



CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT TESTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Big Spring Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Interested persons should apply online at www.mybigspring.com. Entry level testing will take place as follows:

- Job Class Title:** Certified/Non-Certified (Academy Cadet) Police Officer
- Starting Annual Salary:** \$23.224/\$20.935 per hour
- Test Date and Time:** Fall 2019 for entry to the Police Academy in January 2020
- Testing Location:** Troy M. Hogue Law Enforcement Center, 3613 West Highway 80, Big Spring, Texas

Applications must be submitted online. Testing for CERTIFIED Police Officers is done on an as-needed basis. Certified officers are strongly encouraged to apply at anytime.

JOB SUMMARY

This position is responsible for the enforcement of federal, state, and local laws and the protection of life and property and preserving the peace.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicants must be twenty-one (21) years of age on the day of testing for Peace Officer licensure.
- High School diploma or GED as required by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement (TCOLE).
- Ability to read, write and perform mathematical calculations at a level commonly associated with the completion of high school or equivalent.
- Possession of a valid driver's license issued by the State of Texas for the type of vehicle or equipment operated.
- Ability to meet current requirements set forth by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement to be certified as a Peace Officer.
- No illegal drug use.
- No arrest record with higher than a Class C Misdemeanor.
- Meet or exceed physical agility requirements of department.
- Demonstrate proficiency with handgun during scheduled testing with the Police Department.

WORKING CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS

A Big Spring Police Officer works forty (40) hours per week on different shifts and overtime may be required. Patrol officers work twelve hour shifts with every other weekend off. The City of Big Spring offers excellent benefits including a fully equipped take home patrol vehicle, twelve paid holidays, tuition reimbursement, medical and dental insurance, deferred compensation program, long term disability insurance, TMRS (7% 2 to 1 match), 120 hours of paid vacation, and 40 hours of paid sick leave.

Certified officers are eligible for a relocation incentive payment in the amount of \$2,400.00, payable on the day of hire. An officer hired by the Big Spring Police Department and having personally incurred expenses for tuition and fees within the twelve (12) months preceding the date of hire to attend any training school meeting Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education requirements for a basic academy and received his or her certification as a result, will be eligible for reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Non-certified academy cadets receive comprehensive training, at your full starting salary, which includes sixteen weeks at the Police Academy prior to field training at the department. Candidates are provided with a vehicle to travel to and from the Police Academy in Midland, Texas.

PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST:

All applicants who pass the written test must take and pass the Big Spring Police Department PAT in order to move forward in the recruitment process. A sample test includes the following five events:

1. **TRIGGER PULL: 15 seconds per hand** – Using a department issued weapon, the applicant will pull the trigger thru twelve (12) times with the strong hand using the index finger.
2. **SHOTGUN LOAD: 30 seconds** – Using a department issued Remington 870 shotgun, the applicant will load the shotgun with four (4) dummy rounds and cycle all shells through the weapon while at shoulder point.
3. **220-YARD RUN: 42 seconds** – The applicant will run 220 yards in the time allotted.
4. **165 LB DUMMY DRAG: 35 seconds** – Lift and drag 165-pound lifelike mannequin 75-feet.
5. **OBSTACLE COURSE: 80 seconds** – Applicant will run an obstacle course consisting of several sharp turns, a number of curb-height obstacles, a 4-foot high wall that applicant must climb over, and an incline wall that the applicant must climb.

Interested individuals must complete the online Police Officer application in order to be eligible to test. If you feel you possess the minimum requirements and have the maximum desire to serve your community then a career with us may be right for you. Please contact the Human Resources office at (432) 264-2347, or email sking@mybigspring.com, for more information. The City of Big Spring Human Resources office is located at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.