



Chief Heath Copeland

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in a career with the Laurens City Police Department. To begin the application process, all applicants are required to submit a complete application packet. Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

Requirements of applicant:

- 21 years of age for Sworn Officer or 18 years of age for all other positions
- High School Diploma or GED
- · Ability to complete required training
- Possess a valid South Carolina Driver's License

Application packet must include:

- Signed Application (Available at the Laurens City Police Department)
- Signed Waivers and Notarized where applicable
- Copy of Law Enforcement Certification (if previously certified)
- Copy of Social Security Card and Driver's License
- Copy of High School Diploma or State GED Certificate
- Copy of Birth Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization (if US citizen through Naturalization process)
- A Certified Copy of College Transcript(s), if you have attended or graduated from college
- A copy of DD214 (former military service members must furnish their final DD214)

As an equal opportunity employer, it is the policy of the Laurens City Police Department to only hire qualified applicants who are best suited for employment with our agency, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, or affiliation, or any other unlawful discriminator(s). The following steps may occur in the employment process:

- Preliminary review of application packet to determine minimum qualifications
- Preliminary background investigation to include at a minimum: Driver's History & Criminal History (NCIC)
- Job Related Testing
- Oral Interview Board
- Interview with Chief of Police
- Credit Check
- Online Personal History Questionnaire
- Polygraph Examination
- Conditional offer of employment
- Background Investigation
- Psychological Testing
- Drug testing and physical examination

You will be contacted if you are considered beyond the preliminary review of your application. Our process could take from one to three months depending on the department's status of hiring, the scheduling of testing and the applicant's particular background. Should you not be selected at this time, you may reapply and repeat the process after one year has passed. If your personal contact information changes during the selection process, please contact Lt. Tyler Powell at (864) 829-7890 or email him at tpowell@cityoflaurenssc.com. Please do not contact the Department to determine the status of your application. A member of the Department will contact you if you are selected to participate in the employment process beyond the review of your application package.

Best Wishes,

Chief of Police

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Laurens Police Department JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Patrol Officer

Statement of Duties

Position provides highly responsible law enforcement and crime prevention functions for the Police Department. Responsibilities include enforcing laws and ordinances, investigating misdemeanor and felony crimes, arresting offenders of the law, responding to dispatch calls involving traffic accidents, medical and other emergencies, civil disputes, family disturbances and other calls requiring police assistance.

Supervision

Employee works under the general supervision of a shift supervisor. Prior training and experience guide the employee in necessary actions to take on specific field situations. Employee operates with a degree of independence but must inform superior officer of any unusual situation, and secure additional instructions, dependent upon the gravity of each situation. Work is reviewed through written and verbal reports, by complaints of citizens and observation by superior officer. Pertinent laws and court decisions must be observed and followed. Employee uses judgment and experience to solve problems and determine work methods. Questionable cases are referred to the supervisor. Employee has access to criminal investigation and records material related to specific cases.

Employee has access to some access to confidential information including criminal records.

Employee does not have any supervisory responsibilities.

Job Environment

Employee works within numerous standard operating procedures, as detailed in the department rules and regulations, the police manual, and applicable state, federal, and local laws that often require additional interpretation. Responsibilities are diverse and require understanding, common sense and the application of a variety of techniques and practices learned in law enforcement training. Employee must be aware of and understand human behavior under stressful conditions, fact-finding, and investigative techniques. While many guidelines and laws are available and need to be observed, the enactment of new laws and court decisions occur often. Employee must exercise good judgment and initiative in meeting unforeseen situations and emergencies, and ensures equal application of law without bias.

Errors can result in a delay or loss of service, personal injury/loss, legal repercussions, damage to buildings and/or equipment and monetary loss. The position's responsibility is to provide the protection of lives and property under hazardous and emergency conditions, and may require decisions that can have catastrophic consequences to the city if improperly made.

