for assistance, directing and controlling traffic, preventing criminal activity, apprehending criminal offenders, conducting preliminary investigations, writing reports, promoting crime prevention and community relations, investigating disturbances, arresting violators, and performing other duties as assigned.

Benefits

- City paid employee insurance
- TMRS retirement
- Uniforms provided
- Starting pay \$15/hour - \$16/hour depending on experience
- 2-week pay period

Requirements

- High school diploma or GED
- Valid Driver License with a good driving record
- Active TCOLE Peace Officer license
- Pass a thorough background investigation
- Pass a medical exam, psychological exam, and drug screening
- Must complete a City application to be considered
- Criminal record must be limited to:
 - Never been on court-ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years from the date of the court order.
 - Has never been convicted of an offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years.
 - Has never been convicted or placed on community supervision in any court of an offense involving family violence as defined under Chapter 71, Texas Family Code.

Physical Requirements:

REGULAR ATTENDANCE AND AVAILABILITY:

Must have regular attendance, cover assigned shifts and able to respond to extra-duty hours, call-outs, work overtime and additional shift requirements. Must be willing to work shift work including nights, weekends, holidays and be on call when/if needed.

SITTING:

To drive the patrol car; work at desk; attend meetings; perform other miscellaneous office tasks; appear in court.

WALKING/RUNNING:

Frequently on concrete or in tall grass, mud and water; occasionally on all types of surfaces and terrain, including rough terrain, rock or uneven ground, or areas presenting obstacles such as alleys with garbage or debris.

LIFTING/CARRYING:

Frequently: light objects including firearms and recovered property. Occasionally: 50-100 pounds or over 100 pounds to move victims at the scene of an accident or to assist elderly or disabled persons who have fallen in their homes or elsewhere; 50-100 pounds for recovered property, such as televisions.

HANDLING:

To restrain suspects; use firearms, files, radio or equipment; recover property.

FINE DEXTERITY:

To write reports; operate computers and keyboards; operate radio; handle firearms; use radar equipment, siren controls, spotlights; dust for fingerprints; apply and remove handcuffs with keys; operate taser.

VISION:

To observe suspects; drive patrol and vehicles. Visual discrimination required to distinguish and identify suspect's clothing, features, license plates; need good night vision and color perception.

HEARING/TALKING:

To communicate with other officers, suspects, victims, witnesses, District Attorney, Court Officers, and the general public.

FOOT CONTROLS:

To drive patrol and vehicles.

STANDING:

To talk to suspects; question witnesses at a crime scene; give citations; provide testimony; possibly serve as court bailiff.

PUSHING/PULLING:

To move vehicles off the road; pull victims from accident scene; push open doors or windows; move obstacles; open gate to maintenance facility to fuel vehicle.

REACHING:

Varying distances to open or crawl through windows; at times to reach into vehicles to assist accident victims, to obtain equipment; check inventory in vehicle, reach firearm in vehicle.

KNEELING/CROUCHING/CRAWLING/TWISTING/BENDING:

The nature of police work is such that all types of body positions are assumed to varying degrees; depending on the shift worked and the nature of the calls, the officer may be required to assume positions of kneeling, crouching, crawling, bending or twisting in order to:

- Chase and apprehend a suspect in a narrow, small, or cramped space
- Handcuff or restrain a suspect who is attempting to flee, particularly a suspect who has to be brought to the ground and searched
- Maneuver around, through, or under various kinds of obstacles
- Assist an elderly or disabled person from the floor onto a bed or chair
- Assist at the scene of an accident
- Extract an accident victim from a vehicle
- Move vehicles or assist stranded motorists

CLIMBING/BALANCING:

To go up on roofs; climb stairs in apartment complexes or other buildings; climb ladders to apprehend a suspect or assist in rescue; jump or climb over fences or other obstacles in a chase.

COMMUNICATION AND COMPETENCY

Police Officers are responsible for the detection and prevention of crime, patrol, criminal investigations and enforcement of City ordinances, State and Federal laws. Must be able to communicate and talk with the public and other officials. Must be able to read and write effectively. Exceptional ability to deal effectively and courteously with people; ability to act quickly and calmly in emergencies; skill in use of firearms; good appearance; good judgment; ability to remember details and keep power of observation; aptitude for and interest in police work. Emotional stability and firmness; and foster an image of professionalism.

It is the Policy of the City of Whitewright to provide equal employment opportunity (EEO) to all persons regardless of age, color, national origin, citizenship status, physical or mental disability, race, religion, creed, gender, sex, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law.

Application packets may be picked up at Whitewright City Hall located at 206 W. Grand Ave., Whitewright, TX 75491 Monday-Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.