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Heavy Equipment Operator, Public Works

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STRENGTHS

- 🔧 **Equipment readiness**
Pre use checks covered tires, fluids, controls, attachments, and safety devices. Small details kept each training shift moving.
- ♥ **Field safety**
Traffic signs, flagging, protective equipment, and hazard checks supported safer work zones. Crews noticed dependable preparation.
- 🌿 **Grounds care**
Mowing, trimming, drainage cleaning, litter collection, and mulch placement kept public spaces orderly and serviceable.
- 🗣️ **Crew communication**
Radio codes and clear status updates helped crews share site conditions, supply needs, and urgent calls without confusion.
- 👥 **Public response**
Simulated customer questions built calm, respectful responses. Listening first made maintenance concerns easier to route and resolve.

SKILLS

Heavy equipment operation

Dump trucks Street sweepers

Tractors Front end loaders

Back hoes Stump grinders

Bucket trucks Chainsaws

Chippers Equipment inspection

Roadway safety Traffic control

Drainage maintenance

Radio communication

LANGUAGES

English

Native

SUMMARY

Early career **heavy equipment operator** with two years of supervised public works training and field practice across roadway, grounds, drainage, and right of way assignments. Operates dump trucks, street sweepers, tractors, front end loaders, back hoes, stump grinders, bucket trucks, flatbed trucks, chainsaws, and chippers under qualified supervision. Completes equipment inspections, attachment checks, work orders, daily worksheets, material counts, traffic control, radio communication, map reading, and field reporting. Hands on work includes mowing, hedge trimming, curb and drainage cleaning, litter collection, tree and debris removal, mulch placement, and tree planting. Holds a **Georgia driver's license**, Georgia CDL, **OSHA 10 Hour Construction Safety** certification, and Georgia **Department of Corrections certification** for inmate labor supervision. Brings careful judgment, physical stamina, clear communication, and dependable crew support for demanding municipal operations.

EDUCATION

Public Works and Heavy Equipment Operations Certificate

Central Georgia Technical College 🎓 GPA: 4.0 📅 2024 📍 Warner Robins, GA

***Coursework:** Roadway safety, equipment operation, map reading, field documentation*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Heavy Equipment:** Dump trucks, front end loaders, tractors
- **Roadway Equipment:** Street sweepers, bucket trucks, flatbed trucks
- **Grounds Equipment:** Chainsaws, chippers, stump grinders
- **Attachment Tools:** Quick cuts, grab alls, mower attachments
- **Equipment Inspection:** Tire checks, fluid checks, attachment checks
- **Traffic Control:** Road signs, flagging, work zones
- **Field Documentation:** Work orders, daily worksheets, accident reports
- **Municipal Maintenance:** Drainage cleaning, curb cleaning, litter collection
- **Tree Care:** Tree planting, tree removal, hedge trimming
- **Communication Systems:** City radio functions, radio codes, oral communication
- **Safety Practices:** Roadway safety, equipment safety, protective equipment
- **Navigation Tools:** Maps, route identification, site planning

EXPERIENCE

Heavy Equipment Operator Apprentice

Apprenticeship 📅 October 2024 to Present 📍 Warner Robins, GA

Supports supervised **public works** operations across roadways, grounds, drainage areas, and rights of way. Operates trucks, loaders, tractors, chainsaws, and chippers while completing inspections, **traffic control**, material handling, documentation, and crew support.

- Operated **dump trucks, tractors**, loaders, flatbeds, chainsaws, and chippers during supervised roadway assignments.
- Completed pre use inspections covering tires, fluids, controls, attachments, safety devices, and visible equipment condition.
- Placed traffic signs and performed supervised flagging using **roadway safety** procedures and radio communication.
- Cleared drainage areas, mowed grounds, collected litter, removed fallen trees, and placed mulch safely.
- Prepared **daily worksheets**, equipment checklists, material counts, and supervised accident report exercises.
- Transported equipment between training and maintenance sites using safe loading and movement procedures.

MY CAREER

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MONTHS

Public Works Equipment Operations Trainee

Student Lab 📅 January 2024 to September 2024 📍 Warner Robins, GA

Completed instructor supervised equipment rotations supporting simulated municipal maintenance, grounds care, public response, and field coordination. Practiced equipment setup, hazard recognition, mapping, radio codes, work orders, and customer response scenarios.

- Completed rotations with sweepers, back hoes, **stump grinders**, **bucket trucks**, quick cuts, and grab alls.
- Practiced equipment setup, shutdown, maneuvering, attachment checks, and hazard recognition during evaluations.
- Used maps and simulated **work orders** to identify **right of way** tasks and stage supplies.
- Performed tree planting, hedge trimming, curb cleaning, fountain cleaning, and debris removal exercises.
- Applied **radio codes** to relay equipment status, site conditions, supply needs, and urgent calls.
- Handled simulated customer questions, crew supply requests, and **public property maintenance** concerns.

PROJECTS

Municipal Right of Way Maintenance 📅 2025

Completed a supervised field rotation combining drainage cleaning, mowing, litter collection, tree removal, traffic control, equipment inspection, and daily documentation.

Equipment Safety and Crew Support 📅 2024

Practiced safe equipment movement, map based work planning, radio communication, material staging, attachment checks, and response procedures during instructor led scenarios.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Received Occupational Training Excellence Recognition in 2024 for consistent performance during public works equipment instruction.
- Earned Safety Practices Achievement Award in 2024 after demonstrating sound procedures around machinery, traffic, and protective equipment.
- Served as student representative on a training safety team, bringing field observations into classroom discussions.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Georgia Commercial Driver's License, CDL 📅 2025
- Georgia Driver's License 📅 2024
- Georgia Department of Corrections Three Day Certification for Inmate Labor Supervision 📅 2026
- OSHA 10 Hour Construction Safety 📅 2024

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Public Works Training Safety Team, Student Representative, 2024.
- Community Grounds Cleanup Program, Equipment Support Volunteer, 2024 to 2025.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST