

POLICE OFFICER

Provide public service through motor vehicle enforcement, investigate crimes, assisting in apprehending suspects.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma or GED

Salary \$56,980*

Skills & Qualifications

- Integrity & respect for authority
- Effective oral & written communicator
- Empathy towards others
- Physical fitness
- Physically fit & 21 yrs old (minimum age)
- Fluent in foreign language

Job Outlook 5% growth* 2012-2022

SHERIFF

Elected position, manage law enforcement facilities, supervise patrol officers/departments, small investigative units, fulfill responsibilities according to community's needs.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma or GED, 2-4 years experience in law enforcement

Second Major or Minor: Foreign Language, Political Science

Salary \$56,810*

Skills & Qualifications

- Active listening skills
- Ability to make sound decisions quickly
- Negotiation skills in hostile situations
- Experience as a police officer or corrections officer
- 21 yrs old (minimum age)
- Legally eligible to carry a firearm

Job Outlook Varies upon need

STATE TROOP

Enforce vehicle safety laws on highways, interstates, respond to accident scenes, conduct investigations, prepare court reports, testify in court.

EDUCATION

AA or BA in Criminal Justice

Second Major or Minor: Foreign Language

Salary \$58,720*

Skills & Qualifications

- Physically fit
- Self-motivated
- Ability to work in all types of weather conditions
- Ability to work independently or in a group
- Strong basic math skills
- Effective written & oral communicator
- Sound judgement and self-control
- Ability to perform in stressful situations
- Successfully complete training academy

Job Outlook 5% growth* 2012-2022

VICTIMS ADVOCATE

Provide expert care to victims of crime by managing psychological, physical, financial, and emotional distress.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Social Work, or Criminal Justice

Second Major or Minor: Foreign Language, Sociology

Salary \$59,100*

Skills & Qualifications

- Excellent listening problem-solving skills
- Experience in law enforcement or social work
- Empathy and desire to help others
- Fluent in second/foreign language
- Previous experience internship/volunteer work with victims

Job Outlook 10% growth* 2014-2024

Sources:
<http://www.criminologydegrees.com>
http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.html
<http://www.fbiagent.edu/org/salaries/>
<http://www.usmarshals.gov/careers/faq.html>

*Indicates national median salary and job growth statistic according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Please note statistics may vary by state.