

SEASONAL OFFICERS

Minimum Qualifications

Be 18 years of age or older; possession of a high school diploma or GED (college preferred); be a citizen of the United States of America; possess a valid driver's license; pass drug screening/test; applicants must pass an interview and background investigation which include, but are not limited to, driving record history, and criminal record check.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Good judgment and general intelligence; good powers of observation and memory; ability to understand and carry out verbal and written instructions; good knowledge of first-aid methods; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to operate a desktop or mobile data terminal and other related equipment during the course of their work.

General Duties

Enforces State laws and Town ordinances; executes warrants; checks doors and windows and examines premises of unoccupied buildings or residences in order to detect suspicious conditions; investigates complaints; makes arrests of persons who violate laws and ordinances; directs traffic; responds to fires or accidents and renders all possible assistance; prepares necessary reports from investigations made; appears in court to testify; and enforces Town and State laws pertaining to juvenile offenders.



APPLICATIONS FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT ARE ACCEPTED DECEMBER 15 - MAY 1 ONLY

During the summer months the Dewey Beach Police Department hires approximately 35 seasonal employees to supplement the full time force. Seasonal personnel receive training, certifications, and uniforms for the respective positions. Students should inquire about receiving college credits for their employment as seasonal personnel.

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Police Department

The patrol division consists of three shifts. The Dewey Beach Police Department adds two additional shifts during the summer months to provide increased service to the residents and visitors of the town. A sergeant or lieutenant serves in the capacity of shift commander and is assisted by a senior officer assigned to each shift. The patrol division works six eight hour shifts and has three days off during the fall and winter months. The department changes the patrol division's shifts during the spring and summer months to five eight hour shifts followed by two days off. The shifts do not rotate between days and nights. Officers are assigned to the collection, photography, accident investigation, patrol techniques, RADAR, DUI enforcement, missing persons, and other related skills are duties included in the officers daily activities.

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The Community Foot Patrol is composed of our seasonal police officers. Police officers are usually assigned up to two streets to patrol. Their mission is multifaceted. Their primary duties are clearly directed at providing assistance to the residents and visitors of the Town of Dewey Beach. These officers proactively patrol their assigned streets to deter and detect criminal activity. A foot patrol unit usually consists of one officer. Foot patrol officers work a different rotation of shifts then regular patrol. Officers on foot patrol become very familiar with all elements of the area they are assigned to. Some areas are assigned several foot patrol officers due to the large crowds that are known to form in certain areas of the town. Lastly, these officers are highly visible representatives of the full time force.



The bicycle patrol was instituted in 1994 as a way for the seasonal police officers to patrol while encouraging contact with the residents and visitors of the Town of Dewey Beach. When weather permits, the bicycle officers go out on bicycles in town on patrol. The project was so successful that the police department's seasonal police officer supervisors can elect to take one of the 11 mountain bikes the department owns on patrol. The mountain bike has proven itself successful in the patrol function in a variety of circumstances



including fleeing criminal apprehensions; parking lot, business, and residential area patrol; crime prevention; and surveillance missions. Also, the department has found during weekends and holidays, when traffic congestion can cause motor vehicular traffic to come to a standstill, the bicycle patrol can respond to a complaint much faster than a patrol car.



Traffic enforcement is the responsibility of the patrol division. The Town of Dewey Beach consists of a major highway known as State Route 1, Coastal Highway, or Ocean Highway going through the center of the town. This highway is traveled heavily during the summer months and is traveled by thousands on any given holiday or weekend within the summer. The Dewey Beach Police Department also conducts highway criminal interdiction operations. Additionally, many fugitives have been apprehended on outstanding warrants from Delaware and other states during traffic enforcement operation. Besides speed limit enforcement, DBPD officers also concentrate effort on registration and license violations utilizing their mobile computer terminals located in their patrol cars. The Dewey Beach Police Department is also responsible for investigating serious personal injury, motor vehicle accidents, collisions involving commercial vehicles, vehicular assaults, and accidents with extenuating circumstances within the Town limits of Dewey Beach.