

New York State Department of Civil Service
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION

Classification Standard

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University Police Officer 1, Grade 14 8756110
University Police Officer 2, Grade 17 8756120

Brief Description of Class Series

University Police Officers enforce all New York State and local laws and the Student Code of Conduct on the grounds of the State University of New York. University Police Officers are charged with full police officer powers under Criminal Procedure Law, Section 1.20(34)(s) and are responsible for the performance of the full range of professional police duties. University Police Officers assist other Local, State and Federal police officers with investigations and may collect evidence, question witnesses or testify in court in connection with alleged criminal actions.

University Police Officers are actively involved in campus communities and activities including educating community members on such topics as personal safety, risk awareness, crime prevention, alcohol awareness, sexual assault prevention and other community safety issues.

Positions are classified only in the State University of New York.

Distinguishing Characteristics

University Police Officer 1: full performance level; works under the general supervision of a University Police Officer 2; must be able to work alone and exercise independent judgment in performing duties; substantial contact with the public and other law enforcement personnel; may direct Campus Public Safety Officers, Security Services Assistants or student workers.

University Police Officer 2: shift supervisor of the police force on duty; performs the full range of duties assigned to University Police Officer 1; reports to an Unclassified Service police position.

Related Classes

University Police Investigators are primarily involved in investigating violations of criminal law on campuses of the State University of New York. They typically conduct investigations which may extend over periods of weeks or months and which may require application of the full range of interviewing and investigative techniques. These investigations are distinguished from those conducted by University Police Officers, which are incidental to other law enforcement activities, by their longer duration and by the use of the full range of investigative techniques such as on-site information gathering at the scene of accidents or incidents.

University Police Communications and Security Specialists provide communications, security, and public safety services within a 24/7 operation in the University Police Departments at the campuses of the State University of New York (SUNY). Their primary responsibility is to function as the initial point of contact between the police and the public, performing dispatching activities, and using various databases, online systems, and multiple video sources.

Illustrative Tasks

University Police Officer 1

Patrols an assigned area on foot, on a bicycle or motor scooter, in a car or by other means to deter criminal activity by means of presence and witness and to detect fires and other dangerous situations.

Responds to calls for assistance from fellow officers or from any member of the campus community to insure that persons and property are adequately protected; and may respond to situations involving but not restricted to burglaries, robberies, thefts, criminal trespass, assaults, criminal mischief, medical emergencies, accidents, vehicle and traffic violations, fires and unusual situations.

- Reports to the scene of the crime, accident or other disturbance in order to halt crimes in progress, arrest violators, maintain order and arrange for the appropriate care of injured persons.
- May apply resuscitators, administer first aid and summon ambulances.
- Conducts initial investigations of incidents in order to preserve and gather evidence; interviews witnesses, complainants and suspects and confers with fellow officers to ascertain nature and severity of situation; reports results of investigations to supervisor as directed and may testify in court.

Regulates pedestrian and vehicular traffic. May enforce vehicle and traffic laws in order to prevent dangerous situations from arising.

- Directs traffic at intersections, crosswalks and other critical points during peak traffic periods; stops persons violating the vehicle and traffic law; issues warnings, tickets and summonses; patrols parking lots and campus roadways; tickets cars parked in violation of campus rules.
- Controls the movement and activity of crowds at concerts, sports events and other gatherings; staffs entrance ways to prevent gate crashing and over-crowding of facilities; breaks up fights and other altercations, operates screening devices such as a magnetometer or x-ray machine to inspect individuals and carry in items for prohibited items.

On assignment as Desk Officer.

- Receives and interprets incoming communications, including, but not limited to radio and telephone calls, and e-mail messages from officers and other members of the campus community.
- Dispatches officers to the scenes of incidents and irregularities.
- Issues parking permits and collects fees and fines.
- Utilizes electronic devices such as a personal computer, video recorder or camera to record and view information.

On assignment to K-9 Corps.

