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Commercial Vehicle Officer (CVO) Trainee

This is a first-level commercial vehicle enforcement position accountable for enforcing state and federal laws and regulations by use of citations, warnings, and custodial arrests. Work will involve responding to and investigating commercial vehicle enforcement violations within assigned state boundaries, as well as conducting and cooperating with agency personnel, as well as other law enforcement agencies, in commercial vehicle enforcement investigations. An employee is accountable for participating, under close supervision, in an extensive training program in order to gain the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to be certified as a Commercial Vehicle Officer (CVO) with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The employee must be able to accommodate shift work and working outdoors in extreme weather conditions.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of or ability to learn the basic techniques, practices, and procedures used in CVE, in accordance with Patrol policy and procedures, and state and federal laws.

Knowledge of and the ability to demonstrate successful use of computer equipment and associated software/databases in the performance of duties.

Knowledge of or ability to learn hazardous/radioactive materials as they pertain to CVE, and exercise the proper safety procedures in dealing with same.

Knowledge and practice of or the ability to learn and practice the safety procedures involved in administering first aid, and dealing with body fluid and/or blood-borne pathogens.

Ability to utilize problem-solving skills, exercise judgment, make decisions, and assemble information in report form.

Ability to read and comprehend written materials, as well as effectively and accurately document enforcement activities in handwritten reports.

Ability to learn to conduct various levels of inspections in accordance with established policies, procedures, state and federal laws and regulations, to include various levels of driver and vehicle safety; commercial vehicle post-crash analysis; and detection of fraudulent and forged documents.



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Ability to learn to detect unsafe equipment on vehicles and to take the appropriate corrective action.

Ability to operate and maintain Patrol issued computer equipment.

Ability to successfully operate and maintain a motor vehicle in accordance with Missouri State Highway Patrol policy and State of Missouri statutes.

Ability to successfully operate assigned departmental vehicle at a high rate of speed as needed and under varying, stressful conditions to apprehend violators and respond to emergency situations.

Ability to exercise diplomacy and patience in dealing with a variety of individuals (in potentially hostile situations) with firmness, tact, and impartiality necessary to enforce commercial vehicle laws and regulations.

Ability to safely and properly fire, load/unload Patrol firearms, as well as the ability to properly use and maintain OC aerosol, an ASP baton, handcuffs, and an assigned firearm.

Ability to gain and maintain physical control of persons when making a custodial arrest.

Ability to successfully operate equipment necessary for the completion of job duties (e.g., weigh scales, measuring devices, creeper, communications equipment, etc.)

Ability to successfully set up and operate portable scales in order to properly weigh commercial motor vehicles.

Ability to study and review materials to keep abreast of changes in the commercial vehicle enforcement field.

Ability to position self and equipment necessary to perform duties.

Ability to handle fees collected for fuel tax and reciprocity permits per Patrol policy.

Ability to perform light building and ground maintenance as necessary at inspection facilities (mowing lawn, mopping floors, painting trim, trash removal, etc).



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Ability to visually identify or describe persons, vehicles, locations, or other objects at a reasonable distance from a moving vehicle.

Ability to receive, understand, and act upon aural instructions through the use of radio.

Ability to administer first aid.

Ability to move and/or carry victims of traffic or related accidents.

Ability to recognize when a decision is necessary and exhibit readiness to make a decision.

Ability to demonstrate successful performance in the comprehensive analysis and problem solving, as well as in following established protocol for providing court testimony.

Ability to demonstrate successful performance and adherence to the rules of conduct for Patrol employees in accordance with General Order 26-02, as well as all other applicable agency policy and procedures.

Ability to demonstrate successful performance and adherence to policy and procedure in the care and maintenance of restricted and confidential information in the performance of duties.

Ability to work with material that may be of a sexual nature relating to criminal activity (e.g., written material, photographs, and/or verbal language, etc.).

Possess and demonstrate successful communication skills in English via all modes of communication.

Possess and demonstrate the ability to successfully work as a team member and positively interact with a variety of people, as well as work hours as assigned.

Ability to accommodate shift work and work long hours while standing.

Ability to work outdoors in inclement weather.

Ability to perform job-related travel.



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Ability to work hours as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:

Non-Accelerated Candidate: High school diploma or equivalent and be eligible to be commissioned as a peace officer.

Accelerated Candidate: High school diploma or equivalent and possess a Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) License by one of the following definitions:

Missouri Applicants: Possess a Missouri Class A POST license or equivalent in good standing or an active Class B POST License in good standing that is eligible for upgrade.

Out of State and Military Applicants: Basic training and experience must meet the eligibility requirements to obtain a Missouri Class A License through the Veteran Peace Officers application process as determined by POST (Must obtain a Missouri Class A license prior to the conditional offer phase).

Minimum Requirements specific to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Job Family that may apply and are dependent on assigned areas of responsibility:

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must be at least twenty-one years of age at the time of CVO Trainee graduation.
- Must obtain and maintain a valid CVE commission.
- Must successfully complete, or have completed, the Basic CVO Training Course, as approved by the Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.
- Must successfully complete, or have completed, the Commercial Vehicle Officer Field Training. (This requirement is waived for individuals employed as a Commercial Vehicle Officer prior to the implementation of the standardized field training program.)
- Must obtain and maintain a valid Missouri Driver's License, in the appropriate classification, as required by law, prior to CVO Trainee graduation.



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- Shall not have any conviction, indictment or pending litigation for any offense involving moral turpitude.
- ❖ Per General Order 26-07, uniformed civilian employees will not have tattoos or brands on the head, neck, wrists, or hands. The sole exception is that one traditional band style ring tattoo may be displayed on a single finger. Any such ring tattoo will not extend beyond the proximal phalanx. Tattoos and/or brands on any other part of a member or uniformed civilian's body, which would be visible during movements in the performance of their duties while wearing any official uniform or civilian attire, will be completely covered and not visible while on duty.
- Pursuant to the federal Gun Control Act, any person who has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor involving domestic violence is prohibited from possessing any firearm or ammunition. The law defines a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as an offense, under either state or federal law, where the crime has "as an element, the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon; committed by a current or former spouse, parent or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim."

Necessary Special Requirements

Documented successful completion of at least 26 hours of professional skill development and leadership training each calendar year.

Pay grade: 26

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Work Schedule: An employee in this position works an eight-hour shift as directed; however,

working hours are subject to change at the discretion of the commanding authority.

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