City of Nome – Nome Police Department Job Description

Title: Police Officer I 
Department: Nome Police Department
Reports to: Sergeant
Supervises: None
Range/Salary: 16 (A-D)
Status: Non-Exempt
Original Date: 2-20-2007
Revised Date(s): 4-19-2022

Summary:
A Police Officer I is an entry level position above Police Officer Trainee. A Police Officer I is a position to include out of State lateral and in State lateral police positions. A Police Officer I will still undergo a Field Training Evaluation Program (FTEP). There is a one year probationary period for this position. Lateral transfer employees will attend the Alaska Department of Public Safety lateral academy, and during that time will be paid straight time for hours worked.

Duties shall consist of general police responsibilities necessary to the safety and good order of the community. Police Officers will engage in preventive and proactive patrols, preserve the peace, regulate traffic, issue citations, make arrests, prepare accurate police reports, conduct investigations and enforces the criminal and traffic statues, regulations, and ordinances of the Federal Law, the State of Alaska, and the City of Nome.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:
- Identifying criminal offenders and activity. Apprehending, arresting, and remanding offenders, participating in court proceedings, promote community policing philosophies.
- Responds and investigates Calls for Service by the public and other duties dispatched to them by the Nome 911 Center.
- Preventative patrol and pro-active policing to reduce the commission of crime.
- Aid people in danger of physical harm
- Facilitate the movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and enforce those regulations.
- Create and maintain the feeling of security in the community by interacting and being visible.
- Promote and preserve the peace, protect property and life.
- Complete accurate police reports and submit them to the appropriate agency.
- Submit charging documents and affidavits.
- Maintain a clean and organized patrol vehicle.
- Maintain an organized system of digital and physical evidence as department standards exist.
- Other duties as assigned by a Sergeant or higher rank.
- Emergency Vehicle Operation is required at times.
- Utilize radio and proper radio etiquette.
- Collection, preservation, care and custody of all physical police evidence.
- Frequently use department’s record management system.

Supervisory Responsibilities
- None.

Skills, Abilities, Qualification Requirements:
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Excellent time management skills with a proven ability to meet deadlines.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to prioritize tasks and to delegate them when appropriate.
- Ability to function well in a high-paced and at times stressful environment.
- Ability to learn, apply laws, rules, and regulations. Follow oral and written instructions. Observe and
record situations and logically think out situations. Communicate clearly and effectively.

- Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite.

**Education and/or Experience:**
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- One year of relevant education and/or experience is preferred.

**Specific Skills, Certifications, and Abilities to the Job:**
- Must possess or be able to obtain within (30) thirty days of hire, a valid State of Alaska drivers license.
- Attended and graduated from an Public Safety Academy in-state of Alaska, or eligible out of state academy.
- The ability within (12) twelve months of hire to obtain an APSC (Alaska Police Standards Council) Basic Police Certificate.
- Must qualify in firearms and other required tools such as Taser, upon initial hire, and annually thereafter.
- A background investigation and additional standards to be set by the APSC and the City of Nome.
- Must have no sustained complaint with a letter of reprimand or higher within (6) six months.

**Physical Demands:**
The physical demands here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear.

The employee is required to stand; run; walk; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.

The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

**Public Relations:**
Public relations shall be an integral part of each employee's job. Employees shall be courteous, helpful and conduct themselves in a manner which is appropriate for an employee and public service.

**Work Environment:**
The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. May be involved in hazardous conditions, extreme physical effort in dealing with armed and dangerous persons with required by duties in high stress situations. This position is full time, and employee may be required to work holidays, overtime, or report to work on short notice.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

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**Disclaimer**
The information provided in this description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this job. It is not designed to be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, qualifications and working conditions required of employees assigned to this job. Management has sole discretion to add or modify duties of the job and to designate other functions as essential at any time. This job description is not an employment agreement or contract.