



City of Tempe

VEHICLE IMPOUND SPECIALIST

JOB CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

<i>Job Code:</i>	110	<i>Department:</i>	Police
<i>Supervision Level:</i>	Non-Supervisor	<i>State Retirement Group:</i>	ASRS
<i>Status:</i>	Classified	<i>Market Group:</i>	Vehicle Impound Specialist
<i>Safety Sensitive / Drug Screen:</i>	Yes	<i>Physical:</i>	Paraprofessionals

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REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

Receives general supervision from a Traffic Bureau Supervisor (Sergeant) or from other supervisory or management staff.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

<i>Experience:</i>	Three (3) years of customer service or citizen assistance experience in a police agency or a related environment such as the court, county jail, state correctional facility, or in a responsible regulatory or enforcement capacity. Experience in providing both English to Spanish and Spanish to English interpreting services in a police agency or related environment such as the court, county jail, state correctional facility, or in a responsible regulatory or enforcement capacity.
<i>Education:</i>	High school diploma, GED or equivalency. Some college course work in criminal justice, police science or degree related to the core functions of this position.
<i>Additional:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass police polygraph and background examination. • Successful completion of a Spanish proficiency exam is required at time of hire.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Essential job functions are the fundamental duties of a position: the things a person holding the job absolutely must be able to do.

To actively support and uphold the City's stated mission and values. To perform tasks related to the administrative hearing process as it relates to state law governing vehicle impounds including scheduling of hearings, preparation of data for the hearing, conducting the hearing, and completing all related reports.

OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of all activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

- Serves as the Police Department's Vehicle Impound Hearing Officer, as well as overseeing and administering the Program.
- Required to exercise independent judgment and possess specialized knowledge in the Arizona statutes governing vehicle impounds.
- Organize, coordinate and administer vehicle tow/impound related issues.
- Schedule and conduct tow hearings requested by citizens and collects administrative fees. Make decisions on the release or continued hold of vehicles based on standardized criteria and completes documentation with regard to vehicles towed by the Tempe Police Department.
- Respond to questions and inquiries pertaining to the Tempe Police Department its policies, procedures, and actions taken in reference to vehicles towed.
- Act as liaison between the police department and private tow companies working under agreement with the police department.
- Provide updates and direction to tow companies as to the expectations of the Tempe Police Department.
- Update and maintain databases, files and records in automated information systems; enters data into system files, and databases; researches and retrieves information from databases and incorporates data into assigned records and documents.
- Complete supplemental police reports related to tow hearings and vehicle disposition.
- Mail impound notifications to registered owners and/or lien holders within the mandated time line of vehicles impounded.
- Maintains records on the number of vehicles impounded, number of hearings, number of vehicles released, and monies received.
- Interact with the City Court, the contract towing companies, MVD, and other governmental agencies concerning a variety of impound questions and/or identification issues.
- Monitoring of phone lines to return all messages left relevant to police impounds.
- Mails impound notifications to registered owners of vehicles towed.
- Performs data entry of a variety of information related to the process for record keeping.
- Review all vehicle tow forms for accuracy. Correct report number, registered owner/lien holder information, correct plate and VIN number.
- Resolve procedural, operational and other work-related problems arising from incomplete or erroneous reports. Address any corrections and training needed for both civilian and sworn personnel.
- Investigate and work with sworn personnel pertaining to fraudulent documents presented for vehicle releases.
- Write civil citations and to testify in court.
- Provide training and guidance to patrol and administrative on vehicle impound procedures and changes.

- Interpret simultaneously and consecutively from English to Spanish and Spanish to English during interactions with the public, tow hearings, and court proceedings. Make oral and written translations during interactions with the public, tow hearings and court proceedings.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS *AND* WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Work is performed in a general office environment with moderate noise;
- Operate a variety of standard office equipment including a computer, telephone, calculator, copy machine;
- Continuous and repetitive arm, hand and eye movement;
- May work in a stationary position for considerable periods of time;
- May lift and carry materials weighing up to 25 pounds;
- May require extensive reading and close vision work;
- May require working extended hours;
- May work alone for extended periods of time;
- May travel to/from meetings and various locations.

COMPETENCIES

<i>CLASSIFICATION LEVEL</i>	<i>INCLUDES</i>	<i>COMPETENCIES</i>
Foundational	All Employees	Inclusion, Communication, Interpersonal Skills, Integrity, Professionalism, and Willingness to Learn
Non-Supervisory	In Addition >	Teamwork, Customer Service, Initiative, and Dependability / Reliability
Supervisory	In Addition >	Staffing, Monitoring Work, Delegating, Development / Mentoring, and Support Others
Manager	In Addition >	Preparing / Evaluating Budgets, Monitoring / Controlling Resources, and Motivating / Inspiring
Deputy Director	In Addition >	Entrepreneurship and Networking
Director	In Addition >	Organizational Vision

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[City of Tempe, AZ : Competencies](#)

JOB DESCRIPTION HISTORY

Effective June 2008

Revised February 2010 (update job duties)

Revised November 2010 (Removed optional driver's license statement)