

## **CORPORAL**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for supervising activities of Deputy Sheriffs and other personnel on an assigned shift. Incumbents are normally given a primary assignment in a specific division, i.e. road patrol, communications, investigations, or civil, but may be required to work in and supervise personnel in any or all divisions, and may on occasion work in and supervise personnel in corrections. An employee in this class assigns, inspects, and schedules the work of subordinate personnel. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-ranking officer. An incumbent supervises and assists department personnel in coping with difficult law enforcement situations, and organizes and coordinates the department's activities in responding to emergency situations. The work differs from that of higher-level titles in the Sheriff's Office in that the Corporal has less latitude for independent decision-making and must defer to a higher-ranking officer in matters involving complex interpretation of policies, internal investigations, or determination of minimum staffing levels, though the Corporal may carry out the instructions of a higher-ranking officer in their absence. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)** Supervises the activities of deputy sheriffs and others on an assigned shift; Assigns personnel to specific areas of patrol, investigation, communications, or civil functions; Receives complaints from public concerning crimes and emergencies; Patrols areas to enforce laws, investigate crimes, and arrest violators; Investigates illegal or suspicious activities of persons and quells disturbances; Coordinates the transfer of prisoners between various locations; Serves court orders and processes; May be assigned in specialized areas of investigation; May be designated as representative of the department in addressing civic groups or in dealing with other agencies; Prepares and reviews a variety of records and reports associated with law enforcement work; May be assigned responsibility for supervision and maintenance of departmental equipment; May perform and/or supervise civil functions; May perform duties of a communications officer or supervise employees assigned to this area; May, on occasion, be assigned to perform the duties of a Corrections Officer or supervise correction personnel as required.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** Good knowledge of modern principles, practices, and techniques of law enforcement; Good knowledge of the New York State Penal Law, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Criminal Procedures Law, and other applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances; Good knowledge of the local geography; Good knowledge of civil process procedures; Good knowledge of the operation of radio equipment; Good knowledge of the principles and practices of supervision; Skill in the use of firearms; Skill in the use of special equipment, including police radar and breathalyzers; Skill in the operation of a patrol car; Ability to apply first aid; Ability to deal firmly yet courteously with the public; Good powers of observation; Ability to follow and communicate written and oral directions; Sound judgment; Tact; Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

A. Two years' experience as a deputy sheriff or police officer in the State of New York.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Possession of a New York State driver's license which must be maintained during employment.
2. In order to be eligible for appointment, candidate must meet all current requirements of Section 58 of the Civil Service Law.
3. Incumbents in this position must abide by policies and procedures of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

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