Corporal

Salary Group: C03
Class Code: 9935

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

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs 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. May provide guidance to others. Works under general supervision, with moderate 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 roadway; assists stranded motorists; and arranges for transportation, repair, or towing services.

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

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

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.

Handles and processes applicant investigations.

Provides guidance and leadership development to troopers to improve their knowledge, skills, and operational effectiveness.

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

Performs or oversees the investigation of fleet vehicle accidents, crashes, or incidents.

Assists in administrative duties to maintain and ensure efficiency and quality.

May review and approve reports.

May represent the Department in meetings.

May respond to media inquiries.

May assist in staff allocation.

May conduct firearms training.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Graduation from the Department of Public Safety Training Academy. Satisfactory service after graduation from the 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; to communicate effectively; and to provide guidance to 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.