

#### Job Announcement West Yellowstone Police Department/Town of West Yellowstone

#### Police Officer

The Town of West Yellowstone is seeking a regular, full-time Police Officer. This position provides an excellent opportunity to start or further a law enforcement career in a small community surrounded by some of the country's premier recreational area. This is a unionized position; salary will be based on the current contract (\$25.36 to \$34.17 per hour depending on experience). Contract negotiations are in process and a wage adjustment is anticipated in the near future. The job includes a benefit package (Shift differential pay, Vacation, Sick leave, paid holidays, health/dental/vision coverage, and participation in the Municipal Police Officers' Retirement System (MPORS).

For application form, detailed position description and qualifications contact West Yellowstone Town Offices, 440 Yellowstone Ave/PO Box 1570, West Yellowstone MT 59758/406-646-7795. Application materials are also available online at <a href="www.townofwestyellowstone.com">www.townofwestyellowstone.com</a>. This position is open until August 30, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Applications that are incomplete or unsigned will not be considered in the selection process. Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Town is an EEO/ADA employer. The Town Council has enacted a Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy. This policy includes pre-employment, random and for cause drug and alcohol testing. A copy of this policy is available for review at the Town Office.

All applicants are encouraged to read the full position description for other responsibilities and essential functions. This a regular, full-time position.

#### Application procedure

Please provide the following:

- 1. A cover letter addressing qualifications for the position.
- 2. A completed and signed Town of West Yellowstone application (www.townofwestyellowstone.com).
- 3. A current resume.
- 4. Authorization to conduct a pre-employment peace officer background investigation.

#### Submit to:

Town of West Yellowstone
440 Yellowstone Avenue
PO Box 1570
West Yellowstone MT 59758
or
info@townofwestyellowstone.com



### Town of West Yellowstone, Montana

Position Title   Police Officer	Position Title	Police Officer
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#### **General Statement of Duties**

Perform emergency response and professional police duties enforcing a variety of federal, state, and local laws and ordinances to provide for safety and security and the protection of life and property. Perform directly related duties as required.

#### **Distinguishing Features of the Position**

The principal function is the preservation of peace, proactive patrol and traffic enforcement, crime prevention, apprehension of criminal suspects, and response to non-emergency and emergency requests for assistance from the general public. The work is performed under the supervision and direction of the Chief of Police, but significant leeway is granted for the exercise of independent judgement and initiative. The nature of the work performed requires the employee to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Town, county, state, and federal law enforcement officers, fire and medical personnel, other Town employees, and the general public. The principal duties are performed both indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions in a variety of situations which may involve exposure to personal danger.

#### **Examples of Essential Work (Illustrative Only)**

- Enforce all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances within the jurisdiction of the Town in coordination with other law enforcement agencies in surrounding jurisdictions;
- Proactively patrol (in a marked vehicle, on foot, or on a bicycle, ATV, or snowmobile), identify violations of law, and take appropriate action, including making arrests, issuing citations or warnings, or rectifying situations through a dialogue with all involved parties as appropriate;
- Utilize community policing principles to develop relationships and identify problem solving strategies to address concerns from the general public;
- Respond to dispatched calls or general public's request for service at the scene of domestic violence, traffic crashes, law violations, public disturbances, and other scenes;
- Locate, detain, and frisk/search suspects, applying handcuffs when appropriate. Pursue fleeing suspects in patrol vehicles and on foot, which may include running, climbing over or through obstacles, jumping, moving through

- confined areas, or using force to get through barriers;
- Search people, vehicles, and buildings according to applicable laws. Write and obtain search warrants when necessary;
- Make arrests. Search, book, and monitor prisoners in the Department's short-term holding facility. Transport prisoners to other facilities as needed;
- Maintain a highly visible presence within the community for the purpose of deterring crime and maintaining good community relations;
- Advise suspects of their constitutional rights and advise all arrested individuals as required;
- Enforce all traffic laws and take enforcement action for violations as appropriate, investigate traffic crashes;
- Respond to calls and complaints from the general public, take statements from all parties involved, identify violations, and determine appropriate action;
- Investigate felony and misdemeanor crimes and take appropriate enforcement action;
- Perform residential and business security checks and alarm response;
- Provide emergency medical attention to the general public as needed when responding to calls for assistance;
- Maintain all appropriate reports and records of criminal and arrest activity for use in both documentation and prosecution while ensuring the confidentiality or such records;
- Testify in court to describe evidence, conditions, situations, and actions as required;
- Interview victims, witnesses, and suspects, obtain written statements, photograph, document, collect, and preserve evidence at crime scenes;
- Assess situations and make decisions regarding the reasonable use of less-than-lethal or lethal force;
- Maintain security and possession of a firearm and related equipment at all times;
- Patrol Town in order to prevent crime, traffic violations, and crashes, including stopping motorists for vehicle registration or maintenance violations and unsafe, illegal, or suspicious actions as necessary;
- Detect and stop individuals suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and administer appropriate field sobriety tests as required;
- Protect and secure crash, disaster, and crime scenes to ensure the preservation of evidence for investigation and the safety of persons and property;
- Respond to vandalisms, robberies, assaults, domestic violence, deaths, illegal drug use, burglaries, and all other crimes and calls for police assistance and take appropriate action;
- Provide assistance to motorists with inoperable vehicles and arranges for the immediate removal of stranded vehicles to ensure public safety;
- Provide traffic control and direction at incident scenes or special events;
- Respond to civil and disturbance of the peace calls, and takes appropriate action to ensure public safety, including communicating with emotionally disturbed or chemically altered persons and restraining uncooperative individuals:
- Recognize problems or potential problems and identify solutions to such problems;
- Prepare complete and accurate reports on all arrests, citations, and other enforcement activities;
- Act as a liaison between the Police Department and local organizations, schools, and the general public to ensure effective working relationships and positive public relations;
- Keep the Chief of Police and designated others fully and accurately informed concerning work progress, including potential problems and suggestions for ways of addressing such problems;
- Ensure the confidentiality of personal, medical, and criminal justice information obtained while exercising the duties of this position;
- Attend meetings, conferences, workshops, and training courses in person and online to become and remain current on principles, practices, case law, and new developments in law enforcement;
- Respond to citizens' questions and comments in a courteous and timely manner;
- Communicate regularly with others to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of operations and activities;
- Perform all other duties as assigned by the Chief of Police.

#### Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

• Knowledge of federal, state, and local laws governing police activities and operations, including all related criminal and civil laws and ordinances;

- Knowledge of the functions of federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies;
- Knowledge of the modern principles and practices of police work, the criminal justice process, laws and ordinances, and Department policy.
- Knowledge of crime prevention and law enforcement, including investigation and identification, patrolling, traffic control, records management, and care and custody of persons and property;
- Knowledge of tactical response and rescue operations;
- Proficiency with all required law enforcement equipment, weapons, and emergency vehicles;
- Ability to physically detain suspects;
- Knowledge of the principles and practices of safe driving;
- Ability to perform emergency first aid and CPR and knowledge of personnel safety procedures;
- Ability to quickly react and maintain a calm and controlled demeanor in life threatening and/or emergency situations;
- Skill in defusing/deescalating crisis situations with members of the general public;
- Identify and respond to community and law enforcement issues, concerns, and needs;
- Exercise good judgment, flexibility, and creativity, in response to rapidly changing, disputed, and complex situations to determine the proper course of action;
- Obtain information through interviews, interrogations, and observations and correctly document the information;
- Safely operate a vehicle in hazardous traffic and weather conditions to ensure public safety;
- Use good judgment regarding the use of force;
- Demonstrate appropriate levels of initiative, discretion, and independent judgement;
- Self-directed work ethic, able to work alone without regular direct supervision, and limited availability of back-up or, assistance;
- Command authority from members of the public through a calm demeanor and appropriate actions;
- Ability to communicate effectively with others, both orally and in writing, using both technical and non-technical language;
- Condense and organize large amounts of information to prepare and present accurate and easily understood reports containing findings and recommendations;
- Ability to operate a computer using standard or customized software applications;
- Ability to communicate clearly and perform a wide variety of duties with accuracy and speed under the pressure of time-sensitive deadlines and stressful conditions;
- Knowledge of the geographic area served;
- Recognize cultural diversity in interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds in a respectful manner;
- Learn job-related material primarily through observation, structured lectures, and on-the-job training. Understand and follow written and oral instructions and correctly use these instructions while performing work duties;
- Willing to attend off-site training programs, courses, and conferences as part of initial training or continuing education which may require occasional overnight travel;
- Flexibility to work nights, weekends, holidays, overtime, and be subject to short-notice "call in" shifts as required;
- Maintain standards of confidentiality for records and communications.

#### Acceptable Experience and Training

• High school diploma or equivalent AND;

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• At least 2-5 years of increasingly responsible experience in law enforcement, detentions, military, security, or public safety dispatching fields;

• OR any combination of experience and training which provides the equivalent scope of knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to perform the work.

#### **Required Special Qualifications**

- Valid driver's license (Must have a valid Montana driver's license within fifteen (15) days of employment);
- 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen;
- Successfully completed or ability to successfully complete the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) Basic Course or equivalent;
- Possess or have the ability to obtain emergency first-aid and CPR certifications;
- Legally able to possess a firearm;
- Foreign language fluency (specifically Spanish or Chinese) is desirable but not required;
- Offers for employment are conditional upon satisfactory response to appropriate post conditional offer process, including physical, psychological, and criminal background checks;
- Pre-employment and periodic random alcohol & drug screening is required.

