## **ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Maintains a current knowledge of criminal law, city ordinances and other critical elements of law enforcement and peace keeping.
- Patrols assigned zone to maintain visibility and observe and deter possible criminal activity.
- Responds to all requests for assistance relayed by communications officers.
- Issues tickets to moving and parked traffic violators; impounds abandoned vehicles as warranted.
- Assumes control at traffic accidents, assists victims, and investigates causes of accidents.
- Directs traffic and assists motorists, attends to malfunctioning traffic signals, monitors school crossings, provides escort for funeral processions or other situations.
- Investigates crimes, interviews witnesses, complainants, and victims. Processes crime scenes; collects, analyzes, and preserves evidence for court use. Contacts complainants and/or victims of crimes to inform them of progress of investigations.
- Serves warrants, summonses, subpoenas, civil, and other official papers. Seizes evidence and contraband uncovered in such duties.
- Conducts surveillance of known and suspected criminals. Works undercover to obtain evidence of criminal activity and further investigations. Directs and documents the activities of confidential informants.
- Detains, apprehends, and arrests, criminal suspects and law violators when necessary; follows proper procedures when making arrests. Transports arrestees to detention centers and oversees booking.
- Serves as a witness in court as required.
- Investigates complaints, accidents, or hazardous conditions which might endanger Police.
- Investigates and reports fires or other related events, provides backup and security and crowd control for Fire Department/EMS or other officials.
- Prepares various official reports as required; submits reports to superior officer.
- Maintains uniforms, weapons and other assigned equipment in functional and presentable condition.
- Transports mental patients and detainees to prescribed locations as necessary.
- Answers questions asked by the general public; works with juveniles and adults in related matters; refers public to persons or agencies which can provide further assistance as required.
- Watches for wanted or missing persons and lost children; administers first-aid to the injured in emergencies; reports stray animals to proper authorities.
- Performs other duties as assigned.