



Sergeant, State Park Police Officer

Salary Group: C04

Class Code: 9916

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP
SERGEANT, STATE PARK POLICE OFFICER	9916	C04
LIEUTENANT, STATE PARK POLICE OFFICER	9917	C05
CAPTAIN, STATE PARK POLICE OFFICER	9918	C06
MAJOR, STATE PARK POLICE OFFICER	9919	C08

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. May provide guidance to others. Works under general supervision, with moderate 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.

May provide guidance to others.

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 course work 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; 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 laws and regulations pertaining to wildlife and natural resources enforcement; to interpret and apply applicable provisions of the 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 provide guidance to others.

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.