Vacancy Announcement
Operations – Public Safety – Detention

Pueblo of Acoma Human Resources Department
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JOB TITLE: Certified Detention Officer (Full-Time/Regular)  PAY RATE: $DOE

OPENING DATE: February 13, 2020  CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled

POSITION PURPOSE
Under the direct supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains law and order and provides safety and security to inmates in the Pueblo of Acoma’s Detention facility.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES, FUNCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Supervise, observe, and control behavior of inmates in accordance with established policies, rules, and regulations.
2. Prevent inmate disturbances, injuries, and escapes by observing inmate conduct and behavior.
3. Maintain discipline and order among inmates using non-lethal weapons if necessary.
4. Inspect locks, window bars, grills, doors, and gates for evidence of tampering.
5. Search inmates and cells for contraband articles.
6. Supervise, monitor, and direct inmate(s) in his/her work assignment(s).
7. Escort inmates to and from visitation, tribal court, medical appointments, or religious services that may include driving inmates to locations outside detention facility.
8. Patrol assigned areas for evidence of prohibited activities, rule infractions, security breaches, and displays of unacceptable behavior.
9. Report observations to supervisor as required.
11. Screen visitors for contraband or weapons.
12. Prepare and serve inmate meals and provide other services as required.
13. Provide 24-hour supervision and observation of suicidal and escape risk inmates.
14. Conduct regularly scheduled head counts of inmates.
15. Prepare reports regarding inmate behavior, actions, security breaches, or other incidents.
16. Perform CPR and/or First Aid as required in the event of medical emergencies.
17. Contribute to a team effort and accomplish related results as required.
18. Perform other duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Experience:
• Three – six months relevant experience

Education:
• High School diploma or GED

Other:
• Certification from a recognized Corrections Academy
• CPR and First Aid certification
• Must be 18 years of age or older

Mandatory Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Qualifications:
• A record of satisfactory performance in all prior employment as evidenced by positive employment references from previous employers
• Knowledge of Pueblo’s traditional form of government, culture and traditions
• Knowledge of functions and structure of the Pueblo of Acoma
• Knowledge of applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, regulations, and requirements
• Skill in self-defense tactics
• Skill in utilizing non-lethal weapons
• Skill in administering CPR and First Aid
• Ability to communicate effectively in the English language, both verbally and in writing
• Ability to establish and maintain professional relationships with individuals of varying social and cultural background and with co-workers at all levels
• Ability to give and receive orders, follow instructions in verbal and written format
• Ability to work as a team member in a structured working environment
• Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
• Ability to maintain confidentiality
• Ability to work under pressure
• Ability to demonstrate moral character, honesty, tact, fairness, lack of prejudice and desire to help when dealing with people
• Ability to work extended hours, various work schedules and 24-hour on call basis as required
• Ability to accept the dangers and stresses, regimentation, discipline, and time demands of detention work
• Ability to demonstrate physical capability to cope with the physical demands of the position
• Ability to demonstrate excellence in everything, and continually seek improvement in results
• Ability to obtain and maintain CPR/First Aid certification
• Ability to enjoy working with others
• Ability to demonstrate patience and sensitivity
• Ability to be self-confident
• Ability to be assertive
• Ability to resolve and/or diffuse conflict
• Ability to employ stress-reduction techniques to prevent fatigue and burnout
• Ability to demonstrate mental and emotional stability to cope with the pressures of the position
• Ability to remain calm in stressful situations
• Ability to perform other duties as assigned

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

• Associate degree in Criminal Justice or relevant field
• Taser Certification
• Supervisory experience
• Keres speaking

INDIAN PREFERENCE

The Pueblo of Acoma has implemented an Indian Preference Policy. It is the policy of the Pueblo of Acoma to give preference to any qualified person who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe.

The application of Indian Preference is not automatic. Applicants requesting consideration for Indian Preference must provide valid Tribal enrollment documents certifying his/her Indian blood quantum.

Aside from employment preference as provided in this section, the Pueblo of Acoma shall not discriminate because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, medical disability or political affiliation.

OTHER

Confidentiality: All employees must uphold all principles of confidentiality to the fullest extent. This position has access to sensitive information and a breach of these principles will be grounds for immediate termination. An employee will be asked to sign a confidentiality statement upon hire.
Background investigation: This position may be subject to a criminal history background check, a suitability background check and/or a Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) check. In addition, some positions are subject to a 101-630 background check in an effort to ensure compliance with Public Law 101-630 “Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act.” Candidates must be able to successfully pass all required background checks to qualify for this position.

Health Requirement: None.

Driver Check: All applicants must possess a current valid Driver’s License and must be insurable through Tribal Automotive Insurance Carrier to qualify for position.

Drug screening: All applicants must successfully pass a pre-employment drug screening prior to beginning employment and may be subject to random drug testing.

To apply, applications are available in the Acoma Human Resource (HR) Office or on-line at www.puebloofacoma.org. All applications must be submitted to the Acoma HR Office for consideration by the closing date of the announcement. All applicants will be given consideration; however, not all applicants will necessarily be contacted or interviewed.

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