

STATE PATROL TROOPER

KIND OF WORK

Professional, statewide police work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class provides the only statewide uniformed police services authorized by Minnesota State Statute 299D.03. Incumbents serve as first responders to statewide critical incidents; provide public safety services; ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic; provide direct police services; assist other law enforcement and governmental agencies in the detection and apprehension of criminals; and performs other duties as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Protects life and property, detects and prevents crime through patrol presence and observation in an assigned work area.

Responds to emergencies, critical incidents, traffic crashes, and other requests for assistance.

Initiates and assists in the apprehension and conviction of criminals.

Directs and controls the movement of traffic.

Provides victim rights information to victims of crime.

Serves arrest warrants and other legal documents.

Interrogates, interviews and takes statements from suspects, witnesses and others involved in crimes, crashes and incidents.

Identifies, gathers, preserves and processes evidence obtained at crime and accident scenes.

Manage and monitor case disposition with responsibilities including records and evidence maintenance, courtroom testimony and professional assistance to ensure a successful conclusion of each case.

Assists and provides assets to other law enforcement agencies during critical incidents.

Provides for the safe movement of commodities upon Minnesota's roadways through inspections, training and enforcement of federal and state laws.

Reduces the loss of life, injury and property through education and information.

Provides security and protection for dignitaries, elected officials and state property.

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

State and Federal laws and local ordinances. Troopers must know and understand a variety of State Administrative Rules, such as DNR and Pollution Control regulations.

Forensic science as it applies to criminal investigations. Troopers must be well versed in evidence collection and understand the scientific principles related to paint transfer and body injury analysis.

The effects of alcohol and other drugs on the body

Criminal rules of procedure, criminal law, and civil case law, as well a, specific criminal justice procedures used by each court jurisdiction within the Trooper's assigned area.

Motor vehicle maintenance and vehicular dynamics.

Commercial vehicles and the commercial vehicle industry. As the only police agency authorized to make post crash inspections, Troopers must understand commercial vehicle components and be able to interpret their pre-accident conditions from those inspections.

Skill in:

Use of firearms and defensive tactics.

All areas of driving, including routine patrol, pursuit driving, defensive driving and emergency response driving.

Public safety, including First Responder and CPR proficiency.

Ability to:

Carry out a variety of rescue functions, including extricating injured persons from hazardous locations.

Observe, evaluate and report hazardous weather in order to provide early warning to those at risk.

Listen well and correctly interpret non-verbal cues.

Speak persuasively in potentially life-threatening situations where use of force/arrest is not an option.

Recognize and appropriately respond to human and cultural diversity.

LEGAL OR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Troopers must possess and maintain a Minnesota Peace Officer's License, a Minnesota Driver's License and successfully complete a rigorous fourteen week State Patrol Candidate Academy. Troopers must also possess First Responder and CPR certification.

SPECIAL WORK CONDITIONS

A majority of the duties of a Trooper must be performed in extremely hazardous work environments and requires the Trooper to maintain a high level of physical fitness.

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