

## **SHERIFF'S CORRECTIONAL OFFICER I/II**

#### **DEFINITION**

Under general supervision or direction, maintains <u>facility</u> security and ensures inmate welfare in a County Jail; oversees <u>jail activities and facilities and directs the work of inmates in structured situations and the community</u> during an assigned shift; <u>prepares clear, accurate, and comprehensive reports and other written materials; maintains accurate records, logs, and files; and performs related duties as assigned.</u>

# DISTINGUISHED SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision or direction from the Sheriff's Correctional Sergeant. Exercises no direct supervision over staff. Sheriff's Correctional Officer II incumbents assigned to function as jail training officers and officers-in-charge exercise direct supervision over staff.

# **CLASS CHARACTERISTICS**

<u>Sheriff's Correctional Officer I: This</u> is the entry-level <u>class in this classification in the Sheriff's Correctional Officer series. <u>Initially under closeUnder general</u> supervision, incumbents learn and perform varied duties related to the operation of jail facilities. As experience is gained, <u>thereassignments become more varied</u>, complex, and difficult; close supervision and frequent review of work lessen as an incumbent demonstrates skill to perform the work independently. Positions at this level usually perform most of the duties required of the positions at the II-level, but are not expected to function at the same skill level and usually exercise less independent discretion and judgment in matters related to work procedures and methods. <u>Work</u> is <u>greater independence of action withinusually supervised while in progress and fits an established guidelines</u>. <u>structure or pattern</u>. Exceptions or changes in procedures are explained in detail as they arise.</u>

Sheriff's Correctional Officer II: This class—is alternately staffed with Correctional Officer II and incumbents may advance to the higher level after gaining experience and demonstrating proficiency, which meet the qualifications of the higher-level class. the fully qualified journey-level classification in the Sheriff's Correctional Officer series. Positions at this level are distinguished from the Sheriff's Correctional Officer I by the performance of the full range of duties as assigned, working independently, and exercising judgment and initiative. Positions at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise and are fully aware of the operating procedures and policies of the work unit.

Sheriff's Correctional Officer II is the journey level class of the series, fully competent to perform the full range of assigned duties. This class is distinguished from Deputy Sheriff I/II in that incumbents of this position are public officers as defined in California Penal Code Section 831.5 and are not assigned to patrol duties. Incumbents receive training in a corrections officer academy rather than a basic law enforcement academy.

Positions in the Sheriff's Correctional Officer class series are flexibly staffed and Sheriff's Correctional Officer II positions are normally filled by advancement from I-level, after gaining the knowledge, skill, and experience which meet the qualifications for and after demonstrating the ability to perform the work of the higher-level class.

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# **EXAMPLES OF DUTIESTYPICAL JOB FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)**

- ➤ Processes incoming inmates, fingerprints at intake, <u>and</u> releases from custody; maintains files and logs on inmates.
- Interviews inmates, classifies to classify and assigns assign them to the appropriate detention area and activities.
- Maintains inmate security, in accordance with laws, regulations, and institutional philosophy, including monitoring inmate activity, documenting inmate incidents, and searching facilitythe facilities and inmates for contraband and weapons.
- Supervises and monitors inmates and inmate trustees, verbally and physically directing inmate movement and transports and supervises inmate work crews. Monitors inmates on home electronic monitoring at various work sites as assigned; provides training, orientation, and guidance, and explains program rules and guidelines; ensures inmates' compliance with instructions, rules, regulations, and standards of security and safety.
- Supervises inmate exercise, recreation, as well as visiting and similar privileges.
- <u>Handcuffing suspects or prisoners, subduing and restrainingOperates complex control room security.</u>
- <u>Subdues and restrains</u> persons, and <u>usinguses</u> restraining devices.
- \* Assists medical staff in the distribution of medications; screens and refers requests for medical attention; administers emergency first aid as required.
- •> Escorts inmates within the jail areas; provides security for medical staff as required.
- Documents incidents, including calling Supervisorthe supervisor on radio or phone articulatingto articulate incidents and compiling; compiles accurate and logical reports.
- When assigned as a Jail Training Officers and/or Officers in Charge supervises assigned staff.
- Inspects facilities and reports the need for maintenance or unusual situations; request and/orsubmits issues with and/or requests clothing and supplies.
- Surveys and evaluates emergency situations, provides immediate response with proper actions, action; communicates with inmates one—on—one, or in groups.
- Testifies in court as subpoenaed.
- Receives and books incoming inmates.
- Transports inmates to court, other facilities, and medical appointments.
- Guards hospitalized inmates.
- Attendance and punctuality that is observant of scheduled hours on a regular basis.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

