



Pierce Transit improves people's quality of life by providing safe, reliable, innovative and useful transportation services that are locally based and regionally connected.

Public Safety Officer



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Closing Date & Time: December 5, 2021 11:59 PM

Salary: \$21.35 - \$27.22 Hourly

Description

The Public Safety Officer (PSO) plays an integral role in Pierce Transit's ability to deliver safe service to the community. The PSO's role is to create a security presence with-in the Pierce Transit system by being visible, observing, reporting, and engaging customers. The PSO works in partnership with Pierce Transit's fully commissioned law enforcement officers in protecting the customers and employees of Pierce Transit.

Essential Functions, Duties and Responsibilities

The following lists are only a representative summary of the primary duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.

- Issue passenger exclusion orders according to established procedures as part of the exclusion program.
- Issues notices of infractions for parking violations that occur on transit property.
- Conducts thorough patrols on foot and bicycles of various parking structures, park and ride facilities, transit centers, bus stops, etc. Rides the transit system buses as a means of transportation from various locations within the service area and provides a uniformed presence on board the buses.
- Uses department issued cell phone to communicate to supervisor, Transit Police, South Sound 911, and other police agencies.
- Completes various reports including Security Incident reports, use of force reports, and monthly reports.
- Works closely with neighboring police agencies.
- Conducts assessments of transit facilities, reports inoperable equipment, conducts vehicle inspections, physical security breaches, assesses threats to employees, customers and assets.
- Searches transit facilities and vehicles for suspicious devices and/or people.
- With the use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), conducts active surveillance of transit facilities, captures video evidence for use in criminal and civil proceedings, testifies in court as required, listens and responds to radio traffic, responds to employee reports of suspicious activity, investigates and reports suspicious activity, notifies Transit Police or other police agencies of criminal activity and prepares detailed, specific reports; takes photographs of evidence for reporting purposes.

Qualifications, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Experience in public transportation security.
- One year of experience in the public-sector security field, military police, corrections or related field.
- Basic knowledge of criminal justice system and criminal law.
- Must be able to pass a 200-hour in-house academy which includes a police cyclist, defensive tactics and taser training course.
- Ability to obtain a valid Washington State driver's license prior to employment and pass a criminal and civil background check.

Representation

This position is represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 297.

To be considered for this vacancy, you must apply and follow instruction online via <https://www.piercetransit.org/careers/>.

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