

**CITY OF ST. JOHNS**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CLASS TITLE:** Police Officer

**DEPARTMENT:** Police

**DIVISION:** Patrol

**RANGE:** \$ 38,574 - \$ 50,225 annually

<u>Entry</u>	<u>6 months</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
\$ 38,574	\$ 39,129	\$ 40,257	\$ 41,416	\$ 42,609	\$ 43,837	\$ 50,225
\$ 18.55	\$ 18.81	\$ 19.35	\$ 19.91	\$ 20.49	\$ 21.08	\$ 24.15

**GENERAL PURPOSE:**

Performs police patrol, investigation, traffic regulation, and related law enforcement activities.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:**

This is a non-supervisory police services position with the overall responsibility of overseeing the delivery of police services within the guidelines of the department rules and regulations, mission statement, management philosophy, goals and objectives. Patrol Officers receive assignments and instructions from officers of higher rank. Work normally consists of routine patrol, preliminary investigations, traffic regulation duties, and the enforcement of city ordinances and state laws, the protection of the public and the preservation of the peace. Work may involve an element of personal danger and employees must be able to act without direct supervision and exercise independent judgment in meeting emergencies. Work methods and results are checked by superior officers through personal inspections, review of reports and employee evaluations.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:**

Works under the general supervision of a Police Sergeant.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:**

May exercise some supervision over junior officers by being the senior officer on duty in the absence of any other supervisor as outlined in the department policy manual.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Works on rotating shifts performing security patrols, traffic control, investigation and first aid at accidents, detection, investigation, and arrest of persons involved in crimes or misconduct.

Works an assigned shift using own judgment in deciding course of action, being expected to difficult and emergency situations without assistance.

Maintains normal availability by radio or telephone for consultation on major emergencies or precedent.

Carries out duties in conformance with federal, state, and city laws and ordinances.

Patrols city streets, parks, commercial and residential area to preserve the peace and enforce the law, control vehicular traffic prevent or detect and investigate misconduct involving misdemeanors, felonies, and other law violations and to otherwise serve and protect.

Responds to emergency radio calls and investigates accidents, robberies, civil disturbances, domestic disputes, fights, drunkenness, missing children, prowlers, abuse of drugs, etc. Takes appropriate law enforcement action.

Interrogates suspects, witnesses, and drivers. Preserves evidence. Arrests violators. Investigates and renders assistance at scene of vehicular accidents. Summons ambulances and other law enforcement vehicles. Takes measurements and draws diagrams of scene.

Conducts follow-up investigations of crimes committed during assigned shift. Seeks out and questions victim, witnesses and suspects. Develops leads and tips. Searches scene of crimes for clues. Analyzes and evaluates evidence and arrests offenders. Prepares cases for giving testimony and testifies in court proceedings.

Prepares a variety of reports and records including officer's Daily Log, reports of investigation, field interrogation report, alcohol reports, influence reports, breathalyzer check list, vehicle impoundment/inventory form, traffic hazard report, etc.

Undertakes community oriented police work, and assists citizens with such matters as locked or stalled vehicles, crime prevention, law related education (LRE), traffic safety, etc.

Participates in investigating criminal law violations occurring within the City limits, obtaining evidence and compiling information regarding these crimes, preparing cases for filing of charges, testifying in court, and related activities.

Conducts patrol activities including direction traffic, investigation of reported or observed violations of law, and conducting patrol activities.

Coordinates activities with other officers of other City departments as needed, exchanges information with officers in other law enforcement agencies, and obtains advice from the City Attorney, and/or County Attorney regarding cases, policies, and procedures, as needed and assigned.

Maintains contact with police supervisory personnel to coordinate investigation activities, provide mutual assistance during emergency situations, and provides general information about Department activities.

**PERIPHERAL DUTIES:**

Maintains departmental equipment, supplies and facilities

Maintains contact with general public, court officials, and other City officials in the performance of police operating activities.

Serves as a member of various employee committees, where needed.

Shall perform any other assignments or duties as requested of required by the Chief of Police.

**DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- J. Must be able to meet the minimum qualifications for Full Authority Peace Officer as set forth by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board.
- K. Must possess, or be able to obtain by time of hire, a valid State driver's license without record of suspension or revocation in any State.
- L. Must be of good moral character and of temperate and industrious habits.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

- J. High school diploma or equivalent supplemented by some college or vocational school training in police science, law enforcement, criminal justice administration, public administration, or a related field; or
- K. An equivalent combination of education and experience.

**NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

- K. Some knowledge of modern law enforcement principles, procedures, techniques, and equipment;
- L. Some skill in operating the tools and equipment listed below;
- M. Ability to learn the applicable laws, ordinances, and department rules and regulations; Ability to perform work requiring good physical condition; Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with subordinates, peers and supervisors; Ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating situations and in making decisions; Ability to follow verbal and written instructions; Ability to meet the special requirements listed below; Ability to learn the City's geography.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Must reside within the geographical boundaries of the city at time of hire, or relocate into the city limits within six months of date of hire.

Must be able to pass medical exam, psychological exam, and the Department's physical agility test.

**LATERAL ENTRY:**

- A. Must be able to meet all Entry Level requirements listed above;
- B. Must have completed the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board certification waiver process.

**SELECTION GUIDELINES:**

Formal application; review of education and experience, appropriate testing including written and physical agility test; oral interview; background check; polygraph examination; medical examination; psychological examination, final selection.

**TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED:**

Police car, police radio, radar gun, handgun, and other weapons as required, sidehandle and expandable baton, handcuffs, intoxylizer, first aid equipment.

**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. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

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

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 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 encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee frequently works in outside weather conditions. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts, in high, precarious places; and with explosives and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, extreme cold, extreme heat, and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed.

The omission of specific statement of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

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