

POLICE CHIEF

(Competitive Class)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Plan, direct, and supervise the operations of the police department in the capacity of chief and commanding officer; and related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

Work of this class involves a higher degree of ability and responsibility in managing the law enforcement, crime prevention, traffic control, keeping of jail, administrative, and other activities of the police department. The chief is required to be on duty or subject to call at all times, and is accountable to the city government.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

(Illustrative only.)

Organize work of the department into divisions, bureaus, or other units, as may be helpful to efficient management and operations; and divide the personnel into forces or platoons for the effective performance of departmental activities, or as may be required by laws;

Direct and supervise generally or specially, as the needs of the service may require, all activities of the department;

Instruct subordinate officers as to methods, procedures, and policies;

Assign tasks to subordinates and review operations;

Investigate complaints;

Direct raids and make arrests, as necessary;

Check all arrests and dispositions thereof;

Personally supervise and assist in the investigation of all major crimes or serious offenses committed in the city;

Make frequent inspections of the jail, care of prisoners, movable and immovable property, and personal appearance of all personnel on beats and at headquarters;

Provide and maintain procedures for the preparation, maintenance and disposition of departmental records and reports of activities;

Receive reports and check work of subordinates for compliance with law and established procedures, personal knowledge of activities, and efficiency in performance;

Establish contacts and arrange for receiving and giving reports, records, and assistance to other law enforcement agencies such as the F.B.I. and state police, etc.

Cooperate with social welfare agencies, civic clubs, and organizations, and the general public in preventing juvenile delinquency, crime, and bettering the common good, and protection of society;

Assist in the preparation of departmental budget and operate within it, if possible;

Dispense information to the public regarding city ordinances, departmental policies, objectives, and activities;

Keep records, answer correspondence, and prepare reports;

Promote peace and harmony among the employees of the department;

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and of legal age.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE QUALIFICATIONS

EITHER

Must have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, police administration, business administration, public administration, or other related curriculum and at least six (6) years of progressively responsible experience in full time law enforcement positions, at least two (2) years of which must have been in positions which include administrative or supervisory responsibilities. Law enforcement experience must include work in

positions which would provide background in patrol operations, criminal investigations, police training, and related areas of police department operations and management.

OR

Must have an associate degree in criminal justice, police administration, or other related curriculum, or a bachelor's degree in an unrelated curriculum and at least eight (8) years of progressively responsible experience in full time law enforcement positions, at least two (2) years of which must have been in positions which include administrative or supervisory responsibilities. Law enforcement experience must include work in positions which would provide background in patrol operations, criminal investigations, police training, and related areas of police department operations and management.

OR

Applicant must possess one of the following: high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, high school transcript, affidavit from the issuing high school, associate's or bachelor's degree, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for a diploma or equivalency certificate, and at least ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience in full time law enforcement positions, at least four (4) years of which must have been in positions which include administrative or supervisory responsibilities. Law enforcement experience must include work in positions which would provide background in patrol operations, criminal investigations, police training, and related areas of police department operations and management.

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