The position has constant contact with the public to receive and respond to calls, enforce laws, conduct educational programs, attend and participate in meetings, respond to inquiries and complaints, and/or provide information and assistance. The position has daily contact with other city departments, fire department, EMS, animal control, school department, other law enforcement agencies, court personnel, attorneys, suspects, witnesses, victims, professionals, various agencies and organizations for the purpose of giving or receiving information, conducting research and investigations, coordinating activities, and/or providing information and assistance. Contact usually occurs in person or on the phone.

Position Functions

The essential functions or duties listed below are intended only as illustration of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to, or extension of, the position.

Essential Functions

- 1. Works on rotating shifts performing security patrols, traffic control, investigation and minor first aid at accidents, detection, investigation and arrest of persons involved in crimes or misconduct.
- 2. Maintains normal availability by radio or telephone for consultation on major emergencies or precedent.

- 3. Patrols City streets, parks, commercial and residential areas to preserve the peace and enforce the law, control vehicular traffic, prevent or detect and investigate misconduct involving misdemeanors, felonies and other law violations and to otherwise serve and protect.
- 4. Responds to emergency radio calls and investigates accidents, robberies, civil disturbances, domestic disputes, fights, drunkenness, missing children, prowlers, abuse of drugs, or other situations, and takes appropriate law enforcement action.
- 5. Interrogates suspects, witnesses and drivers; preserves evidence; arrests violators; investigates and renders assistance at scene of vehicular accidents; summons ambulances and other law enforcement vehicles; takes measurements and draws diagrams of scene.
- 6. Conducts follow-up investigations of crimes committed during assigned shift; seeks out and questions victim, witnesses and suspects; develops leads and tips; searches scene of crimes for clues; analyzes and evaluates evidence and arrests offenders; prepares cases for giving testimony and testifies in court proceedings.
- 7. Prepares a variety of reports and records including officer's Daily Log, reports of investigation, field interrogation report, alcohol reports, DUI reports, breathalyzer check list, bad check form, vehicle impoundment form, traffic hazard report, and other reports.
- 8. Undertakes community oriented police work, and assists citizens with such matters as stalled vehicles, crime prevention, traffic safety, and other matters.
- 9. Participates in investigating criminal law violations occurring within the City limits, obtaining evidences and compiling information regarding these crimes, preparing cases for filing of charges, testifying in court, and related activities.
- 10. Conducts patrol activities including directing traffic, investigation of reported or observed violations of law, and conducting patrol activities.
- 11. Coordinates activities with other officers or other City departments as needed, and exchanges information with officers in other law enforcement agencies.
- 12. Maintains contact with police supervisory personnel to coordinate investigation activities, provide mutual assistance during emergency situations and provides general information about Department activities.
- 13. Maintains departmental equipment, supplies and facilities.
- 14. Maintains contact with general public, court officials, and other City departments in the performance of police operating activities.
- 15. May serve as a member of various employee committees.
- 16. Performs other related duties as required.
- 17. As DARE officer, teaches classes in drug resistance education to area schools; educates general public in crime prevention, including teaching neighborhood watch groups and church groups.
- 18. Employee may be assigned as a SRO as required.

Recommended Minimal Qualifications

Physical and Mental Requirements

Employee primarily works outdoors on patrol in a police car. Employee may be exposed to outdoor weather conditions, high places, toxic or caustic chemicals, fumes or airborne particles, extremes of heat and cold, moving mechanical parts, risk of electric shock, work with explosives, risk of radiation, dangerous people and/or situations, stress, traffic, and biological hazards. Employee is required to stand, walk, talk, listen, use hands, climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl and reach with hands and arms. Employee frequently lifts up to 10 lbs. and occasionally lifts up to or more than 100 lbs. Normal vision is required for this position. Equipment operated may include automobile, light equipment, medical equipment, office machines, computers, firearms, and other tools of the trade.

Education and Experience

candidate for this position should have a high school diploma or GED equivalent supplemented by training in law enforcement, criminal justice administration, or a related field; and ability to successfully complete South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy training. A failure to complete the South Criminal Justice Academy will result in loss of employment.

