

Thurmont Police Department
Job Description
Canine Officer

Kind of Work:

This is a sworn officer position assigned to the Thurmont Police Department. This position provides a full range of law enforcement services to the community through community oriented and team management approaches. A canine officer performs law enforcement duties to protect life and property and has the greatest impact on the achievement of the Department's mission through the utilization of the narcotics detecting canine. Supervision and direction is received from the *Supervisors/Commanders*.

Examples of Work include but are not limited to:

- Enforces laws and ordinances.
- Responds to calls for service and investigates complaints of disorder or criminal conduct.
- Performs patrol duties throughout the town.
- Executes business and residential patrol checks.
- Makes arrests of persons who have violated laws or ordinances.
- Collects and preserves evidence pertaining to criminal activity for presentation to appropriate prosecuting authorities.
- Provides emergency assistance when required.
- Testifies in court when needed.
- Investigates conditions hazardous to life or property and takes appropriate remedial action.
- Maintains official records of incident, prisoners, daily activities, and related criminal and civil matters.
- Conducts training of new recruits, and provides guidance and direction to officers of lesser rank or seniority.
- Assists the Department with proactive measures of law enforcement, community awareness programs, education, and training.
- Provide support to other officers and their requests for canine assistance
- Interact with the community and provide demonstrations as requested
- Provide care and housing for the canine
- Ensure the canine has all routine examinations by a veterinarian
- Take the canine to a veterinarian for emergency care if needed
- Attend all required training with the canine to maintain proficiency and required certifications
- Forward all training records to administration for retention and filing
- Participates in special enforcement operations as assigned.
- Maintains servicing and appearance of assigned vehicles and equipment.
- Attends meetings, training, and education as assigned.
- Performs other tasks as directed serving the public interest and well-being.
- Ensures a good Department image by displaying professional conduct at all times.
- *Will act as field training officer within the Department.*

Qualifications and Requirements:

- High School diploma or equivalent GED.
- Minimum age of 21 years (upon completion of training academy)
- Ability to apply training to respond quickly, calmly, and effectively in emergency situations, demonstrating good judgment and independent action.

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