

**CLASS TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE OFFICER (DETECTIVE)
(DEM)**

Class Code: 02222700
Pay Grade: 29A
EO Code: C

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Within the Department of Environmental Management, to be responsible for investigating and assisting in the investigation of violations of environmental criminal statutes relating to the protection of the environment, including but not limited to the Hazardous Waste Management Act, the Refuse Disposal Act, the Water Pollution statutes, and any other rule, regulation and state statute relating to the environment subject to regulation and enforcement by the Department; to apprehend and assist in the prosecution of persons and/or companies in violation of such statutes; to assist in the preparation of cases for court presentation and to appear in court and give testimony; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the close supervision of a superior with some latitude for the exercise of independent judgment; work is reviewed through regular and ongoing consultation and review of reports for conformance to law, policies, rules, regulations, and organizational goals and objectives.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: As authorized by a superior, to direct departmental staff involved in investigations.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

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To apprehend and assist in the prosecution of persons and/or companies in violation of such statutes.

To assist in the preparation of cases for court presentation and to appear in court and give testimony.

To direct departmental staff involved in investigations as authorized by a superior.

To conduct criminal background checks of individuals and/or companies applying for Hazardous Waste Licenses and/or permits.

To assist in the case preparation and/or compilation of evidence for board and/or administrative hearings and/or court presentation, including, but not limited to interviewing witnesses, taking their statements reviewing and obtaining records and other documents as appropriate and necessary.

To utilize electronic equipment, computer software, automated databases and related technology and equipment in the performance of investigatory tasks such as case tracking, case reports, dissemination of information, research, etc.

To prepare and execute search and seizure warrants and arrest warrants as authorized by statute.

To make arrests as authorized by statute.

To assist and coordinate with state, local, and federal law enforcement authorities in the enforcement of state and federal laws, rules, and regulations involving alleged violations committed in such aforementioned areas, as required.

To prepare records and reports as directed.

To carry firearms as authorized.

To do related work as required as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the provisions of state and pertinent federal laws, rules, and regulations relative to the protection of the environment against illegal disposal, storage, transportation, and treatment of hazardous waste within the state; a thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of environmental protection, as they relate to hazardous waste, solid waste, water pollution and other pertinent environmental laws, rules, and regulations; the ability to apply knowledge of the state and pertinent federal laws, rules, and regulations, relative to the protection of the environment against illegal disposal, storage, transportation, and treatment of hazardous waste within the state; the ability to protect life and property, in the enforcement of federal and state laws, rules, and regulations; the ability to participate in and to conduct internal, administrative and criminal investigations; the ability to prepare cases for board and court presentation, appear before boards and give testimony in court; the ability to cooperate with state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies; the ability to coordinate departmental operations with the activities of such law enforcement agencies; the ability to qualify with and carry firearms; the ability to deal with others in a tactful and courteous manner; the ability to comprehend and analyze data and other information; the ability to prepare oral and written reports; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Environmental Sciences or a closely related discipline; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: extensive employment of at least three (3) years in the position of a law enforcement officer with a public or federal law enforcement agency, and a minimum of three (3) years of employment after completing the probationary period as an Environmental Police Officer I.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: At the time of appointment and continually thereafter:

1. Must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license.
2. Must meet the State of Rhode Island qualification requirements to carry weapons used in the performance of duty and must maintain such qualification requirements as a condition of employment.
3. Must, at the time of application and thereafter, continually meet all the requirements

- that are necessary for entry into the Municipal Police Training Academy (i.e. hearing, vision, fitness, etc.).
4. Must be certified by the State of Rhode Island Commission on Standards and Training (Chapter 42-28.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended) to be evidenced by graduation from the Municipal Police Training Academy. In accordance with RIGL 42-28.3-1, no person shall be appointed in any capacity until they shall have been evaluated and tested by a certified psychologist specified by the Director of the Department of Environmental management and receive a satisfactory rating.
 5. Must, at the time of application and continually thereafter, be free from any and all felony convictions.

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