



Probationary Trooper

Salary Group: C02
Class Code: 9922

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP
TROOPER TRAINEE	9920	C01
PROBATIONARY TROOPER	9922	C02
TROOPER	9928	C03
CORPORAL	9935	C03

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs entry-level public safety work. Work involves the enforcement of criminal and general laws of the State of Texas and the enforcement of rules and regulations of the Department of Public Safety regarding parking, traffic, licensing, safety, and security of persons and property. Works under close supervision, with minimal latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Patrols and detects violations of state laws and regulations, makes violator contacts, and places violators in custody or issues citations or warnings.

Patrols in high crime and crash areas with appropriate action to reduce crime and crashes.

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

Apprehends suspects, rescues victims, seizes illegal contraband, detects and prevents terrorist attacks, and disrupts criminal organizations.

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

Conducts thorough driving while intoxicated (DWI) and traffic-related investigations.

Serves traffic and criminal warrants; and arrests, processes, and transports offenders.

Performs disaster rescue operations, responds to critical incidents and major investigations, cares for the injured, controls crowds, and directs traffic.

Removes debris from roadways; assists stranded motorists; and arranges for transportation, repair, or towing services.

Maintains liaison with appropriate personnel and entities to collect and share relevant information.

Administers first aid in emergency situations, and contacts friends or relatives of deceased or injured individuals as needed.

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

Plans and participates in safety programs.

Trains consistently with issued weapons and equipment, and maintains all equipment in proper condition.

Performs routine maintenance and servicing of assigned fleet vehicles; and prepares activity, auto, mileage, repair, and gasoline consumption reports.

Performs office and administrative tasks.

May accompany troopers or other personnel on patrol/duty and assist in the performance of traffic and criminal arrests

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Graduation from the Department of Public Safety Training Academy. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in criminal justice, corrections, criminology, police science, or a related field is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of police methods, traffic and criminal laws and regulations, Departmental policies and procedures, safety rules and regulations, and court systems and procedures.

Ability to use and care for weapons, firearms, radar and radio equipment, and breath test instruments; to use appropriate physical and defensive tactics; to administer first aid; to operate law enforcement vehicles; and to communicate effectively.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

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

Must possess a valid driver's license.