

Colorado Springs Police Department

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What type of training do CSOs received?

The CSOs are required to attend a six-week formal Training Academy. During which, the CSOs receive instruction on Criminal Law and Investigation, Report Writing, Evidence Collection, First Aid/CPR, Vehicle Operations, Municipal Code, Interviewing, Defensive Tactics (to include pepper spray training), etc. In addition, CSOs transition into field training with a certified civilian trainer for approximately six weeks.

2. Where are the CSOs assigned?

The CSOs are equally divided up amongst the four divisions of the Colorado Springs Police Department. The four divisions consist of Falcon (northwest), Gold Hill (southwest), Sand Creek (southeast) and Stetson Hills (northeast).

3. What kind of schedule does a CSO work? The CSOs work seven days a week, Sunday through Saturday, to include holidays, between 5:30 am to 9:00 pm. Shifts will vary. Part-time hourly CSOs work a restricted 29 hour work week.

4. What type of uniforms do the CSOs wear?

The CSOs wear bright yellow shirts to distinguish themselves from uniformed police officers. Above the left breast pocket and upper arms of the shirt is an embroidered patch stating “Community Service,” with the CSPD logo in the background. In addition, CSOs wear dark blue pants, a duty belt with a police radio, pepper spray and a flashlight.

5. What type of vehicles do the CSOs drive?

The CSOs drive marked cruisers with green stickers/emblems indicating Community Service on the side. The CSO vehicle varies from Ford Crown Vics, Ford Fusions, and Chevy Impalas. The vehicles are outfitted with an amber light bar on the top as well as in the back window of the vehicle.

How to join:

City of Colorado Springs home page: coloradosprings.gov; click on “I’d like to” (upper left corner of screen), select “Work for the City” under the Find a Job heading. If the CSO position is not listed, then there are no positions currently open. To help the application process, fill out a job interest card (I’d Like to” and then click “Get Job Notifications”). As a result, when the CSO position is accepting applications, you will be notified via email. For additional information about the CSO position, you can also contact the Colorado Springs Police Department Police Recruiter at:

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