

**DEPARTMENT:** NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF  
**CLASSIFICATION:** COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** MAY 1, 2003

**DEPUTY SHERIFF (MARINE)**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for the protection of lives, and property, and the enforcement of the navigation, boating laws, and ordinances within the County. On the assigned shift an incumbent performs routine patrol operations on the waterways of Niagara County, in accordance with standard departmental operating procedures, and makes arrests and assists in investigating boating accidents and related investigations. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-ranking officer who gives specific instructions and assistance when special problems arise. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Patrols waterways of Niagara County, which include Lake Ontario, Erie Canal and Niagara River;
2. Enforces navigation and boating laws;
3. Investigates boating accidents;
4. Makes arrests when necessary, including Boating While Intoxicated, BWI;
5. Files incident reports with Sheriff's Department;
6. Assists in rescue operations of disabled boats and stranded boaters;
7. Conducts boat inspections and educates public on boating safety, including speaking to groups;
8. Assists Coast Guard and Customs Officers with enforcing Federal Statutes;
9. Patrols for illegal aliens entering the country;
10. Assures that patrol craft is seaworthy and operational.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of modern principles, practices and techniques of law enforcement; good knowledge of applicable navigation and boating laws; Good knowledge of local waterways; good knowledge of the operation of marine radio equipment; skilled in the use of firearms; skilled in the use of special equipment including radar and breathalyzers; skilled in the operation of patrol vessels ranging in size from 20 to 30 feet; ability to navigate using electronic means while aboard a vessel; ability to apply first aid; ability to deal firmly yet courteously with the public; ability to follow and communicate written and oral directions; ability to prepare written reports using nautical terminology; good powers of observation; sound judgement; tact; physical condition and stamina to withstand a minimum of eight(8) hours of underway time in a patrol boat during adverse weather and sea state.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma, **and** three (3) years of seamanship experience that facilitates successful completion of a check ride on patrol vessels ranging in size from 20 to 30 feet. \*\*

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Candidates must be at least 19 years of age. Eligibility for appointment from the Civil Service eligible list begins when a candidate reaches his or her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. There is no maximum age for taking the test or for appointment.
2. Possession of an appropriate New York State Driver's License.
3. Candidates must be citizens of the United States at time of appointment in accordance with Article 2, Section 3 of the New York State Public Officer's Law.
4. Candidates must become eligible for a certificate of training issued by the Executive Director of the Municipal Police Training Council and must possess the required certificate within one (1) year of the date of original appointment.

**NOTE:** Conviction of a felony **WILL** bar, and conviction of a misdemeanor or other offense **MAY** bar candidates from examination and appointment.

**\*\* SEAMANSHIP EXPERIENCE DOES NOT NEED TO BE PROFESSIONAL OR PAID.**

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