

Patrol Officer

A Patrol Officer shall patrol Upper Dublin Township to detect and deter crime, provide security, and enforce laws, Pennsylvania crime and vehicle codes, and Upper Dublin Township ordinances. A patrol officer will be familiar with all policies and procedures established by the Department.

Job Standards

1. Read and interpret Pennsylvania vehicle codes and crimes codes.
2. React calmly and think rationally in emergency situations.
3. Communicate effectively.
4. Understand and carry out complex instructions.
5. Recognize unusual activities, missing items/people, hazards, and details.
6. Possess excellent eye-hand-foot coordination and physical stamina.
7. Drive patrol vehicle safely and handle firearms safely.
8. Stand, walk, run, lift and carry up to 150 lbs., push a full sized automobile, pull up to 175 lbs., bend, crouch, kneel, climb, and crawl.
9. Possess visual acuity (mid and far vision, depth perception, color vision, and field of vision continuously, near vision occasionally.)
10. Withstand exposure to traffic hazards continuously; withstand exposure to weather, wet conditions, high noise levels, hazardous materials, and personal danger occasionally.
11. Work independently at times and closely with others at times.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Patrols assigned area, drives patrol vehicle, foot patrols, or bike patrol.
2. Observes patrolled area for suspicious, disorderly, or illegal activities, stolen vehicles, missing persons, and road hazards, reports road hazards to proper authority. Help citizens with quality of life issues that will benefit the overall citizenry of the township.
3. Furnishes proper information and/or assistance to anyone requesting or requiring same.
4. Communicates with dispatcher via radio, mediates domestic and neighborhood disputes, interviews witnesses, complainants, and accused suspects, interacts with members of the business community and the public.
5. Responds to emergency and non-emergency dispatch calls.
6. Assists emergency personnel with moving subjects, removes accident victims to safety.
7. Administers first aid to those in need.

8. Investigates crashes, public complaints, crimes scenes, and emergency situations, records facts, locates and preserves evidence.
9. Responds to physical attacks, applying force and physical restraint to dangerous animals or people, arrests and processes accused suspects, takes photos and fingerprints.
10. Operates specialized equipment including blood alcohol level (BAC) measuring devices, vehicle speed measuring devices, AED's, and any other equipment an officer is trained on and certified in.
11. Maintains proficiency in department approved lethal and less lethal weapons.
12. Issues citations, written warnings and verbal warnings as necessary.
13. Completes crash reports, arrest reports, Criminal Complaints, and Investigative Reports.
14. Attends meetings, mandatory training and educational seminars.