



# City of Tempe

## COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER II+

JOB CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION			
<i>Job Code:</i>	157	<i>Department:</i>	Police
<i>Supervision Level:</i>	Non-Supervisor	<i>State Retirement Group:</i>	ASRS
<i>Status:</i>	Classified	<i>Market Group:</i>	Communications Dispatcher II+
<i>Safety Sensitive / Drug Screen:</i>	Yes	<i>Physical:</i>	No
<i>Initial Probation:</i>	1 year		
Click <a href="#">here</a> for more job classification information including current salary range.			

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS
Employees within this class are distinguished from the Communications Dispatcher I+ by the performance of the full range of duties as assigned in both the 911 and dispatch functions.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS
Receives direct supervision from a Communications Supervisor.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	
<i>Experience:</i>	One (1) year of experience in public contact and clerical work.
<i>Education:</i>	High school diploma, GED or equivalency.
<i>License / Certification:</i>	Possession of, or required to obtain a Terminal Operator Certification awarded by Arizona Department of Public Safety.
<i>Additional:</i>	Must pass police polygraph and background examination.

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 a variety of responsible duties involved in the receipt of incoming calls for police, fire and other emergency assistance utilizing the Enhanced 911 communications system. To dispatch appropriate units via radio and telephone monitor electronically transmitted communications.

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.

- Receive emergency service calls from the public requesting police, fire or other emergency service. Respond to radio transmissions, voice instructions and phone conversations simultaneously.
- Ability to learn and utilize new technology systems involving, radio, phones, records management and GPS mapping.
- Answer non-emergency calls for assistance; answer routine questions over the phone regarding directions, civil, criminal and traffic laws, policies and procedures; direct calls to police staff, other city departments or other agencies as appropriate.
- Evaluate and provide appropriate responses to emergency calls while working under stressful conditions and strict time constraints.
- Ability to communicate and provide information to both the caller and field units in a clear and concise manner; utilize various communication techniques to calm callers on the phone and obtain the necessary information.
- Enter all relevant police transmissions in emergency situations directly into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD). Ability to handwrite information quickly and accurately when the CAD computer is inoperative.
- Receive and dispatch calls and messages for police units; maintain contact with all units on assignment, maintain accurate status and location of police units, maintain daily computerized log of all field calls and units dispatched.
- Determine the number of units, and which units, to dispatch by considering such factors as time of day, description and location of calls, beat unit available, and probable degree of hazard to the responding units.
- Ability to simultaneously monitor up to seven computer screens and to immediately access each.
- Enter, update and retrieve information from computerized networks relating to wanted person, stolen property, vehicle registration, stolen vehicles and other related information.
- Maintain and update all hazardous locations in CAD system; keep abreast of premise history and hazard files for all field unit calls.
- Use telecommunications systems to coordinate emergency calls and relay information and assistance requests involving other law enforcement agencies.
- Monitor and utilize numerous police radio frequencies, the civil defense radio channel and the Police emergency channel.
- Provide accurate and understandable directions to citizens, officers and other law enforcement agencies.
- Update all map and jurisdictional maps.
- Receive, respond to and document requests from ACJIS and Division of Motor Vehicle printouts inclusive of verifying warrants, stolen vehicles, orders of protection, and stolen articles. Documenting findings and disseminating to appropriate agency and keeping proper documentation logs.

- Ability to learn job related material primarily through observation, structured lectures, and training; understand and follow written and verbal instructions; and to correctly use these instructions during training and while performing dispatching duties.
- Make appropriate notifications for request e.g., taxis, tow trucks, locksmiths, and beekeepers.
- Test and inspect equipment as required.
- Keep direct supervisor and field supervisors apprised of emergency and unusual situations.
- Perform as acting Communications Supervisor when assigned.
- May provide or coordinate staff training; and work with peers to correct deficiencies, as directed by supervisor.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

### PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Work in a stationary position for considerable periods of time;
- Operates computers, calculators and other office machines;
- Extensive reading and close vision work;
- May require working extended hours.

### COMPETENCIES

CLASSIFICATION LEVEL	INCLUDES	COMPETENCIES
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

*For more information about the City of Tempe's competencies for all classifications:*

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

### JOB DESCRIPTION HISTORY

*Effective December 1998*

*Revised November 2001 (range adj due to market; MQ's changed)*

*Revised January 2002 (Title changed)*

*Revised July 2005 (revised duties)*

*Revised Oct 2007 (min. quals)*

*Revised May 2008*

*Revised June 2009 (duties)*

*Revised Oct 2015 (added environmental settings)*

*Revised July 2016 (classification change – no flex once positions are vacant)*