Special Requirements

A candidate for this position must also have a valid South Carolina driver's license with no prior convictions for any violation which would have or did cause their driving privileges to be suspended and the ability to meet the department's physical standards.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

A candidate for this position should have knowledge of

- State and local laws as well as principles, practices, and methods related to law enforcement and crime prevention
- Constitutional and civil rights
- Investigative techniques
- Geographical and demographical information of the city

Skill in:

- Handling hostile or difficult situations effectively
- Effectively communicating with people of all backgrounds and ages
- Effectively operate required vehicle and equipment

And ability to:

- Gather information and conduct thorough investigations
- Produce accurate and precise reports of incidents
- Properly handle and maintain evidence
- Maintain professional demeanor and make sound decisions under stress
- Detect hazardous situations
- Resolve problems
- Prioritize tasks and perform multiple tasks simultaneously
- Ensure the rights and equitable treatment of citizens
- Perform the physical requirements of the position

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties do not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

Employment Application

IMPORTANCE OF HONESTY STATEMENT

It is extremely important that you are completely honest in all your answers. Honesty is the most important characteristic that you must demonstrate.

The importance of honesty from the time of completion of all application documents, questionnaires and during all interviews cannot be overemphasized. Failure to respond to any questions accurately and completely, whether orally or in writing will result in disqualification. Applicants have been disqualified for dishonesty.

While filling out all documents, you are cautioned to take your time and to be thorough and specific in all answers. If you have any doubt in your mind concerning a particular question, or if you are unsure whether to include certain information, the answer is "**Yes**, include it."

You may think that something you have done will disqualify you from further consideration. That may or may not be the case. For example, an arrest, being fired from a job, use of drugs, etc. may or may not disqualify you. Lying or distorting the truth will disqualify you.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and understand the contents of the "Importance of Honesty Statement."

Printed Name of Applicant

Applicant Signature (Sign in Blue Ink)

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Date

Employment Application

TO: All Sworn Personnel / Applicants

FROM: Human Resources

RE: Law Pertaining to Possession of Firearms / Ammunition

Two recent amendments to the Gun Control Act of 1968 have significant impact on Law Enforcement Officers by restricting an officer's ability to possess a firearm. The 1996 amendment adds sections that make it illegal to provide a firearm or possess a firearm if the person; has been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence...18 USC 922(d)(9); also see 18 USC 922 (g)(9).

As defined in the law, a "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" means any offence, whether or not explicitly described in a statue as a crime of domestic violence, which has, as its factual basis, the use or attempt use of physical force (i.e., simple assault and battery), or the threatened use of deadly weapon, committed by the victim's current or former domestic partner, parent or guardian.

There is no time limit on the conviction. Thus any law enforcement officer with such a disability would be in violation of Federal law if he currently possessed a firearm even if the criminal domestic violence conviction occurred prior to the passage of the law.

The 1994 amendment added sections which make it illegal to provide a firearm to any person or for that person to possess a firearm if the person; is subject to a court order that restrains such person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner of such person or child or such intimate partner or person, or engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or child...18 USC 922 (d)(8); also see 18 USC 922 (g)(8).

The restraining order has to meet three conditions:

- A. Issued after a hearing of which the person had actual notice and an opportunity to participate;
- B. Restrains the person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner, or engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury;
- C. Includes a finding that the person represents a credible threat to the physical safety of the partner or by its terms explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the intimate partner that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily harm.

All employees who are in possession of an agency issued firearm and/or ammunition or who have received authority to carry a privately owned firearm/ammunition in the performance of his/her duties or while off duty under agency policy must complete the attached affidavit and return it to his/her supervisor. Failure to return the affidavit or to provide false information in the affidavit will subject you to agency disciplinary procedures and may be used in a prosecution for false swearing as provided by law. YOUR ANSWERS OR INFORMATION GAINED BY REASON OF YOUR ANSWERS CANNOT BE USED AGAINST YOU IN ANY CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR A VIOLATION OF 18 USC SECTION 922 (g) 8, or 922 (d) 9.

