

Class Concept

Work in this class involves the operation of vehicles and/or equipment in support of State agencies and universities. Positions may operate a variety of vehicles/equipment in the performance of daily tasks, or may specialize in the operation of specific types of vehicles/equipment. Program areas supported may include but are not limited to public transportation, grounds maintenance, transportation of juvenile offenders, solid waste hauling, mail transport, cargo transport, forest fire fighting, reforestation, and hydrogeological drilling. Positions may supervise temporaries or court-secured individuals in the performance of tasks.

Safely and skillfully operates specialized vehicles and/or equipment, which may include but is not limited to tractor trailer, bulldozer, backhoe, and hydrogeological drilling equipment, in the performance of recurring tasks with limited variety and established parameters. Safely and skillfully operates standard (Level I) vehicles and/or equipment in combination with considerable independence and variation in assignments, requiring a good understanding of organizational objectives. Plan and decide on best routes and schedules according to broad guidelines/parameters. Make decisions concerning weight and load distribution of cargo. Performs minor preventive maintenance. Assesses safety conditions and resolves problems. Participates in safety inspections and drills.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Working knowledge of vehicle/equipment utilized in performance of daily tasks.
- Ability to troubleshoot equipment/mechanical problems and recognizes cause of problems.
- Ability to accurately maintain records related to load weight specifications, cargo inventory, custody of court secured individuals, route reports, and vehicle/equipment maintenance.
- Ability to recognize emergency situations and follow appropriate procedures.
- Working knowledge of applicable traffic laws and other established regulatory requirements for performance of daily tasks.
- Ability to carry out oral and written instructions.
- Ability to identify and resolve potential safety problems and unsafe work practices.

Minimum Education and Experience

High school or General Educational Development (GED) diploma; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Additional Requirements

Must possess necessary licenses or certifications to operate assigned types of vehicles or equipment.