**Position: Court Security Officer**

**Position Open: None currently, establishing hiring list for upcoming vacancy, March 2020**

**Posted: September 23, 2019**

The Vision of the Walla Walla County Sheriff’s Office is to be amongst the finest law enforcement agencies in the State of Washington; one which consistently delivers the highest quality public service in an effort to make Walla Walla the safest county in the nation. Our Mission is to safeguard the lives, property, and rights of the people we serve; reduce the incidence and fear of crime; and to enhance public safety while working with our community to improve their quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain the confidence of the public we serve.

The Walla Walla County Sheriff’s Office consists of a Command Staff, an Administrative Services Division, and an Operations Division. Court Security works within the Operations Division.

The Court Security Officer is a specially commissioned position that provides first line security for Court Houses and adjacent areas. The Court Security Officer shall ensure that all people entering Walla Walla County Court House are screened for prohibited items, not allowing prohibited items to be brought into Court Room foyer areas. They must remain alert and focused on all activity in the controlled area. Be aware of the comings and goings of visitors; in an effort to notice patterns of behavior that could be concerning. Court Security Officers must be physically and psychologically capable of defending self, or others, in confrontations when a dangerous situation presents itself or with uncooperative individuals.

**Required Education and Experience Qualification:**

Two years of certified corrections or certified law enforcement experience preferred. Related relevant experience will be considered. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent. AA degree, or higher, is preferred.

**Other Minimum Qualifications:**

* Must be United State citizen or a lawful permanent resident who can read and write the English language.
* Be a minimum of twenty-one (21) years of age.
* Must satisfactorily pass a Civil Service approved written examination and oral board interview.
* Must satisfactorily pass a Sheriff’s Office background investigation and a criminal justice records check.
* Successfully demonstrate handgun proficiency and appropriately carry said weapon while on duty.
* Must have no record of gross misdemeanor/misdemeanor conviction for crime involving controlled substances or physical harm.
* Must have no record of felony conviction.
* Must possess, or have the ability to obtain prior to employment, a valid driver’s license and vehicle insurance coverage.

**The Successful Candidate Shall:**

* Ability to develop and maintain positive working relationships with court house staff and the law enforcement community.
* Ability to develop and maintain positive interactions with the public and community.
* Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
* Demonstrate a high level of accuracy and close attention to detail.
* Ability to work independently and as a part of a team.
* Take an active part in all ongoing training programs as requested or required.
* Demonstrate the ability to be confidential.
* Be able to work additional hours as required.

**Responsible to: Undersheriff**

**Salary and Benefits: Part time (not to exceed 70 hours per month). $18.19-$24.35 an hour, (DOE). No benefits other than those required by State law.**

**Work Schedule: Part time –One week with Friday only, one full week and then one week with Monday only. One week off and pattern repeats.**

**8:00am – 4:00pm.**

**Application Procedure: Walla Walla County Sheriff’s Office Application, Authority to Release Information, resume, and up to 3 letters of reference from past employers or 3 past employee evaluations. Three (3) additional letters of reference from individuals recommended.**

**Employment Application** is available online at<http://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/departments/she/employment.shtml>

Please direct questions and Walla Walla County Civil Service Commission

submit all applications to: Angela Weston, Chief Examiner

 PO Box 1506

 314 West Main Street

 Second Floor - Room 203

 Walla Walla, WA 99362

 (509) 524-2506 (leave message)

Please do **NOT** drop off, fax or mail applications to the Sheriff’s Office.

*A little history……..*

*Walla Walla is a Native American name meaning “many waters” or “small, rapid streams”. One of the first areas between the Rockies and Cascades to be permanently settled, the Washington Territorial Assembly created Walla Walla County on April 25, 1854. Historically, the Walla Walla area has been known for its agricultural based economy; including wheat, barley, corn, potatoes, asparagus, peas, alfalfa hay and seed, concord and wine grapes and the Walla Walla Sweet Onion. Located in the southeast portion of the State, the valley is currently the home to more than 100 wineries - some of which have earned national and international acclaim for their world class wines. Nestled at the foot of the Blue Mountains, this community of 60,000 is steeped in history and blessed with beauty.*