

DEPARTMENT: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFICATION: NON-COMPETITIVE APPROVED BY NYSCSC 12/17/2001
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HELICOPTER PILOT

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work requires flying a Sheriff's Office helicopter usually in the company of a Sheriff's Deputy. Duties include search and rescue missions for missing people, suspects and escapees. Also, may assist state, local and federal authorities in searches for illegal drugs and ground patrols in traffic surveillance or tracking suspects. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a superior officer. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Conducts search and rescue for missing people;
2. Conducts search and rescue for suspects and escapees;
3. Assists state, local and federal authorities in searches for illegal drugs;
4. Assists ground patrols in traffic surveillance or tracking suspects.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of principles, practices and techniques of piloting a helicopter; good knowledge of applicable regulations and ordinances regulating general aviation; good knowledge of the local geography; good knowledge of the operation of all necessary radio equipment; skill in piloting a helicopter; skill in the use of airborne rescue equipment, spotlights, flares and other similar equipment; ability to follow and communicate written and oral directions; good powers of observation; sound judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet all of the following:

1. Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma;
2. Must possess an FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate with a helicopter class rating at time of appointment and for the duration of employment;
3. Must obtain an FAA second class medical certificate, with no restrictions at time of appointment and for the duration of employment;
4. Must complete five (5) to ten (10) hours flight training, plus a check flight with the FAA to FAR Part 135 standards;
5. Successful completion of a background investigation to work at the Sheriff's Office.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Must meet the minimum requirements for approval by Niagara County's Underwriters for Aircraft Liability Insurance to act as a Pilot in Command. The appointing authority is responsible for ensuring that this special requirement is satisfied and must submit a written statement to the Civil Service Office that it has been satisfied prior to appointment.