Commander, Game Warden

Salary Group: C08
Class Code: 9994

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 supervising and overseeing law enforcement staff and programs, conducting analyses of law enforcement programs and activities, and supervising emergency management and homeland security operations. Supervises the work of others. Works under minimal supervision, with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Oversees the enforcement of applicable statutes and regulations.

Oversees and administers statewide law enforcement programs.

Conducts investigations concerning complaints from the public and special criminal investigations.

Prepares and monitors the annual operating budget.

Provides current and accurate information regarding legislative bills, statutes, regulations, policies, and procedures.

Represents the Department in contacts with the public, Legislature, other state and federal agencies, and constituency groups.

Reviews reports and paperwork for accuracy and completeness.

May organize statewide safety operations on public waterways.

Conducts staff training.

Supervises 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 eight years of satisfactory service as a Game Warden, two of which must be as a Lieutenant or Captain. 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 assessing administrative problems and implementing appropriate solutions.

Ability to interpret and apply the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission proclamations; to interpret and apply provisions of the Texas Penal Code and Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; to interpret and apply agency policies and procedures; to establish effective working relationships with other law enforcement agencies, members of the judicial and legislative branches of government, and the general public; to project future operational needs; to continually improve the efficiency of operations; 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.