Conservation Officer I

Full time, statewide (five positions available)

Closes Nov. 3, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Are you looking for an exciting career that combines law enforcement and spending time outdoors protecting wildlife? If so, consider becoming a conservation officer with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. You would have the opportunity to enjoy Utah's outdoor resources, provide law enforcement services, protect the state's wildlife and ensure adherence to state conservation laws and regulations. Visit our website for additional information on becoming a conservation officer.

Important: Assignment locations are unknown at this time and could be anywhere in the state of Utah. Location will be discussed with applicants during the interview process.

This job requires certification as a law enforcement officer through Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) in Utah within the probationary period and then maintenance of certification thereafter. We will enroll individuals hired for the conservation officer positions in the program in order to obtain the necessary certifications. POST has strict requirements pertaining to past criminal activity. Please refer to the POST Guidelines before applying for this position.

Principal duties
As a conservation officer, you will:
• Patrol your assigned geographic area and enforce state and federal wildlife conservation laws and regulations.
• Conduct investigations, interviews and interrogations for wildlife-related violations.
• Compile reports and other documentation associated with citations, investigations and other job-related responsibilities.
• Assist with law enforcement outreach efforts, including hunter education, school programs and media releases.
• Assist with other wildlife-related tasks, including surveys, relocation and nuisance and damage concerns.
• Build positive working relationships with other law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

The ideal candidate
The ideal candidate will have:
• A bachelor’s degree, preferably in fisheries; wildlife (or wildlife management); biological, veterinary, animal, range or earth sciences; criminal justice; criminology; criminal justice administration; environmental studies; environmental sciences; parks and outdoor recreation; psychology or social sciences.
• Motivation and a self-driven mindset.
• The ability to be calm in stressful situations and capable of working alone in harsh conditions with limited to no direct supervision.
• Good communication skills, both in person and in writing.
• The ability to think through complex situations.
• A willingness to work weekends and holidays.
• The ability to take direction well and a strong interest in learning new skills.

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