

JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TRANSPORT / SPECIALIZED OFFICER

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for Transport/Specialized Officers (TSO) for the Jacksonville Police Department.

POLICY: The duty and responsibilities of Transport/Specialized Officers and the definition of their authority and discretion in carrying out their duties, including any limitations or restrictions to this authority, are established in this policy.

DEFINITIONS:

- I. **SPECIALIZED OFFICER:** These officers may be either full-time or part-time officers whose duties are limited or restricted to the facility or area in which they work. Duties may include the enforcement of agency rules and regulations for which the penalty could be a fine and/or imprisonment. For the purposes of the Jacksonville Police Department, these officers are full-time employees.

PROCEDURES:

- I. **SELECTION CRITERIA**

A TSO will be selected in the same manner as full time police officers. The selection criterion is as follows:

- A. Applicants must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- B. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States;
- C. Applicants must be a high school graduate or possess a General Education Diploma (GED);
- D. Applicants must submit to a thorough background investigation to include criminal history checks through the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC), the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and fingerprint checks through the State of Arkansas Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). A personal background review of the applicant's general character and standing within the community will be conducted;
- E. Applicants must pass the physical agility tests, drug screen, and oral interviews;
- F. Applicants must successfully complete a thorough physical examination and must also complete a psychological examination as required by Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training; and
- G. Any other applicable criteria as determined by the Chief of Police.

- II. **BENEFITS**

- A. TSOs will have the same civil liability protection afforded full time law enforcement officers of this Department. The City Attorney for the City of Jacksonville and/or duly appointed legal representative retained by the City will provide representation in the event of a civil action against a Jacksonville Police Department TSO.
- B. The TSO is covered under Worker's Compensation through the City of Jacksonville.
- C. TSOs are not covered by Civil Service statutes or benefits.