#### **MINIMUM**

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education and Experience:** 

#### Correctional Officer I:

#### **Education:**

Graduation from high school or possession of a GED Certificate.

#### Correctional Officer II:

**Experience:** Some knowledge and abilities may be gained by employees at the entry (I) level while in a learning capacity.

In addition to the above, one (1) year of experience equivalent to the County's class of Correctional Officer I.

# **Other Requirements:**

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Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid driver's license. Must be willing to work evening, night, weekend and holiday shifts.

Level I: Must obtain Board of Statewide Community Corrections Jail Operations certification and complete the course work required by State Penal Code section 832 within one year of employment.

**Level II:** Must possess and maintain above certification, as well as First Aid and CPR certification. Required to establish and maintain firearm proficiency if assigned to the transportation unit.

## **Knowledge of:**

- Principles, practices, and terminology related to the operation of a correctional facility and the supervision of inmates.
- <u>LawsApplicable federal, state, and local laws</u>, codes—<u>and</u>, <u>ordinances</u>, regulations <u>governing</u>, <u>and</u> standards affecting jail and inmate detention, release, and the legal rights of inmates.
- Principles, policies, and procedures related to jail operations, including the booking, custody, and release of inmates; inmate rights and discipline; techniques for inmate control; and emergency response.
- Basic first aid practices and procedures.
- Functions, authorities, and organization of other departments and agencies involved in identification, investigation, and prosecution of criminal cases.
- Basic mathematical principles.
- Principles and procedures of recordkeeping.
- > Court procedures and operations.
- Basic functions of law enforcement agencies.
- Business letter writing and report preparation techniques.
- Techniques for dealing with individuals from various socio-economic backgrounds in hostile and/or confrontational situations.
- Basic first aidSafety practices and procedures.
- Basic computer operations related to the work.
- · Basic office administrative practices, including filing.
- Business arithmetic.
- Correct English usage.
- Safe work, methods, and safety precautions related to roadside cleaning work.

#### Skill in:

- Maintaining facility security and inmate welfare.
- Overseeing and directing the work of inmates in structured situations, and the community.
- Preparing clear and accurate reports and other written materials.
- Maintaining accurate records, logs and files.
- Ability to write clear and comprehensive reports.
- Using a computer.

## **Ability to:**

- <u>Principles and techniques for working with groups and fostering effective team interaction to ensure teamwork is conducted smoothly.</u>
- <u>Yendors, contractors, and County staff.</u>
- The structure and content of the English language, including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
- <u>Modern equipment and communication tools used for business functions and program, project, and task coordination.</u>
- ➤ Computers and software programs (e.g., Microsoft software packages) to conduct, compile, and/or generate documentation.

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# **Ability** to:

- Interpret, apply, and explain applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, rules and ordinances, regulations, and standards affecting correctional facilities.
- <u>RespondAdminister complex and technical jail operations and programs in an independent and cooperative manner.</u>
- Operate of a jail including the booking, custody, and release of inmates; inmate rights and discipline; techniques for inmate control; and emergency response.
- Evaluate and develop improvements in jail operations, procedures, policies, or methods.
- ➤ Identify and implement an effective course of action to complete assigned work.
- <u>> Keep abreast of trends, technology, and requirements in laws related to supervision of inmates and operations of correctional facilities.</u>
- Assess difficult or emergency circumstances and develop, implement, and direct appropriate response strategies.
- Prioritize many tasks simultaneously.
- Communicate effectively to emergency situations, using a two-way radio.
- Exercise sound independent judgment within legal and procedural guidelines.
- Organize, implement, and direct jail programs and activities.
- Understand and carry outfollow oral and written directions.
- > Safely use and care for firearms.
- Effectively represent the Sheriff's Office and the County in meetings with governmental agencies; community groups; various business, professional, and regulatory organizations; and in meetings with individuals.
- <u>Work under stressful or dangerous conditions, often involving considerable personal risk or risk to others.</u>
- > Independently organize work, set priorities, meet critical deadlines, and follow-up on assignments.
- Effectively use computer systems, software applications, and modern business equipment to perform a variety of work tasks.
- ➤ Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, using appropriate English grammar and syntax.
- Use tact, initiative, prudence, and independent judgment within general policy, procedural, and legal guidelines.
- Establish and, maintain, and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of the work.

