

## **Utility Officer (GRADE 9)**

Reports to: Sheriff

The Preston County Sheriff is accepting applications for the position of Utility Officer.

Applications are available online at [prestoncountywv.gov](http://prestoncountywv.gov) or can be picked up at 103 W Main St. Kingwood, WV or call 304-329-1611 for any questions.

A resume and cover letter describing qualifications for this position can be emailed to:

[Saspiker@prestonsheriff.net](mailto:Saspiker@prestonsheriff.net)

Salary: \$35,000

Start date: 2 Weeks after hire

### **Summary:**

The Utility Officer provides security for the courthouse, court personnel, escorts and transports inmates as needed, generally between court appearances in the county and regional jail facilities. This can involve monitoring activities from security checkpoints at the various entrances to the Courthouse as well as providing transport for criminal defendants, mental hygiene patients, juvenile offenders, inmate workers and others as needed. The officer also fills the role of Bailiff when needed. Work is performed with a moderate to high amount of independent judgment and action. Problems vary from routine to highly complex in nature. Work is performed in all conditions, and the worker is sometimes placed in situations that could cause bodily harm. Work requires constant interaction with the public. (Note: This position combines the duties of the former positions of Court Services Officer and Transport Officer.)

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Provides transportation for inmates and others between court and facilities
- Completes required paperwork for inmate transfer, patient turnover, etc.
- Staff entry checkpoints at courthouse
- Operates metal detection and x-ray equipment at entrances.
- Check those entering courthouse for weapons and contraband.
- Monitors closed circuit camera displays of courthouse and county office complex.
- Serves as Process Seiver as needed.

- Serves as Bailiff as needed
- Perform other duties as required.

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- Basic knowledge of law enforcement
- Knowledge of court procedure.
- Knowledge of courthouse
- Knowledge of local and regional geography.
- Skills in identifying people.
- Ability to react quickly in potentially dangerous situations.
- Ability to communicate effectively with all types of people.
- Ability to use specialized screening equipment.
- Ability to operate mobile equipment and basic office equipment.
- Ability to work both day and night unsupervised.
- Ability to pass certification and use firearms and non-lethal weapons.

### **Work Environment:**

- Work is done in 12-hour shifts. Employees can be on-call 24/7.
- Work can be required in either an inside or outside environment.
- Work done in an inside environment is either at special stations at the courthouse entries or within courtrooms.
- Work done in an outside environment predominantly involves driving, sometimes for long distances, which can entail leaving the county or state.
- The nature of the work may sometimes place the worker in hazardous situations.

### **Physical Demands:**

- May be in situations where necessary to evade and defend against physical attack.
- Demonstrated manual dexterity and fine motor skills.
- Regularly sitting and standing for extended periods.
- Regularly lifts/carries ten (10) pounds and may need to lift/carry more than 100 pounds.

Qualifications:

- Education & Experience: A high school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Certifications & Credentials: Valid driver license. Firearms certification. Pepper spray training.

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