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SUMMARY

Florida certified **Police Officer** with seven years of **municipal law enforcement** experience across patrol, emergency response, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, arrests, and community service. Makes sound decisions during crashes, medical emergencies, fires, disturbances, suspicious activity calls, and public complaints while keeping safety, lawful action, and clear communication at the center. Applies Florida law, **municipal ordinances**, **first responder procedures**, CPR practices, and safe equipment handling during demanding field operations. Produces accurate daily logs, incident narratives, arrest records, and case documentation. Builds respectful public contacts through tactful explanations and crime prevention information. Maintains firearms proficiency, patrol vehicle readiness, radio discipline, and dependable shift coverage during evenings, weekends, holidays, and emergency activations.

EXPERIENCE

Police Officer, Municipal Patrol

July 2022 - Present

Gulf Haven Police Department

Lakeland, FL

Provide sworn municipal police services across residential and commercial sectors, handling patrol, investigations, emergency response, enforcement, reporting, equipment readiness, and public assistance under supervisory review.

- Patrolled residential sectors and inspected properties, identifying **suspicious conditions** for timely police action.
- Secured crash and fire scenes, protecting evidence and coordinating safe emergency access.
- Handled medical calls and complaints, applying Florida law during stressful public contacts.
- Completed **lawful arrests** and **traffic citations** after assessing violations and available facts.
- Prepared daily logs, incident narratives, arrest records, and case documentation with clear factual writing.
- Used radios, mobile **computers**, **patrol** vehicles, extinguishers, rescue tools, and issued firearms safely.
- Maintained CPR readiness, **firearms** proficiency, and dependable coverage during emergency activations.

Police Officer, Emergency Response

June 2019 - June 2022

Cypress Ridge Police Department

Winter Haven, FL

Managed municipal patrol calls across residential and business areas, combining **incident investigation**, **traffic enforcement**, public assistance, report preparation, and safe vehicle operations.

- Managed **patrol** calls across business areas, recognizing potential criminal activity and selecting appropriate responses.
- Investigated collisions and suspicious person reports, gathering statements for complete case records.
- Conducted traffic stops with safe positioning and applied Florida traffic requirements before issuing citations.
- Provided **crime prevention** guidance during tense citizen contacts, using patience and de escalation.
- Operated emergency vehicles through changing conditions while maintaining field response readiness.
- Completed legal updates, firearms, **emergency response**, **report writing**, and officer safety training.
- Used independent field judgment during incidents while seeking supervisory review for significant actions.

Police Officer, Supervised Patrol

October 2017 - May 2019

Pine Coast Police Department

Bartow, FL

Performed supervised **municipal patrol** after academy certification, building practical judgment through property checks, public service calls, emergency scenes, reporting, and equipment care.

- Performed supervised patrol assignments, learning local geography, ordinances, and safe field procedures.
- Responded to public service calls, assessed hazards, and requested resources through radio updates.
- Checked occupied and vacant properties, documenting unsecured locations and suspicious circumstances.
- Supported crash scenes with traffic control, first responder practices, and fire coordination.
- Prepared incident narratives that captured observations, actions, statements, and dispositions accurately.
- Maintained **patrol** vehicle readiness, issued equipment, firearms skills, and rotating schedule attendance.

PROJECTS

Municipal Emergency Response Readiness 📅 2026

Maintained practical readiness for crashes, fires, medical calls, disturbances, and hazardous field conditions through recurring training, equipment checks, CPR practice, and firearms proficiency.

Community Crime Prevention Contacts 📅 2024

Provided public assistance and crime prevention information during patrol contacts, using clear explanations and respectful communication to support safer neighborhoods.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Recognized for dependable shift coverage during evenings, weekends, holidays, and emergency activations.
- Trusted for accurate daily activity reports, incident narratives, arrest documentation, and case records.
- Commended through recurring supervisory review for sound judgment during stressful field incidents.

EDUCATION

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

2017

Polk State College GPA: 0

Winter Haven, FL

Coursework: Criminal law, police procedures, criminology, emergency response

CERTIFICATIONS

- State of Florida Certification as a Law Enforcement Officer 📅 2017
- CPR and First Responder Training 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Patrol Systems:** Patrol vehicles, mobile computers, two way radios
- **Emergency Equipment:** Fire extinguishers, vehicle jacks, rescue equipment
- **Law Enforcement:** Florida law, municipal ordinances, lawful arrests
- **Traffic Operations:** Traffic stops, traffic citations, vehicle positioning
- **Incident Response:** Crash response, fire response, medical response
- **Investigative Practice:** Complaint investigation, scene assessment, statement gathering
- **Documentation:** Daily activity reports, incident narratives, arrest records
- **Communication:** Radio communication, telephone communication, public briefings
- **Safety Training:** Officer safety, firearms proficiency, CPR practices
- **Field Operations:** Residential patrol, commercial patrol, property checks

SKILLS

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| • Municipal Patrol | • Incident Investigation | • Two Way Radio | • CPR |
| • Florida Law Enforcement | • Emergency Response | • Patrol Vehicle Operations | • First Responder Practices |
| • Arrest Procedures | • Crime Prevention | • Firearms | • Public Contact |
| • Traffic Enforcement | • Report Writing | • Police Equipment | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Municipal law enforcement service focused on protection of people, property, and public order.
- Community crime prevention and public assistance through respectful, informative citizen contacts.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Beginner)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST