Sergeant, Game Warden

Salary Group: C04

Class Code: 9990

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP
SERGEANT, GAME WARDEN	**9990**	**C04**
LIEUTENANT, GAME WARDEN	9991	C05
CAPTAIN, GAME WARDEN	9992	C06
ASSISTANT COMMANDER, GAME WARDEN	9993	C07
COMMANDER, GAME WARDEN	9994	C08
MAJOR, GAME WARDEN	9995	C08

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs wildlife, conservation, and natural resources enforcement work. Work involves conducting overt and covert investigations of violations of specific statutes and regulations, conducting emergency management and homeland security operations, conducting analyses of law enforcement programs and activities, and supporting wildlife and conservation activities. May supervise the work of others. Works under limited supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Conducts analyses of law enforcement programs and activities and prepares findings and recommendations.

Conducts emergency management and homeland security operations.

Conducts overt and covert investigations of violations of specific statutes and regulations.

Documents the collection, security, and maintenance of evidence according to court-accepted practices.

Establishes and implements procedures for intelligence gathering.

Prepares and maintains accurate documentation and records regarding investigations or law enforcement activities.

Provides specialized law enforcement training as assigned.

May distribute information concerning wildlife and conservation regulations and participate in wildlife conservation activities.

May protect and preserve native wildlife, plants, or ecosystems.

May supervise the work of others.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Graduation from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Warden Training Center and four years of satisfactory service as a Game Warden. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in criminal justice, corrections, criminology, police science, conservation, 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 laws and regulations pertaining to wildlife, conservation, and natural resources enforcement; and relevant equipment, policies, procedures, and strategies to promote effective local, state, or national security operations for the protection of people, data, property, and institutions.

Skill in solving complex problems, in determining appropriate solutions and actions to be taken, and in using appropriate judgment in selecting a course of action.

Ability to interpret and apply state and federal statutes, laws, and regulations pertaining to wildlife and natural resources enforcement; to interpret and apply provisions of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Texas Penal Code, and Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; to plan, coordinate, and initiate investigations and program analyses; to identify, initiate, and implement unique and innovative investigative tactics and strategies; to prepare reports; to communicate effectively; and to supervise the work of others.

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.