



Patrol Officer – Bloomsburg, Columbia County, PA

The Town of Bloomsburg is currently seeking full-time Patrol Officers. Bloomsburg is a historic town and is the County seat for Columbia County, PA with an approximate population of 12,711 and encompasses 4.7 square miles. The position of Patrol Officer encompasses a broad range of duties incumbent with municipal policing to include uniformed patrol, traffic enforcement, crash investigations, criminal investigations and community engagement. Its location along Route 11 and less than 5 minutes from two exits of Interstate 80 positions Bloomsburg as a hub of activity for residents and visitors alike. The County seat, Bloomsburg, is a "college town" and strives to provide a welcoming, inclusive, and equitable environment for all. Located in the heart of the Susquehanna River Valley, Bloomsburg boasts a rich economic history and has a diverse economy thanks to Autoneum, Bloomsburg University (estimated enrollment of 7,800 students), Geisinger-Bloomsburg Hospital and Kawneer. Bloomsburg has a landmark Town Park with many acres of recreational activities, a municipal airport and is home to the Bloomsburg Fair. The Town's police department includes 1 non-bargaining Chief of Police, 3 full time union sergeants and 14 full time union police officers and one non-bargaining Law Enforcement Administrative Assistant (LEAA) located at the police station along with a parking department consisting of two full time non-bargaining employees and 4 part time enforcement officers located at Town Hall.

The ideal candidate would be an individual able to integrate into an active, progressive department. He or she will embrace the philosophy of community-oriented policing; and possess strong communication and relationship building skills. The Department offers a robust field training program to ensure the selected candidate is given the wherewithal to flourish and enhance his/her professional development.

Bloomsburg Police Officers shall demonstrate the highest standards of ethical behavior and be viewed as respected members of the community. They are

expected to maintain up-to-date knowledge of state laws; town ordinances; department policies and procedures; trends in policing and best practices. The successful candidate(s) must be comfortable operating as part of a diverse community and will be expected to leverage every opportunity to build trust and confidence in the department. They must present a professional posture; and remain composed when subject to the intense stress sometimes incumbent with law enforcement duties.

The Town is hiring 4 officers for this Civil Service Round. Two of which will be paid sponsorships through the Act 120 academy. This would be for candidates that do not already have an Act 120 certificate. The Town will pay \$20 per hour when proceeding through the academy with health care starting on day 90. The remaining two spots will go to candidates that already hold an Act 120 certificate. If the candidate graduated from the academy within the last two years of the deadline application date the Town will reimburse the candidate 100% of the costs.

- Starting Salary \$65,841.58 (with no experience), \$69,956.68 (with experience), After 3 years of service- \$74,071.77, after 5 years of service- \$82,301.97
- Fully paid Life Insurance plan of \$80,000.
- Paid Sick (144 hours/year)/ Vacation (80 hours after first year), Holidays (88 hours) Personal Leave (24 hours).
- Longevity Pay Scale, Shift Differential/ FTO Pay.
- Health, Vision & Dental Insurance.
- 50% Pension on Final three years of wages (25 years of service and age 55).
- Long-Term Disability Insurance \$3,600/month.

Notable job responsibilities include:

- Perform uniformed patrol duties to create omnipresence and a sense of security in the community.
- Engage in proactive, data driven traffic enforcement to reduce crashes and enhance highway safety.
- Investigate criminal incidents using appropriate investigative and forensic techniques.
- Maintain awareness of trends in criminal activity through data-driven and intelligence-led policing.

- Enforce ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg.
- Develop and maintain positive community relations between the police department and the general public, elected officials and other law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.

Minimum qualifications include:

- The successful candidate must possess a diploma from an accredited high school or a graduate equivalency diploma.
- The successful candidate must be a United States citizen.
- The successful candidate must be physically and mentally fit to perform the full duties of a police officer.
- The successful candidate must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the time of appointment to the position.
- All applicants must have reached their twenty-first (21st) birthday before their first day working.
- Applicants must live in the Town of Bloomsburg, live in Columbia County or move within a neighboring county of the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County within six (6) months of completing their probationary period.

Deadline to apply is **September 4, 2026 by 4 p.m.**. Applications are available at the Town of Bloomsburg Police Department, 119 East 7th Street, Bloomsburg, PA between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Applications may be obtained in person or can be accessed online under the employment tab listed on the Town of Bloomsburg website. The Civil Service Commission is not responsible for delays or loss of mail. The physical agility and written exam is scheduled to begin **September 19th at 8 a.m.** at Bloomsburg High School. E-mail applications are accepted at police@bloomsburgpa.org.

The Town of Bloomsburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer.