

DEPUTY SHERIFF & SEX CRIMES INVESTIGATOR

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Investigates and performs supportive duties related to the investigation of sex crimes; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision this class is responsible for the investigation of sex crimes. Incumbents are specially trained to deal with victims of such crimes in a manner designed to minimize the trauma of the crime and of the necessary inquiries and investigations which must follow, in an effort to make the victim more willing and able to assist in the prosecution of an alleged sex offender. Supervision is not a regular function of this position.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Visits sex crime victim, immediately upon request of either victim or law enforcement agency;

Interviews victims of sex crimes to get necessary details;

Assists in the collection of on-the-scene evidence;

Accompanies the victim to a hospital for checkup and tests, and assures the victim's privacy;

Provides any necessary emotional assistance to the victims and their families, during and after the entire investigation and judicial procedures;

Assists in investigations by conducting surveillance's of suspected offenders and premises, by canvassing neighborhoods and, where deemed necessary, by acting as a decoy;

Testifies in court regarding results and findings of investigations;

Assists other law enforcement agencies with investigations and information;

Maintains records of investigations, suspects and related crimes;

Directs and performs the execution of warrants, summonses and subpoenas;

Attends in-service training as required;

Makes arrests;

Takes statements, interrogates suspects and witnesses as required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Considerable knowledge of procedures, methods and techniques used in dealing with sex crime victims, and in the investigation of sex crimes; good knowledge of New York State Penal Law and Code of Criminal Procedure; skill in interviewing sex crime victims; skill in conducting criminal investigations; ability to empathize with victims of sex crimes, and to project warmth and reassurance to such victims; excellent moral character, tact; sound judgment; good physical condition.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from a standard high school course and either: (a) graduation from a recognized college or university with a Bachelor's Degree* in Nursing, Psychology, Sociology, Behavioral Science or Education; or (b) completion of two years of college* and two years experience involving teaching; counseling, interviewing, social work, community relations or law enforcement; or (c) four years of specialized work experience as stated in (b); or (c) a satisfactory equivalent combination of the foregoing training and experience.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.