

**DEPARTMENT:** SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
**CLASSIFICATION:** NON-COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** MARCH 11, 2005

## HELICOPTER PILOT

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work requires flying a Sheriff's Department helicopter usually in the company of a Sheriff's Deputy. Duties include search and rescue missions for missing people, suspects and escapees. Also, may assist State, Local and Federal Authorities in searches for illegal drugs and ground patrols in traffic surveillance or tracking suspects. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a superior officer. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Conducts search and rescue for missing people;
2. Conducts search and rescue for suspects and escapees;
3. Assists State, Local and Federal Authorities in searches for illegal drugs;
4. Assists ground patrols in traffic surveillance or tracking suspects.

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

Thorough knowledge of principles, practices and techniques of piloting a helicopter; good knowledge of applicable regulations and ordinances regulating general aviation; good knowledge of the local geography; good knowledge of the operation of all necessary radio equipment; skill in piloting a helicopter; skill in the use of airborne rescue equipment, spotlights, flares and other similar equipment. Ability to follow and communicate written and oral directions; good powers of observation; sound judgement; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Applicant must be a high school graduate or a holder of a high school equivalency diploma issued by an education department of any of the states of the United States or a holder of a comparable diploma issued by any commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States or by the Canal Zone or a holder of a report from the United States armed forces certifying successful completion of the tests of general education development, high school level. Applicants who do not possess high school equivalency are eligible to take the examination, but will not be eligible for appointment until they obtain an equivalency diploma.
2. Must possess an FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate with a helicopter class rating.
3. Selection of a Pilot is contingent on the applicant obtaining an FAA second class medical certificate, with no restrictions.
4. Must also complete five to ten hours flight training, plus a check flight with the FAA to FAR Part 135 standards.
5. Conviction of a felony **WILL** bar, and conviction of a misdemeanor or other offense **MAY** bar examination and appointment.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:**

Must meet the minimum requirements for approval by Niagara County's Underwriters for Aircraft Liability Insurance to act as a Pilot in Command. The appointing authority is responsible for ensuring that this special requirement is satisfied and must submit a written statement to the Civil Service Office that it has been satisfied prior to appointment.

Non-competitive approved by State CSC 12/17/2001.

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