#### **Essential Physical Abilities**

- Clarity of speech and hearing or other communication capabilities, with or without reasonable accommodation, to enable the employee to communicate effectively verbally, hear at low volumes (whispers), understand voices with an accent, and communicate by telephone and radio;
- Sufficient vision or other powers of observation, with or without reasonable accommodation, to enable the employee to observe and identify criminal activity, read and report license plates, drive a vehicle, operate computers and law enforcement equipment and firearms, and administer sobriety and other field tests as required;
- Manual dexterity, with or without reasonable accommodation, to enable the employee to operate law enforcement equipment, weapons, and vehicles, render aid to the public, detain criminals, and administer sobriety and other field tests:
- Personal mobility and physical reflexes, with or without reasonable accommodation, to enable the employee to patrol assigned areas, sit and stand for extended periods of time, walk and run on concrete, slippery, and uneven terrain, pursue and subdue suspects, pull persons from vehicles, push open doors and windows, reach, grab, and lift heavy (50 pounds or more) objects, climb over or through obstacles, spend extended periods of time outdoors in severe weather conditions, and easily access a variety of locations and properties as required.

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By signing this statement, I, the employee, acknowledge my respective job description has been received and that I have read this document and understand what is expected from me as a Police Officer for the Town of West Yellowstone, MT.

Signed:	Date:
Print Name:	
Position: Police Officer	
Effective Date of Employment:	
Attest:	
Supervisor	Doto



# WEST YELLOWSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT 124 Yellowstone Avenue PO Box 1570 West Yellowstone, Montana 59758

Office: 406-646-7600 Fax: 406-646-7650

## AUTHORIZATION/ADVISEMENT TO CONDUCT A PRE-EMPLOYMENT PEACE OFFICER BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

AUTHORIZATION / ADVISEMENT: INFORMED CONSENT RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION DATA

#### CANDIDATE NAME:

I fully recognize that under Montana law, individuals must clearly demonstrate their personal, medical, and psychological fitness to serve in the position of a peace officer. I further recognize that an employing agency has both a legal and a moral obligation to make every reasonable effort to ensure that any person employed by them as a peace officer will conform to the very highest standards.

I understand that I am authorizing an intensive investigation into all aspects of my personal, medical, and psychological fitness, and that such investigation will include contacting persons and/or organizations who have information relating to my fitness, including if I am or have been a peace officer in Montana. I further understand that this background investigation includes a credit check and that negative credit information may be considered as part of this process. I understand that under the law I am entitled to a copy of the credit report. I also understand that those persons and/or organizations may feel inhibited, intimidated, or otherwise reticent about furnishing information concerning my fitness unless confidentiality of their information can be guaranteed on a permanent basis.

I further recognize that although some of the information contained in this report is a matter of public record, or would otherwise be accessible to me, this information will be inextricably interwoven with other confidential data to which I otherwise would not be privy. I have also been informed that because this background investigation is either mandated by law, responses from persons contacted, whether solicited or unsolicited, may enjoy absolute privilege. Therefore, I exonerate, release, and discharge both my prospective employer, their officers, agents, or assigns, from any claim or damages, whether in law or in equity, on behalf of myself, my heirs, agents, or assigns, for their refusal to make available any and all information contained in this pre-employment investigation declared confidential pursuant to law, including but not limited to the identity of any person or organization who may have supplied information in the course of this investigation, as well as the substance of any such information supplied which might identify that person.

I have had adequate time to review this form, I understand its meaning and purpose and have been furnished a copy.

This release is valid for 120 days from the date of signature.

Candidate Signature	Date
State of Montana	
County of	
This instrument was acknowledged before me on	CHESCO!
by	
Print name of signer(s)	
Notary Signature	
Affix seal/stamp as close to signature as possible.	



## EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT

P.O. BOX 1570

West Yellowstone, MT 59758 info@townofwestyellowstone.com

#### Notice To Applicants

Do you have any relatives working for the Town? Yes

We welcome you as an applicant for employment. It is the policy of the Town of West Yellowstone to consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, ancestry, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, marital status, political beliefs, veteran/military, genetic information, sexual preference, or the presence of a non-job related medical condition or physical/mental disability or any other legally protected status unless related to a bona fide occupational requirement. A separate application, resume and other supporting documentation must be submitted for each job vacancy as required by the job posting.

