

HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

This is work in the enforcement of motor vehicle laws on the public streets and highways in the State. Employees patrol roads within an assigned district to detect vehicle moving violations and to take enforcement action. Duties include assisting the motoring public in emergencies. Work may include temporary special assignments in a declared state of emergency. Work is performed under the general supervision of a line sergeant, guided by established highway patrol policies and procedures, and is reviewed through daily activity reports and conferences with supervisors.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES PERFORMED

Patrols an assigned route maintaining surveillance for moving violations and responding to radio summons for enforcement assignments, accidents, and motorists assistance.
Operates various types of equipment for checking vehicle speed.
Apprehends vehicle operators detected in violation of the motor vehicle laws and issues warnings for unsafe driving activity.
Investigates highway accidents; writes reports of findings and draws diagrams of the accident scene and forwards report to the troop headquarters.
Testifies in court as a witness in traffic violations and criminal cases.
Aids motorists who are having mechanical problems or who need routing directions.
Directs traffic at large public events and provides escort for funeral processions, military convoys, and parades.
Assists other law enforcement agencies in maintaining order during strikes and riots, apprehending escaped convicts and maintaining surveillance for stolen vehicles.
Performs related duties as required.

RECRUITMENT STANDARDSKnowledges, Skills, and Abilities

Ability to learn, interpret and impartially apply the applicable provisions of the motor vehicle laws of North Carolina.
Ability to collect and present information on patrol activities and investigations in oral and written form.
Ability to deal with authority but courteously with the general public.
Ability to read calmly and quickly under emergency conditions.

Minimum Education and Experience

Graduation from high school or high school equivalency certificate.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Possession of a valid North Carolina driver's license.
Certification as a Law Enforcement Officer under General Statutes 17- A.

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