CLASS TITLE: Police Officer (Assigned as Traffic Specialist)

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, conducts detailed investigations of fatal and serious personal injury accidents; and performs related duties as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: Assists and guides police officers regarding Police Department policy and procedures relative to the initial investigation of serious traffic accidents; follows department procedures in conducting on-the-scene investigations; gathers physical evidence and seeks out witnesses to support elements of the offense and determines who is to be charged; contacts witnesses, prepares case reports and acts as a liaison with the prosecutor for court presentation; conducts on-the-scene investigations of all major and multi-vehicle expressway accidents; conducts investigations of accidents involving department vehicles.

DESERABLE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience. Career Service status as a sworn member of the Chicago Police Department supplemented by two years of progressively responsible experience in law enforcement and crime prevention and successful completion of specialized training in accident investigation. A valid State of Illinois driver's license is required.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Considerable knowledge of all current department orders pertaining to accident investigations and procedures for completing and processing all related reports. Considerable knowledge of effective interviewing and investigative techniques and methods. Considerable knowledge of traffic laws and regulations pertaining to motor vehicles, drivers and roadways.

Ability to conduct detailed investigations. Ability to maintain records and prepare reports. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Considerable skill in the application of modern investigative and interviewing methods and techniques. Considerable skill in dealing courteously with others.

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