



<b>Job Title</b>	Public Safety Dispatcher I	<b>FLSA Status</b>	Non-Exempt
<b>Band</b>	PAR	<b>Probationary Period</b>	12 Months
<b>Zone</b>	3	<b>Job Code</b>	12767

**Class Specification – Public Safety Dispatcher I**

<b>Summary Statement:</b>	
<p>The purpose of this position is to receive and dispatch incoming calls for police, emergency medical and fire services and other emergency and non-emergency assistance. Prioritizes calls based on nature of emergency. Obtains critical information needed to ensure proper police, fire and medical response; dispatches appropriate units via the computer aided dispatch system (CAD), the radio and telephone; and performs a variety of duties relative to assigned areas of responsibility.</p>	
<b>DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:</b>	
<p>This is the entry level class in the Public Safety Dispatcher series. This class is distinguished from the (II level) by the performance of the more routine tasks and duties assigned to positions within the series and by the level of supervision required in the performance of assigned duties. Since this class is typically used as a training class, employees may have only limited or no directly related work experience.</p>	
<b>Essential Functions</b>	Note: Regular and predictable attendance in the performance of this job is an essential function.
<b>Time %</b>	Note: Time spent on each essential function will vary based on operational needs and is only intended to be an approximation over the course of a full year.
80%	Uses radio to dispatch appropriate Police and Fire resources to respond to calls received. Prioritize calls based upon nature of request for services, availability of units, and other pertinent information. Maintains accurate data entry functions into CAD for documentation. Maintains accurate and current awareness of the locations and status of police and fire units for safety of responding personnel. Maintains good customer service while following policy and procedures, general orders, and standard operating procedures. Utilizes various software and web based systems to conduct research to respond to calls.
20%	Completes data entry functions. Runs checks for wants and warrants on vehicles, guns, boats, articles, and persons to complete requests for service. Assists officers in arranging tows for accident scenes. Assists internal requests via administration line to process calls. Makes notifications to on call personnel and any other administrative



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	duties as assigned.
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<p><b>Competencies Required:</b></p> <p><b>Human Collaboration Skills:</b> Decisions regarding implementation of policies may be made. Contact may involve support of controversial positions or the negotiation of sensitive issues or important presentations. Contacts may involve stressful, negative interactions with the public requiring high levels of tact and the ability to respond to aggressive interpersonal interactions.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Intermediate - Ability to read papers, periodicals, journals, manuals, dictionaries, thesauruses, and encyclopedias. Ordinarily, such education is obtained in high school up to college. However, it may be obtained from experience and self-study.</p> <p><b>Math:</b> Basic - Ability to perform the four basic arithmetic operations. Ordinarily, such education is obtained in elementary school up to high school. However, it may be obtained from experience and self-study.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Basic - Ability to write simple sentences containing subject, verb, and object, and/or series of numbers, names, and addresses. Ordinarily, such education is obtained in elementary school up to high school. However, it may be obtained from experience and self-study.</p>
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<p><b>Technical Skills:</b></p> <p><b>Skilled in a Technical Field:</b> Work requires a comprehensive practical knowledge of a technical field with use of analytical judgment and decision-making abilities appropriate to the work environment of the organization.</p>
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<p><b>Relevant Background and Formal Education:</b> Demonstrated skills, competencies, and knowledge required for this job are most often acquired through the following practical experience and level of academic education and training as suggested below.</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade (high school diploma or GED) supplemented by specialized training in dispatch communications or a related field.</p> <p><b>Experience:</b> One year of full-time experience as an independent dispatcher or call taker in a public safety or an emergency communication center.</p>
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**Education and Experience Equivalency:**

One (1) year of the appropriate type and level of experience may be substituted for each required year of post-high school education.

Additional appropriate education may be substituted for the minimum experience requirements.

**Certifications and Licenses:** Must possess or be able to acquire the following certifications and/or licenses.

Certifications required in accordance with standards established by departmental policy.

**Supervision Exercised:**

Requires the occasional direction of volunteers, helpers, assistants, seasonal employees, interns, or temporary employees.

**Supervision Received:**

Receives Direction: The employee normally performs the duty assignment after receiving general instructions as to methods, procedures, and desired end results. There is some opportunity for discretion when making selections among a few, easily identifiable choices. The assignment is usually reviewed upon completion.

**Fiscal Responsibility:**

This job title has no budgetary responsibility.

**Physical Demands:**

Exerting up to 10 pounds occasionally or negligible amounts constantly, sitting, walking, or standing to a significant degree.

<b>Environmental Conditions:</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Primary Work Environment	Office Environment
Extreme Temperature	Never
Wetness and Humidity	Never
Respiratory Hazards	Never



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Noise and Vibrations	Never
Physical Hazards	Never
Mechanical and/or Electrical Hazards	Never
Exposure to Communicable Diseases	Never

**Machines, Tools, Equipment, and Work Aids:**

Fax, scanner, telephone, headset, workstation with moveable decks, ergonomic adjustable chairs, computer, and printer.

**Specialized Computer Equipment and Software:**

Quick Response, CAD, CCIS/NCIC, CJIS, LERMS, ProQA, MS Office, Contact Map, twitter, Facebook, Citizen Observer, 3si, CSU database, and BOSS3.

*The description above is intended to represent only the key areas of responsibilities; specific job assignments, duties, and environmental conditions will vary depending on the business need of the department and the particular assignment.*

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