



## **CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER**

Capitol Police Officers are tasked with providing the protection for elected officials, visiting VIPs, and 20,000 state employees and visitors daily along with the enforcement of state laws. The highest priority of a Capitol Police Officer is the physical security of the buildings, properties, and personnel in and around the Government Center Complex. Therefore a considerable amount of a CPS Officer's time will be spent ensuring the physical security of buildings. Officers may routinely be assigned to an entry control point which will typically last two hours each rotation. Officers are also required to walk through the buildings where they physically check for open doors or security vulnerabilities. Duties may also involve stationary observation of a facility from a car or the monitoring of video cameras.

Campus security is unique from the perspective that there is a huge influx of visitors and dignitaries. Officers are frequently asked questions and are the most visible and highly recognized aspect of State government. The campus can be a focal point for demonstrations and protestors which puts pressure on the patience and demeanor of officers. Events such as these, combined with the importance of routine activities, attract media attention on a daily basis. Therefore, it is imperative that officer conduct, appearance, and professionalism are beyond reproach.

Due to the sprawling nature of the campus which includes White River State Park and over two miles of canal frontage, officers may utilize a variety of methods of transport. Foot patrols are perhaps the most common form of covering the campus, but officers may also find themselves in a car, on a bicycle, or on a gator/golf cart type vehicle.

The following is a rough idea of what a typical day, broken down into shifts, for a CPS Officer might entail.

FIRST SHIFT (7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

- Resource and public protection. (25% of time)
- Police Services providing directions and information to visitors.(25% of time)
- Parking enforcement and related issues. (25% of time)
- Responding to domestic incidents. (10% of time)
- Investigate suspicious persons and activity. (5% of time)
- Respond to medical emergencies. (2% of time)
- Respond to alarms. (3% of time)
- Respond to calls of criminal nature. (5% of time)

SECOND SHIFT (3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.)

- Resource and public protection. (50% of time)
- Police Services providing directions and information to visitors. (10% of time)
- Parking enforcement and related issues. (10% of time)
- Responding to domestic incidents. (5% of time)
- Investigate suspicious persons and activity. (10% of time)
- Respond to medical emergencies. (2.5% of time)
- Respond to alarms. (2.5% of time)
- Respond to calls of criminal nature. (10% of time)

THIRD SHIFT (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.)

- Resource and public protection. (50% of time)
- Police Services providing directions and information to visitors. (1% of time)
- Parking enforcement and related issues. (2% of time)
- Responding to domestic incidents. (1% of time)
- Investigate suspicious persons and activity. (20% of time)
- Respond to medical emergencies. (.5% of time)
- Respond to alarms. (.5% of time)
- Respond to calls of criminal nature. (25% of time)