

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

**Class Code: 02222400**

**Pay Grade: 30A**

**EO Code: B**

**CLASS DEFINITION:**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** In the Department of Environmental Management to be engaged in the enforcement of a variety of state laws pertaining to the protection and conservation of the natural resources of the state; to engage in the enforcement of the state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the registration, numbering, equipping and operating of motorboats in the tidal and non-tidal waters of the state; to engage in various activities involved in the management of the fish, game and natural resources of the state; to work directly under a Environmental Police Officer IV and be responsible for an assigned group of Environmental Police Officers as directed by the Environmental Police Officer IV in charge; and to do related work as required.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under the general supervision of the Environmental Police Officer 4 from who assignments and instructions are received; work is reviewed for conformance to department rules, regulations policies and procedures, as well as state and federal law.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** Supervises and reviews the work assigned to a group of Environmental Police Officers for conformance to state and federal laws, and department rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:**

To be responsible for supervising and participating in, as delegated by the Environmental Police Officer IV, the work of an assigned group of Environmental Police Officers engaged in the enforcement of a variety of state laws and certain federal laws pertaining to: fish, game and shellfish; boating safety including the registration, numbering, equipping and operation of motorboats in such waters; federal migratory bird laws and related rules and regulations; invertebrates and plants; fresh water wetlands, dams and resources; solid and hazardous waste transportation, storage and disposal and any other laws regarding solid and/or hazardous wastes; water and air pollution and open burning; prevention and suppression of forest fires; agriculture, farmland and pest control; the opening and closing of areas within the coastal waters to the taking of any and all types of fish, lobsters and shellfish.

To supervise and participate in the investigation of complaints, the issuance of warrants, the arrest and arraignment of any person found violating the laws, rules or regulations of the state, the serving of subpoenas, preparation of summonses and to give evidence in courts of law.

To supervise, participate in and schedule the day and/or night patrols of the fields, woodlands, streams, ponds, lakes and tidal waters, state parks, management areas and game preserves for the enforcement of all state laws, rules and regulations of the state by Environmental Police Officers.

To supervise and participate in the improvement of cover and habitat for wildlife; to stock and release birds, fish and other wildlife or marine species related to conservation work; to make wildlife population studies; investigate complaints relative to damages caused by wildlife and recommending control measures; to make investigations of unusual freshwater fishing conditions; and erecting and maintaining traps, duck nests, fences, signs, etc.

To supervise and participate in the forest fire prevention and suppression activities and to assist in rescue operations, as may be required.

To supervise the operation and routine maintenance of power boats and assigned automotive equipment.

To operate an inboard or outboard power boat on tidal waters or in the inland lakes and ponds for the purpose of apprehending violators of fish, game, shellfish, and/or boating laws.

To prepare detailed reports of activities as required by the State and United States Coast Guard; and when necessary to supervise detailed investigations.

To supervise and participate in the performance of a variety of management tasks in a fish, shellfish and wildlife conservation program such as: trapping and redistributing of game; to salvage and transfer game fish from

ponds, lakes and streams and to coordinate and oversee the transplanting of shellfish and to supervise the harvesting of the transplanted shellfish by commercial fishermen.

To operate such mobile two-way radios as may be required in the performance of the above duties.

To carry firearms or other weapons concealed or otherwise in the course of and in the performance of the duties and responsibilities as outlined.

To assist at and participate in conversation meetings, hunter safety courses, exhibits and field trials.

To represent the Division at schools, sports club meetings, boat shows, and various other public forums.

As required, to assist in the development and training of Environmental Police Officers.

To supervise the distribution of hunting and fishing license forms to the clerks of the cities and towns and to special agents, and to give instructions in the proper procedures for the recording, reporting and issuing of such licenses.

To do related work as required.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:**

**KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES:** A familiarity with state and federal fish and game laws; a familiarity with the state's boating laws pertaining to the registration and regulation of motor boats; a familiarity with the state's forestry laws and techniques of forest fire prevention and suppression; a working knowledge of the United States Coast Guard "Rules of the Road" for the operation of motorboats on inland waters; a working knowledge of piloting, basic seamanship and boat handling; a familiarity with the life habits and living conditions of the fish, game and shellfish common to the state; the capacity to learn to operate mobile two-way radios; a thorough knowledge of the proper use and care of firearms; the ability to explain and interpret pertinent provisions of laws and regulations; the ability to supervise the work of a group of Environmental Police Officers engaged in a law written instructions to subordinates; the ability to conduct education programs; the ability to prepare clear and concise reports; the ability to conduct investigations and obtain evidence; the ability to deal tactfully with the general public; 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 of Science Degree in Biology, Natural Resources or related discipline; and

**Experience:** Such as may have been gained through: employment in a supervisory position in a program of natural resources law enforcement as a Rhode Island Environmental Police Officer II or equivalent officer of the federal government or another state.

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

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:**

Conditions for appointment:

1. Must possess a Motor Vehicle Operator's License issued by the State of Rhode Island.
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 requirements that are necessary for entry into the Municipal Police Training Academy (i.e. hearing, vision, fitness, etc.).
4. Must annually pass an agility performance test approved by the Director and at least equivalent to the test used by the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy.
5. Must have successfully completed the basic training requirements and standards as established for police officers 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.

6. Must, at the time of application and continually thereafter, be free from any and all felony convictions

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