If you answer "yes" or "not certain" to either of the questions in the affidavit, you must immediately turn over any agency issued firearms / ammunition to your immediate supervisor. This is a continuing obligation. Thus if you are the subject of a restraining order or convicted of Criminal Domestic Violence in the future, you must immediately notify your supervisor.

COUNTY OF LAURENS) CITY OF LAURENS) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

AFFIDAVIT

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control Act of 1968 and (s)he answers the following questions to the best o	_
urther understands that furnishing false information may be grounds for ad	lverse personnel action as
vell as prosecution for false swearing.	
Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence within the statute as defined in the memo pertaining to firearms/ammunition?	n the meaning of
YesNoNot Certain	
(If uncertain, explain here or on attachment.)	
Are you subject to a current restraining order issued by any court which restra	iins you from harassing,
stalking, or threatening a past or present intimate partner or child of such inti	mate partner or person? Or
engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable	e fear of bodily injury to the
partner or child and which includes a finding that you represent a credible thr	eat to a physical safety of
the person or by its terms explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threa	tened use of physical force
against the person that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily harm,	as defined in the memo
pertaining to possession of firearms/ammunition?	
If uncertain, explain here or on attachment.)	
WITNESSED, this day of,	
Applicant's Name (IN BLUE INK)	
Applicant's Signature (IN BLUE INK)	
Sworn to before me this day of ,	
Notary Public for	
My commission expires on	

Employment Application

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS AND SIGN

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certify that I am not currently in default on a student	sfactory arrangements have been made for repayment By my signature, I loan.
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Selective Service: All males between the age of 18 a signature, I certify that I have registered with Selectiv	and 25 are required to be registered with Selective Service. By my e Service.
Signature:	Date:
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SECTION A:	
It is the policy of the City of Laurens to select an appl	icant deemed most suitable to fill a position based on educational crelated factors. The City of Laurens is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
	ortment to recruit, hire, train and promote employees and applicants age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, or affiliation of any other
	son or office) as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this well, Laurens City Police Department 250 W Laurens Street Laurens, SC
statements are subject to verification and any omissime from employment or for dismissal. I agree to submit to a urine drug screen, physicon such may be grounds for disqualifying me or termited in the provided in the provided in the provided in the light nationalization. Service and submit appropriate documents documents in the provided to the Depart E-Verify. I authorize and request each former employer and submit appropriate and request each former employer and submit appropriate documents.	or attached hereto are true and correct. I understand that all con, false, misleading or incomplete statements are grounds to bar all or other medical tests, if required for this position. The results nating my employment. We an employee "at-will" and will have the right to terminate my with or without cause, and that the city has the same right. Solity verification requirements of the Federal Immigration and all immentation to satisfy the requirements of completing INS Form attment of Homeland Security to confirm work authorization and person, firm or corporation, given as a reference, to answer any and all information that may be sought in connection with and/or skill.
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:	DATE:

Application for At-Will Employment

This application must be completed in full and signed. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.

Mark all areas that do not apply with "N/A" so as not to leave it to our interpretation as to why it was left blank. If you are selected for an interview, the appropriate department will notify you. Be aware that certain information contained in this completed application may be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in employment with the Laurens City Police Department.

Attach additional pages if necessary to completely respond to a question.

