

## **CITY OF TAFT**

**CLASS TITLE: POLICE SERGEANT**

**SALARY RANGE 54.2**  
\$2,415 – \$2,936 Bi-Weekly

### **BASIC FUNCTIONS:**

Performs a variety of routine and complex public safety work in the performance and administration of police patrol, investigation, traffic regulation, and related law enforcement activities.

### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

Works under the general supervision of the Police Chief or his/her designee.

### **SUPERVISION EXERCISED**

Exercises general supervision over police officers and other staff as assigned.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Supervises police officers and other assigned staff in their duties.

Supervises the scheduling and coordinating of shift changes.

Reviews a variety of police related reports prepared by subordinate officers or others.

Evaluates officers' arrests based on circumstances and evidence to determine whether subject will be detained or placed in jail.

Makes day-to-day police assignments as required by the needs of the service.

Makes plans about individual tactical matters such as equipment to be used for particular operations or the detailed plans needed for an investigation. Develops new approaches to investigate problems.

Advises supervisors on deployment of personnel during emergency responses.

Maintains contact with all police personnel to coordinate investigation activities, provide mutual assistance during emergency situations and provide general information about Department activities.

Maintains contact with general public, court officials, and other City officials in the performance of police activities, as assigned.

Conducts periodic performance evaluation and planning sessions for assigned personnel. Counsels assigned personnel on job performance and disciplinary matters.

## POLICE SERGEANT CONTINUED

Personally participates in investigating criminal law violations occurring within the City limits, obtains evidence and compiles information regarding these crimes, prepares cases for filing charges, testifies in court, and related activities.

Works a uniformed shift in the performance of security patrols, traffic control, investigation and first aid at accidents, detection, investigation and arrest of persons involved in crimes or misconduct.

Maintains normal availability by radio or telephone or consultation on major emergencies or precedent.

Carries out duties in conformance with Federal, State, County, and City laws and ordinances.

Patrols City streets, parks, commercial and residential areas to preserve the peace and enforce the law, control vehicular traffic, prevent or detect and investigate misconduct involving misdemeanors, felonies other law violations, and to otherwise serve and protect.

Responds to emergency radio calls and investigates accidents, robberies, civil disturbances, domestic disputes, fights, drunkenness, missing children, prowlers, abuse of drugs, etc. Takes appropriate law enforcement action.

Interrogates suspects, witnesses and drivers. Preserves evidence. Arrests violators. Investigates and renders assistance at scene of vehicular accidents.

Summons ambulance and other law enforcement vehicles. Takes measurements and draws diagrams of scene.

Conducts follow-up investigations of crimes committed during assigned shift. Seeks out and questions victims, witnesses and suspects. Develops leads and tips. Searches scene of crimes for clues. Analyzes and evaluates evidence and arrests offenders. Prepares cases for giving testimony and testifies in court proceedings.

Prepares a variety of reports and records including crime reports, missing person reports, reports of investigation, field interrogation reports, vehicle impoundment forms, traffic hazard reports, etc. Arrest reports, probable cause declarations, traffic accident reports, DUI reports, and other reports as needed.

Assists citizens with such matters as locked or stalled vehicles, crime prevention, drug resistance, traffic safety, etc.

Coordinates and supervises the training, assignment, development of subordinate police officers.

Coordinates activities with supervisors or other City departments, exchanges information with officers in other law enforcement agencies, and obtains advice from the City Attorney, Court Administrator, and District Attorney's office regarding cases, policies and procedures.

## **PERIPHERAL DUTIES**

Analyzes and recommends improvements to equipment and facilities, as needed.

Reviews, evaluates and develops programs, policies and procedures for various departmental operations.

Assists in the preparation and administration of the department budget.

Schedules and conducts meetings.

Maintains departmental equipment, supplies and facilities.

Maintains liaison with community groups.

Serves as a member of various employee committees.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Education and Experience:**

(A) High School Diploma or GED; and

(B) Completion of the California P.O.S.T. Basic Training Academy; and

(C) Minimum of four (4) years work experience as a fully commissioned police officer.

#### **Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

(A) Considerable knowledge of modern law enforcement principles, procedures, techniques, and equipment. Considerable knowledge of applicable laws, ordinances, and department rules and regulations. Extensive knowledge of City's geography.

(B) Skill in operating the tools and equipment listed below.

(C) Ability to train and supervise subordinate personnel; Ability to perform work requiring good physical condition; Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with subordinates, peers, supervisors, and the general public; Ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating situations and in making decisions; Ability to follow and give verbal and written instructions; Ability to meet the special requirements listed below.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

(A) Must possess, or be able to obtain by time of hire, a valid State of California Driver's License.

(B) Ability to meet the Department's physical standards.

### **TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED**

Police car, police radio, radar gun, handgun and other weapons as required, baton, handcuffs, breathalyzer, pager, first aid equipment.

### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully performs the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit and talk or hear. The employee is occasionally required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and taste or smell.

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

### **WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work environment, characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee frequently works in outside weather conditions. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts; in high, precarious places; and with explosives and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, extreme cold, extreme heat, and vibration.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

### **SELECTION GUIDELINES**

City of Taft Application, rating of education and experience; oral interview and reference check; job related tests may be required including P.O.S.T. background investigation and an employee physical by the City physician.

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The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

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