## **Education and Experience:**

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS/Any combination of the required experience, education, and training PHYSICAL DEMANDS

that would provide the essential knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying.

**Sheriff's Correctional Officer I:** 

Equivalent to graduation from high school;

**AND** 

At least 18 years of age.

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<u>In addition to the above, one (1) year of experience equivalent to the County's class of Sheriff's Correctional Officer I.</u>

# **Licenses and Certifications:**

> Possession of a valid Driver's License and maintain a satisfactory driving record.

# **Sheriff's Correctional Officer I:**

- ➤ Possession of, or ability to obtain, a Board of Statewide Community Corrections Jail Operations certification and complete the course work required by State Penal Code section 832 within one (1) year of employment.
- Possession and maintenance of a firearms qualification if assigned to the transportation unit.

  First Aid and CPR certification. The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

**Environment:** Working conditions are primarily in a county jail facility setting; frequently working in confined spaces; performing repetitive and fatiguing duties; infrequent outdoor working conditions in various weather conditions; assignments may be comprised of irregular, long, rotating and emergency shifts.

<u>Physical:</u> Primary functions require sufficient physical ability to work in a county jail facility; vision in the normal visual range with or without correction sufficient to read computer screens and printed documents and to operate equipment;

Sheriff's Correctional Officer II: (In addition to above)

- Possession of a valid Board of Statewide Community Corrections Jail Operations certification.
- First Aid and CPR certification.

## **PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

Must hear in the normal audio range with or without correction. Frequent walking and upward/downward flexion of neck. Occasional sitting, wrist and arm motions; fine finger dexterity of both hands, ability to grasp and hold; extreme physical exertion to assist with physical altercations. Infrequent climbing, reaching, bending, running and jumping; lifting, carrying or pushing objects that weigh more than 15 lbs.

#### **HISTORY**

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possess mobility, physical strength, and stamina to respond to and perform assigned duties; hear in the normal audio range with or without correction; possess mobility to work in a jail and use standard office equipment, including a computer, and to operate a vehicle to transport inmates; vision to operate and maintain firearms qualification and to read printed materials and a computer screen; and hearing and speech to communicate in person, before groups, and over the telephone or radio. The job involves frequent walking between work areas. The job may involve fieldwork requiring walking on uneven

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terrain, and climbing and descending structures to access work sites. Finger dexterity is needed to access, enter, and retrieve data using a computer keyboard or calculator and to operate public safety equipment. Positions in this classification frequently bend, stoop, kneel, reach, and climb to perform work. Employees must possess the ability to lift, carry, push, and pull materials and objects up to 160 pounds as necessary to perform job functions. Reasonable accommodations will be made for individuals on a caseby-case basis.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

Employees work indoors and outdoors, and are exposed to loud noise levels, cold and hot temperatures, inclement weather conditions, vibration, confining workspaces, monitored entry and exit of facility and locations within facility, chemicals, mechanical and/or electrical hazards, and hazardous physical substances and fumes. Employees may interact with members of the public or with staff under emotionally stressful conditions while interpreting and enforcing Sheriff's policies and procedures. The duties of this class are performed in an environment with exposure to criminal offenders, mentally ill individuals, and persons potentially infected with communicable diseases.

## **WORKING CONDITIONS**

Must be willing to work emergencies and on evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays. Must meet physical, psychological, and background standards established by the California State Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and any other pre-employment requirements pursuant to federal, state, and local legislation. Must be willing to work with convicted criminals. Must be able to pass a thorough background investigation.