

## Game and Parks Investigative Officer L64520

### DESCRIPTION OF OCCUPATIONAL WORK

Under general supervision, performs investigative work as it relates to trafficking of illegal wildlife, and protected species; performs related work as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: (A position is assigned to this class based on the scope and level of work performed as outlined below.)

This classification differs from the Game and Parks Conservation Officer classification in that teammates in this class have full investigative scope for the Nebraska Game and Parks and the primary focus is on technology related investigations as well as long-term complex investigations that require communication and collaboration with other Federal and State entities, where as teammates in the Conservation Officer class are responsible for gathering evidence as it relates to violations within their territory or assigned area, among other Conservation Officer duties.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Conduct investigations that involve the illegal take, possession, or sale of protected species and wildlife contrary to State or Federal law.

Organize information, form case investigations that have been distributed from the USFWS, Nebraska Game and Parks or tips/leads from the public.

Develop leads and determine if violations of State and Federal law have occurred.

Make arrests of subjects through case investigations, provide expert testimony in court.

Communicate with Game and Parks personnel, County Attorneys, US Attorney, federal and other state agencies on issues pertaining to the illegal take of protected flora and fauna.

Utilize software, social media, and geolocation data to conduct Nebraska Game and Parks investigations and assist other law enforcement agencies in their investigations.

Conduct educational training programs for Nebraska Game and Parks teammates and other law enforcement personnel in computer, social media, and mobile device evidence collection and preservation.

Gather, document, and prepare evidence for search warrant applications for places, persons, mobile devices, computers, and other investigatory items.

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Prepares, documents, and presents criminal cases for prosecution and assists prosecutions as lead investigator and testifies in both state and federal court.

Plans, coordinates, conducts, and records events of covert operations.

Utilizes accounting principles to balance income and expenditures for the Game Law Investigative cash fund.

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: (These are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: surveillance techniques, interviewing and investigative techniques, state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the conservation of fish and wildlife; boating and park laws and regulations; traffic and criminal laws; law enforcement principles and procedures, effective patrol and investigation methods, and the ability to apply this knowledge; rules of evidence, laws of arrest, search and seizure, and basic court procedures; policies and procedures of specific jurisdictions when making arrests; principles of identification, preservation and presentation.

Skill in: the handling and use of firearms, investigative technology, and other outdoor recreation-related equipment.

Ability to: detect and suppress fish and wildlife law violations and to maintain the respect and cooperation of others; communicate effectively in support of all job functions; train Conservation Officers and other Game and Parks law enforcement; keep records and write reports.; work alone in remote areas in all weather conditions; ability to relocate within the State of Nebraska to the assigned duty station.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: (Applicants will be screened for possession of these qualifications. Applicants who need accommodation in the selection process should request this in advance.)

Must be certified as a law enforcement officer with the ability to become certified in Nebraska and must be in good standing or eligible to meet the reciprocity requirements as established by the Nebraska Crime Commission. High school diploma or GED AND Two years of experience as a full-time conservation officer or sworn law enforcement officer responsible for detection and investigation of crimes.

### LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: (These qualifications are mandated by federal/state laws, statutes, and/or regulations.)

In accordance with Title 79, Nebraska Administrative Code Chapter 17: Law Enforcement Continuing Education Requirements, incumbents must complete required continuing education to maintain active law enforcement certification.

Must possess a valid Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license.

### SPECIAL NOTES:

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Note: Classification-specification is subject to change. Please refer to the Nebraska State Personnel Job Specification website at <https://das.nebraska.gov/personnel/classcomp/jobspecs/jobspecs.html> to ensure this represents the most current copy of the description.

The following is a summary of changes made to this class specification.

Section	Change Description	Effective Date