



Probationary State Park Police Officer

Salary Group: C02

Class Code: 9914

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP
STATE PARK POLICE OFFICER TRAINEE (CADET)	9913	C01
PROBATIONARY STATE PARK POLICE OFFICER	9914	C02
STATE PARK POLICE OFFICER	9915	C03

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs public safety and resource enforcement work in a state park and surrounding communities. Work involves providing field enforcement of criminal and general laws of the State of Texas, park rules and regulations; resource protection; park safety; and information and education to the public. Works under close supervision, with minimal latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Enforces Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, State park rules and regulations, Texas Penal Code, and relevant provisions of other Texas statutes and regulations.

Conducts criminal and administrative investigations, prepares complaints and cases for presentation in court, preserves and presents physical evidence, testifies in court, and reports disposition of cases.

Executes and serves all criminal processes resulting from enforcement activities.

Prepares, submits, and maintains reports of activities.

Patrols assigned areas of state parks and state office buildings, grounds, and parking facilities to check for security violations.

Provides information and education to the public regarding applicable statutes, regulations, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Department) programs.

Provides public safety and emergency management functions, including working in response to natural disasters and in homeland security operations.

Works closely with state, local, and county law enforcement agencies.

Maintains contact with adjacent landowners and the general public.

Trains on issued weapons and equipment.

Administers first aid in emergency situations.

Answers inquiries pertaining to legal, policy, or procedural information.

Plans and participates in safety programs.

Maintains all equipment in proper condition and safeguards Department equipment.

May coordinate and direct specific law enforcement operations.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Graduation from the Texas Parks and Wildlife State Park Law Enforcement Academy or Game Warden Training Academy. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in criminal justice, corrections, criminology, police science, natural resources, or a related field is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of state and federal statutes and regulations pertaining to the enforcement of the Texas Penal Code, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, and Department policies and procedures.

Ability to use and care for firearms, radio equipment, and other law enforcement equipment; to operate law enforcement vehicles and vessels; and to communicate effectively.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Must be licensed as a Texas peace officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Must possess a valid driver's license.