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 complex, highly specialized vehicles and/or equipment, which may include but is not limited to dredge equipment, hydrocrane, or tugboat, in the performance of recurring tasks with limited variety. Safely and skillfully operates specialized (Level II) vehicles and/or equipment in combination with considerable independence and variation in assignments, requiring a good understanding of organizational objectives. Performs major mechanical work on assigned equipment, such as rebuilding hydraulic systems or overhauling engines. Participates in the development and enforcement of regulatory standards. Oversees and coordinates emergency response efforts. Negotiates the movement of vehicles/equipment onto and through private property with landowners.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Considerable knowledge of vehicle/equipment utilized in performance of daily tasks.
- Working knowledge of applicable traffic laws and other established regulatory requirements for performance of daily tasks.
- Apply to contribute to non-routine, program-related records and reports based on advanced knowledge of operational work as related to organizational mission.
- Ability to exercise independent judgment and decision-making in performance of daily tasks.
- Considerable knowledge to provide technical mentoring and training to others in operation of vehicles and equipment.
- Thorough knowledge of established safety and health policies.
- Thorough knowledge of equipment capability and limitations
- Skilled in metal fabrication such as cutting and welding.

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.