

The Town

South Windsor covers 28.5 square miles and has approximately 25,000 residents. It is located northeast of Hartford, offering suburban living in a rural atmosphere. The projected development of the I-291 Corridor and the newly developed Buckland Gateway Zone provide tremendous growth potential for the Town of South Windsor.

South Windsor has a Town Council/Town Manager form of government. The Town Manager is the Chief Executive Officer, reporting to a nine-member Town Council that is elected at large.

The Department

South Windsor Police Services prides itself on being a service oriented law enforcement agency, committed to maintaining a partnership with the community to provide the highest quality police services possible. The department employs 43 sworn personnel, 12 civilian employees and 3 full-time Community Service Officers. Officers responded to over 33,233 calls for service in 2007.

The Position

South Windsor police officers perform all law enforcement activities within the town. They are responsible for patrolling the town and directing their patrols toward areas of concern and need.

Officers provide a variety of services including criminal investigation, accident investigation, traffic enforcement and management, crime prevention, first responder medical service, and other miscellaneous services for the residents and visitors to the town.

Opportunities are available for each officer to realize their professional potential through a multitude of specialized positions including investigative services, traffic services, K-9 operations, youth services, school resource officer, narcotics investigations, elderly services, bicycle patrols, motorcycle patrol, regional investigative, traffic, tactical and dive teams, technical services, and administrative positions.

Officers are provided with training opportunities both locally and nationwide. These training opportunities assist in career development and often result in officers becoming certified instructors in a variety of subject areas.

Department members are encouraged to use their individual abilities, experience, and ingenuity in solving problems confronting the community and to participate in the decision making process regarding the delivery of police services.

Minimum Qualifications

Applicants must be at least twenty-one years old at the time of appointment, a United States citizen, possess a high school diploma or GED, have vision correctable to 20/20, possess a valid driver's license, have never been convicted of a felony, and be able to be certified as a probationary police officer by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council within one year after being hired.

Selection Process

An employment application must be fully and accurately completed and submitted to South Windsor Police Services. Qualified applicants will participate in a multi-phase screening and selection process including a written examination, a physical ability assessment, an oral board examination, a complete background investigation, polygraph examinations, psychological and physical examinations, and interviews with the Chief of Police.

Compensation

The salary range for the rank of police officer is \$51,240 - \$63,859 with top pay being reached after 30 months of service.

The town provides health care insurance, including major medical, dental, and prescription costs, with a 10% employee co-payment.

Other compensation includes an educational incentive of \$1,200 per year for training and continuing education, a yearly cash stipend for college degrees already obtained, two weeks paid vacation after the first year of employment, fourteen paid holidays, three paid personal days, and eighteen paid sick days per year.

The town offers a Defined Contribution 401(a) Pension Plan with the town contributing 6% to match the employees 6% contribution.