

POLICE CORPORAL

(Promotional Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This class encompasses responsible positions in the police department, the primary duties of which are protecting and safeguarding life and property within the community. Police Corporals are responsible for the enforcement of state and municipal laws, regulations, and ordinances. Employees in this position perform law enforcement duties which may include administrative or specialized support functions to enhance or maintain the effectiveness and/or efficiency of the Lake Charles Police Department. Police Corporals may work alone or in company with another officer. Work involves making regular patrols, directing traffic, and investigating accidents, crimes or suspicious activity in accordance with prescribed departmental rules and regulations. Employees of this class work independently in most areas involving routine tasks, with instructions for special tasks when assigned. Employees of this class report to and have work reviewed by a Police Sergeant. This class ranks directly below that of Police Sergeant.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Patrols an assigned area in a squad car or on foot to prevent crime and protect lives and property. Stops and questions individuals who appear to be acting suspiciously or who seem to be out of place. Frisks suspect by patting down outer surfaces of suspect's clothing, in order to locate weapons. Arrests suspect, with or without an arrest warrant, by stating specific charges and advising suspect of Miranda rights. Obtains medical attention for arrested person who is ill or incapacitated, or for whom a health problem is indicated. Responds to crimes in progress. Issues explicit, direct, and forceful verbal challenge or command to suspect, in order to stop suspect or have him come out from concealment. Engages in armed encounters with suspects to neutralize the threat to officers or the public.

Makes traffic stops, investigates traffic accidents, and performs any other traffic control duties, such as pursuing vehicles committing traffic violations and issuing traffic summonses, stopping vehicles whose drivers are suspected of operating while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, interviewing drivers of vehicles involved in accidents and witnesses of accidents to obtain necessary information, and issuing tickets for parking violations.

Performs criminal investigations and interviews crime victims and witnesses. Identifies, collects, labels and preserves evidence,

using appropriate procedures for protecting the chain of possession. Interrogates suspects and evaluates responses, in order to obtain facts about a crime. Accompanies victims of violent crime to a hospital for medical attention. Prepares for court testimony by reviewing the laws of evidence and all relevant information about the case.

Takes juveniles into custody who have committed a crime or delinquent act, using appropriate procedures for arresting and processing juveniles. Takes juveniles into custody who are in need of care, such as runaways or children who have been abandoned or abused, in order to provide for their care and safety.

Controls large crowds at athletic events, parades or other large events. Controls unlawful or disorderly assemblies by evaluating the occurrence to determine the force that may be necessary to contain the incident. Responds to bomb threats by evaluating the seriousness of the threat and evacuating the premises if necessary.

Maintains records and reports by filling in forms and completing standardized reports following department procedures.

Maintains effective police-community relations by communicating and enhancing an attitude of cooperation with all segments of the population through consistent and effective day-to-day contacts with the public. Responds to questions and complaints from the public, exercising courtesy and tact.

Performs any related duties assigned.

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 appointment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered 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 Louisiana driver's license.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in the class of Police Officer for at least two (2) years immediately preceding closing date for application to the board.

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