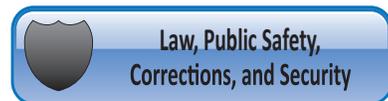


Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers



Also called: Patrol Officer, Patrolman, Police Officer, Police Sergeant, Deputy, Deputy Sheriff

What they do:

Patrol assigned area to enforce law & order, regulate traffic, control crowds, prevent crime, & arrest violators or serve legal processes of courts. May patrol courthouse, guard court or grand jury, or escort defendants.

On the job, you would:

- Provide for public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people & property, enforcing motor vehicle & criminal laws, & promoting good community relations.
- Record facts to prepare reports that document incidents and activities.
- Monitor, note, report, & investigate suspicious persons & situations, safety hazards, & unusual or illegal activity in patrol area.

Knowledge

Safety & Government

- law & government
- public safety & security

Business

- customer service

Math & Science

- psychology
- sociology & anthropology

Personality

People interested in this work like activities that include **practical, hands-on** problems and solutions.

They do well at jobs that need:

- **Integrity**
- **Self Control**
- **Attention to Detail**
- **Dependability**
- **Stress Tolerance**
- **Cooperation**

Wages

\$ 25.95
Per Hour
53,985
Per Year

Skills

Basic Skills

- listening to others, not interrupting, & asking good questions
- talking to others

Problem Solving

- noticing a problem & figuring out the best way to solve it

Social

- understanding people's reactions
- bringing people together to solve differences

Technology

You might use software like this on the job:

Database user interface and query software

- Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System IAFIS
- National Crime Information Center NCIC database

Graphics or photo imaging software

- Computer aided composite drawing
- DesignWare 3D EyeWitness

Spreadsheet Software

- IBM Lotus 1-2-3

Abilities

Verbal

- communicate by speaking
- listen & understand what people say

Ideas and Logic

- make general rules or come up with answers from lots of detailed information
- notice when problems happen

Visual Understanding

- see hidden patterns

Attention

- pay attention to something without being distracted
- do two or more things at the same time

Education



High school diploma or equivalent + Moderate-term on-the job training

Job Outlook

109 Annual Openings

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