

People Serving People



Don Warren: Police Officer

Don Warren sees the role of a police officer as a service to people: "Helping people... helping the elderly to find their way home. Helping to solve people's problems. Giving advice on what to do in situations. Referring people to community resources that can assist them."

Don prepared himself for a career as a police officer by taking a Law Enforcement Training Program at Portland Community College. A Benson graduate, he also attended Warner Pacific Bible College.

He advises young people interested in a police career to get as much education as possible, at least two to four years of college. Emphasis should be on psychology and sociology, law enforcement, and developing good speaking and writing skills. Police officers must be in good physical condition and have a clean record.



Jo Ann Jackson: Emergency Communications Operator

Jo Ann Jackson is a graduate of Irvington Elementary School and Grant High School. She attended Portland State University and the University of Oregon, majoring in English and Drama. It was her interest in acting, singing and communication skills that brought her to her career as Emergency Communications Operator.

Jo Ann handles communication between incoming police calls and police units. When a report is received she dispatches officers to the scene and arranges for additional cover.

Although there are periods of relative quiet, the emergency nature of the job requires quick response and cool thinking. The position requires one to speak clearly and precisely, to have good recall, and to handle pressure.

The minimum sequence for employment is high school graduation, but additional training in communication is beneficial.

The rewards: Good pay, pleasant work and the satisfaction of helping to "catch the bad guys."



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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS for POLICE OFFICER

EDUCATION: Applicants must be high school graduates or have passed the General Education Development (GED) test and been awarded a certificate of high school equivalence. Persons who have not completed 90 quarter hours or 60 semester hours of a basic liberal arts curriculum at an accredited college or university will be required to complete this requirement within 48 months (4 years) after completing their period of probationary employment.

AGE: Candidates must be 21 years of age by their date of employment.

CITIZENSHIP: Candidates must be citizens of the United States by their date of employment.

PERSONAL CHARACTER: Applicants must be of good character as determined by a thorough background investigation conducted by the Portland Police Bureau. Applicants must not have been convicted by any state or federal government of a crime, the punishment for which could have been imprisonment in a state prison or federal penitentiary. Applicants with lesser criminal records will be evaluated on an individual basis. All convictions for any law violations must be declared on the application.

HEALTH: Applicants must be in excellent health. Each applicant must meet all applicable requirements. Height and weight must be in proportion to employment.

DRIVER'S LICENSE: Candidates must possess or be able to obtain a State of Oregon Driver's License. Excessive traffic violations will disqualify a candidate.



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