



## **Sheriff Corporal, K/9 Crime Suppression (2665)**

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt (Hourly)

**Pay Grade:** 17

**Safety-Sensitive:** Yes

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this classification is to serve as a K9 handler in support of deputies assigned to the uniform component of the Bulloch County Crime Suppression Team. Incumbents in this position provide K9 services in relation to narcotic detection, tracking, criminal apprehension, article searches, crowd control, perimeter security and/or other areas as assigned. Position performs duties under the supervision of the Sheriff Sergeant, Crime Suppression and Sheriff Captain, Crime Suppression.

### **Typical Duties**

Per chain of command, leads and coordinates activities of Sheriff Deputies in the Crime Suppression Division for training and when K9 is used at crime scene: confers with superior officer to obtain direction regarding work assignments and priorities; assists Deputies with complex/problem situations, and provides technical expertise; assists Field Training Officer with training of new Deputies; and reports personnel-related problems or issues to the Sergeant/Lieutenant/ Captain.

Maintains "On-Call K9" status: responds to incidents where K9 tracking services are needed, including location of suspect, missing child/adult, narcotics detection, article search, crowd control, criminal apprehension, and perimeter duties; provides services to all Bulloch County Law Enforcement agencies; and responds to requests for K9 services for neighboring counties or agencies.

Utilizes K9's olfactory system to detect human odor, crushed vegetation, and/or drug/narcotic contraband; performs searches as scheduled or requested due to specific need; and performs duties in heavily wooded areas, swamps, within crowded, civil unrest locations, within vehicles and structures, and any other assigned locations.

Conducts law enforcement patrols: assists Road Patrol Deputies with patrolling of assigned County roads or locations reporting an increase in criminal activities: answers calls from dispatcher to include domestic disputes, assault, burglary, etc.; assists with investigations of accidents, burglaries, and other incidents both with and without K9; and deters crime through visibility.

Prepares and maintains a variety of reports, logs and documentation associated with daily activities: prepares detailed deployment records; documents all K9 training, equipment purchases, and activity to aid other agencies; completes forms such as incident reports, accident reports, and daily activity sheets; compiles data for further processing or for use in preparation of department reports; and maintains computerized and/or hardcopy records

Promotes and maintains K9 health, wellbeing and proficiency: provides, food, water, exercise, and any prescribed medications; maintains healthy and clean environment for K9 including cleaning of assigned vehicle and kennel; determines health and training needs; and maintains proficiency of K9 training through scheduled training sessions and a minimum of 16 hours monthly of off-site proficiency training.

Conducts public education programs on public safety and law enforcement: assists with scheduling and conducting public relations events involving K9 demonstrations; and conducts both formal and informal/spontaneous demonstrations of K9 abilities.

Testifies in court as required: compiles investigation information; and reviews and prepares for court appearances.

Performs other related duties as required.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

Associate's degree in Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice or related field; supplemented by three years of experience in law enforcement; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job.

**Specific License or Certification Required:** Must possess and maintain a valid Georgia driver's license. Must possess and maintain Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) and K9 Certification.

### **Performance Aptitudes**

**Data Utilization:** Requires the ability to review, classify, categorize, prioritize, and/or analyze data. Includes exercising discretion in determining data classification, and in referencing such analysis to established standards for the purpose of recognizing actual or probable interactive effects and relationships.

**Human Interaction:** Requires the ability to work with and apply principles of persuasion and/or influence over others to coordinate programs or activities of a project, and resolve typical problems associated with the responsibilities of the job.

**Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials Utilization:** Requires the ability to operate, maneuver, and/or control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools and/or materials requiring complex and/or rapid adjustments.

**Verbal Aptitude:** Requires the ability to utilize a wide variety of reference, descriptive, and/or advisory data and information.

**Mathematical Aptitude:** Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; the ability to calculate decimals and percentages; the ability to utilize principles of fractions; and the ability to interpret graphs.

**Functional Reasoning:** Requires the ability to apply principles of logical or synthesis functions; to deal with several concrete and abstract variables; and to analyze major problems that require complex planning for interrelated activities that can span one or several work units.

**Situational Reasoning:** Requires the ability to exercise judgment, decisiveness and creativity in critical and/or unexpected situations involving high risk to the organization.

## **ADA Compliance**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the County will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.*

**Physical Ability:** Tasks require the ability to exert moderate, though not constant physical effort, typically involving some combination of climbing and balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, and prolonged standing, and which may involve some lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (12-20 pounds).

**Sensory Requirements:** Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate colors or shades of colors, sounds, odor, depth, texture, and visual cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally.

**Environmental Factors:** Performance of essential functions may require exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as dirt, dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, fumes, smoke, temperature and noise extremes, hazardous materials, fire, unsafe structures, heights, confined spaces, machinery, vibrations, traffic hazards, lights, toxic agents, animal/wildlife attacks, animal bites, human attacks/bites, explosives, firearms, water hazards, violence, or rude/irate individuals.

*DISCLAIMER: This job description is not an employment agreement or contract. Management has the exclusive right to make changes at any time without notice.*

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