- May patrol high crime rate areas and shifts with a trained police dog.
- Gives commands to dog to halt fleeing criminals, disperse crowds and guard arrested persons.
- May give demonstrations to interested groups both on and off campus, of the uses, effectiveness and safety of police dogs as a law enforcement tool.
- Responsible for care, feeding and maintenance of a police dog.

Prepares a variety of shift summary reports, logs and records covering activities of a criminal or unusual nature and other security related activities.

May deliver a variety of in-service training and/or community educational programs.

- Obtains proper certification and maintain re-certification in a variety of training areas, such as defensive tactics, use of force and firearms instruction.
- Serves as a Field Training Officer or as an instructor at a Basic Police School, Police Academy or other location as directed.
- Provides training and education to University Police personnel, other law enforcement officers, government personnel and the public, and engages in crime prevention activities such as, but not limited to Crime Prevention Surveys or Operation ID.

University Police Officer 2

Shift supervisor of the police force on duty.

- Schedules and assigns University Police Officers 1 to mobile and foot patrol and dispatch/desk post assignments in order to effectively and efficiently utilize staff and insure adequate security coverage.
- Prepares and maintains schedule rosters for uniformed and civilian staff; alters schedules to provide coverage of anticipated periods of peak demands for security services; and receives, reviews and approves or disapproves requests for leave.
- Briefs University Police Officer personnel in preparation for shift assignments to ensure subordinates are informed of current assignments, current security problems and changes in policies and procedures.
- In addition to subordinate University Police Officers 1, may directly supervise Campus Public Safety Officers, Security Assistants, Student Assistants and support staff as assigned.

Tours the campus and directly observes University Police Officers on the job to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of their performance and provide on-site instruction in law enforcement techniques.

- Personally acknowledges good and superior performance; offers constructive criticism and suggests ways to improve performance; listens attentively to subordinates' questions and problems and responds with workable solutions and answers.
- Regularly inspects the persons and equipment of University Police Officer personnel for compliance with University regulations; and directs subordinates to make necessary corrections.

- Reviews all reports and insures deficiencies are corrected. Directs or initiates follow up as necessary.

May respond to the scenes of incidents involving but not limited to crimes, arrests, major accidents, injuries, deaths and fires in order to personally direct security activities.

- Confers with officers and investigators at the scene to ascertain the nature and severity of the situation; may interview witnesses, complainants and victims to obtain data on the nature of the crimes and incidents, descriptions of alleged violators and other information needed for law enforcement activities.
- Issues directives to University Police Officers at the scene to secure apprehension of alleged violators, care for injured persons and other appropriate actions as required.

Prepares a variety of written narrative and form reports of shift activities in order to advise the supervisor of the nature and extent of security problems and the effectiveness of the public safety force in handling them; in preparing these reports, uses data submitted and verified in subordinates' logs and reports.

Performs many of the same range of duties as University Police Officer 1.

May be responsible for the Department's training program, crime prevention program, or community policing function.

Minimum Qualifications

University Police Officer 1

Promotion: one year of permanent service as a University Police Communications and Security Specialist 1 or 2 AND:

1. two years of active military service with an honorable discharge or under conditions in the NYS Restoration of Honor Act AND 30 college semester credit hours; or
2. successful completion of a New York State Municipal Police Training Council approved Pre Employment Training Program AND eligibility to complete the second phase of such training program that has not lapsed AND 30 college semester credit hours; or
3. 60 or more college semester credit hours.

Open Competitive:

1. two years of active military service with an honorable discharge or under conditions in the NYS Restoration of Honor Act AND 30 college semester credit hours; or
2. successful completion of a New York State Municipal Police Training Council approved Pre-Employment Training Program AND eligibility to complete the second phase of such training program that has not lapsed AND 30 college semester credit hours; or
3. 60 or more college semester credit hours.

University Police Officer 2

Promotion: three years of permanent service as a University Police Officer 1.

Note: Classification Standards illustrate the nature, extent and scope of duties and responsibility of the classes they describe. Standards cannot and do not include all of the work that might be appropriately performed by a class. The minimum qualifications above are those which were required for appointment at the time the Classification Standard was written. Please contact the Division of Staffing Services for current information on minimum qualification requirements for appointment or examination.

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