	Date of Bi	rth			
Name	Driver's License #		State/ Exp Date		
Address	City	State _	eZip		
Home Phone	Work Phone		Cell Phone		
Email					
List all other Names you have use	ed. Include circumstances and dates when used:				
NOTE: Conviction is not necessar	o contest, or pled not guilty of a crime other than a m rily a bar from employment. Circumstances surround	ding the con	viction and job applied for are consid		
Are there any charges or indictme	ents now pending against you? Yes No _		_		
If yes, please explain:					
Are you an alien lawfully authorize Have you ever worked or applied Currently a City employee Yes		No			
If yes, what department, position	und when:				
AVAILABILITY					
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PERSONAL INFORMATION	ı				
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FATHER MOTHER			
SPOUSE/FIANCE/FORMER			
SPOUSE			
FATHER-IN-LAW (CURRENT)			
MOTHER-IN-LAW (CURRENT)			
CHILDREN/STEP CHILDREN			
OTHER			
ROOMATES			

APPLICATION FOR AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT

Applicant's Signature:(IN BLUE INK)	Date
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such information for background investigation from all sources to and police records along with other information as needed to de the Laurens City Police Department. I agree to submit to a pre-e psychological evaluation as required for the position for which I	to include my work, school and medical, personal, mental etermine my qualifications for the position I am seeking with mployment drug screen, polygraph, physical, and
I hereby certify that all statements made herein or attached here misrepresentation is cause for separation from service with the	
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pertinent. The biography submitted should NOT be any longer th	·
BIOGRAPHY in the space below, please provide a short biograp Laurens City Police Department. There is not specific information	

Notice of Obtaining Consumer Report

Printed Name	Social Security #	Date of Birth
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ave read and understand the above dis	closure and hereby authorize the City of La	urens to obtain a consumer report.
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Social Security Number	Date of Birth	
Address		
City / State	Zip Code	
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day of	, 20	
Notary Public		
Commission Expires:		

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Personal Inquiry Wavier Authority for Release of Information

To: Any Doctor, Hospital, Medical Association, U.S. Armed Forces, U.S. Selective Service System, Maritime Service, Veterans Administration, or Any Academic Dean, Registrar, Principal, Guidance Counselor, other authorized person at a school (college, business, trade, or high school), or Any past or present employer, listed reference or any other individual furnishing information, or Any County, State, or Federal Governmental Agency, or Any other individual furnishing truthful information regarding the undersigned individual's fitness for law enforcement service. _, am aware that my entire background is to be investigated and hereby authorize and request the release of any and all information you have concerning me, excluding bank or savings and loans associated balances, to the Laurens City Police Department or its agents, I hereby designate the Laurens City Police department as my authorized representative for the purpose of obtaining such information. Print Full Name Including Maiden Name Date Signature of Full Name Date of Birth Social Security # (LAST 4 DIGITS) SWORN to before This **Notary Public**

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Commission Expires:

RECRUITING SURVEY

COMPLETION OF THIS SECTION IS VOLUNTARY

The City of Laurens is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. In an effort to determine the most effective personnel recruiting method, we request that you complete this optional survey. The information contained in this survey will not be used in the selection process for the position that you have applied.

Positi	ion Applied Fo	:	Date of Survey:		
Male Femal		RACE / ETHNICITY: Black White Asian Hispanic Other	AGE RANGE: 18-24 25-31 32-38 39-45 46-52 OVER 52 OVER 52 Over 52		
• N	Newspaper		Name:		
• li	• Internet Website:				
City of Laurens Employee		Employee	Employee's Name:		
Other Law Enforcement Agency		rcement Agency	Agency Name:		
College or University Name:		ersity Name:			
Career Fair			Location & Date:		
• (Unsolicited Contact:				
• 0	Other Person:				
• (Other:				

This survey is requested for recruiting purposes only and is kept entirely separate from the application.

EEOE SURVEY

COMPLETION OF THIS SECTION IS VOLUNTARY

In an attempt to ensure the City of Laurens continued commitment to Equal Employment Opportunities, we would appreciate your taking a moment to complete the questionnaire below.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination of employment practices because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. P.L.90-2002 prohibits discrimination on the basis of age with respect to individuals who are at least 40 but less than 70 years old.

Position App	olied For	:		
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Check one:		,		
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White			Female	
Asian				•
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This survey is requested for EEO reporting purposes only and is kept entirely separate from the application.

Other