Performs responsible protective service work in the Sheriff's Office involving a variety of general or support duty assignments and involving an element of personal danger; does related work as required. Work is performed under the regular supervision of a Deputy Sergeant.

This is heavy work requiring the exertion of 100 pounds of force occasionally, up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; and some work requiring the lifting or dragging, for short distances, of 165 pounds of weight occasionally; work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word, and conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels, and to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or to make fine distinctions in sound; visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, night vision, peripheral vision, preparing and analyzing written or computer data, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions, and wearing a respirator. The worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

Examples of Duties:
Enforcing laws; investigating criminal activity; serving civil papers; ensuring safety of public; testifying in Court; maintaining records and files; preparing reports.

On an assigned shift, operates a patrol vehicle to observe for violations of traffic laws, suspicious activities or persons and disturbances of law and order;
Responds to radio dispatches and answers calls and complaints;
Makes arrests, forcibly if necessary, using handcuffs and other restraints;
Subdues resisting suspects using weapons, maneuvers and other approved self defense methods;
Enforces traffic laws; issues citations for traffic violations;
Fills out arrest records; takes fingerprints and photographs; performs prisoner security functions; investigates traffic accidents;
Interviews victims and witnesses; secures property and evidence;
Prepares detailed reports on activities and assignments;
Serves civil process and criminal arrest warrants;
Performs a variety of crime prevention duties; may serve as DARE officer or other special assignments;
Performs various inmate jail and court security duties; enforces jail rules and regulations; supervises trustees; transports inmates to and from court.
Performs related tasks as required.
Some knowledge of police methods, practices and procedures; general knowledge of the geography of the County and location of important buildings; some knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Sheriff’s Office; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions and to prepare clear comprehensive reports; ability to deal courteously, firmly and tactfully with the public; ability to analyze situations and to adopt quick, effective and reasonable courses of action with due regard to surround hazards and circumstances; possession of physical agility and endurance; skill in the use of firearms and the operation of a motor vehicle.

Typical Qualifications:
Graduation from high school or high school equivalency.
Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Must meet and maintain all Stafford County Sheriff's department and State Criminal Justice System training and education requirements for position.
Required to be a United States citizen and at least 21 years of age.

Supplemental Information:
EXAMINATION SCHEDULE AND NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND WRITTEN TEST

WRITTEN TEST - Everyone submitting an application will be required to participate in a written examination. The test will be graded on site and the candidate will be advised of his/her score. A score of seventy-percent (70%) or above is required to advance in the process. The Sheriff may waive this portion of the selection process in the event of prior police experience or other factors as determined by the Sheriff. Applicants should be prepared to commit approximately 3 hours for this examination.

PHYSICAL AGILITY - Upon receiving a passing score on the written examination, the applicant will be required to complete a series of physical tests to continue in the selection process. The applicant must achieve a score of 384 or above to pass the Physical Agility portion of the selection process.

The following information describes the tests, which are part of the physical agility portion of the screening process:

99 Yard Obstacle Course - This test simulates a short distance foot pursuit such as might occur in the parking lot of a shopping center. The test requires you to make frequent changes in direction while running as fast as possible.

Body Drag - This test simulates dragging someone who is physically incapacitated. The test requires that you lift and drag a 165 pound dummy that is face up on the floor. The dummy must be dragged 32 feet.

Fence Climbs - Two tests of your ability to climb over fences will be administered. Both fences are 6 feet high. One fence is solid wood and the other is chain link. These are the two most common fences encountered by deputy sheriffs. For each test you are to run up to the fence, scale the fence, and continue running to the finish line.

500 Yard Run - This test simulates a long distance foot pursuit and requires you to run 500 yards.

Trigger Pull - This tests your ability to operate and fire a .40 Cal semiautomatic pistol issued by this office. This test will require that you simulate shooting the handgun by successfully squeezing the
trigger five times with your weak hand within five seconds. This test will be done while holding the weapon inside a ring 2½” in diameter without touching the sides. We will give you three opportunities to successfully complete this test. This test also requires that you successfully pull the slide of the weapon back to the locked position. This test will be done holding the weapon's grip with the strong hand and pulling the slide back with the weak hand. Do not bring any weapons to this examination.

Please wear appropriate attire (i.e., Pts, sweats, workout clothes, etc.) and shoes. There is a facility at the testing site to change clothes should you need to do so.

Should inclement weather cause cancellation, testing will resume at the next regularly scheduled date.