POSITION APPLIED FOR:		
DEPT:	DATE:	
PERSONAL IN	IFORMATION	
Last Name: First:		Middle:
Present Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact Phone:	Email Address:	
List other names, if any, used on employment or education record		
Are you prevented from lawfully becoming employed in this count	ry because of Visa or Immigration	on Status?
Yes No If yes, please explain:		
Are you 18 years or older? Yes No		
Please provide the earliest date that		
you are available for work?  Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  No  Yes	If yes, describe in full – give	
[Criminal convictions are not an absolute bar to employment, but will be c	onsidered in relation to specific job	requirements]
Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the Tov	n of West Yellowstone?	
If yes, please give dates: From:	To:	
	Prior position:	
Reason for leaving:		<u>-</u>

If yes, please give their name(s):	
EC	DUCATION
High School:	
Name:	Address:
Did you graduate? Yes No	
Diploma or GED:	
College:	
Name:	Address:
Course of Study:	Last year completed:
Did you graduate?	
List Diploma or Degree:	
Other (specify):	
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Course of Study:	Last year completed:
Did you graduate?	
List Diploma or Degree:	
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DRIV	/ER LICENSES
Do you have a valid Driver's License? Yes No	State:
Number: (optional)	Expiration Date:
Do you have a Commercial Driver's License?	If yes, specify: Type:
Class:	Tank:
Endorsements: Hazardous Material:	Passenger:
Airbrakes:	Other (specify):
OTHER LICENSES or CERTIFICATES (C	PA, Water Treatment, Boiler Operator, etc.)

Address:

Name of Licensing Agency:

Type of License:	Endorsement/Restriction (if applicable):
Date Licensed:	Date Expires:
Name of Licensing Agency:	Address:
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Name of Licensing Agency:	Address:
Type of License:	Endorsement/Restriction (if applicable):
Date Licensed:	Date Expires:
EMPLOY	MENT HISTORY
relevant to the position for which you are applying. Include	Id list your work experience with emphasis on experience that is de military service and any volunteer work which has provided not adequate, you may respond to this section on a separate sheet the is submitted.
<b>NOTICE TO APPLICANTS:</b> Information that you provide on th contacted as references and for verification.	is application is subject to verification. Previous employers may be
May we contact your current employer? Yes No	
CURRENT EMPLOYER:	Address:
Date Employed:	
From:	To:
Position:	Salary:
Contact:	Phone:
Describe work performed:	
Reason for leaving:	

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

PAST EMPLOYER:	Address:
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From:	To:
Position:	Salary:
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Describe work performed:	
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Position:	Salary:
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Describe work performed:	
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Describe work performed:	
Reason for leaving:	

F	REFERENCES	
List three (3) references, excluding relatives, who have know	vledge of your ability to perform this job:	
Full Name:	Address:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone Number:		
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AUTHORIZATION	TO RELEASE INFORMATION	
<ol> <li>As an applicant for a position with the Town of West Yellowstor qualifications. I hereby expressly authorize release of any and al concerning me, including information of a confidential or privileged information requested. I authorize the use of duplicated copies of the</li> </ol>	I information which you, as a previous employer or $\epsilon$ d nature. I hereby release any organization, company, in	employment reference, may have
I acknowledge that I may have to submit to a drug and alcohol test and Pre-Employment Drug Testing Policy. I further acknowledge that		
3. For the purpose of in-house security, I consent to a background and	security investigation prior to employment.	
<ol> <li>I certify that the foregoing answers, and all supplemental docume Town of West Yellowstone, and may result in dismissal if employed physical examination showing that I can adequately perform job-re- Policies, Practices, and Procedures.</li> </ol>	ed. I understand that employment may be contingent	upon satisfactory completion of a
I have read and agree with the above statements. If applying on- original.	line, I authorize electronic submission of this do	cument to serve as the
Signature:	Date:	<u>.</u>

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#### **APPLICANT SURVEY**

Title VII of the U.S. Civil Rights Act requires the State of Montana to "make and keep records relevant to the determinations of whether unlawful employment practices have been or are being committed." This is also a requirement of the Montana Human Rights Act and state and federal laws providing employment opportunities for veterans and persons with disabilities. The following survey helps to fulfill these requirements.

This applicant survey will be separated from your application. The Town of West Yellowstone is subject to certain governmental record keeping and reporting requirements for the administration of civil rights laws and regulations. In order to comply with these laws, the employer invites applicants to voluntarily self-identify their race and ethnicity. Submission of this information is voluntary. Refusal to provide it will not subject you to any adverse treatment. The information will be kept confidential and will be used only in accordance with the provisions of applicable laws, executive orders and regulations, including those that require the information to be summarized and reported to the federal governmental for civil rights enforcement. When reported, data will not identify any specific individual

Position C	Closing Date:  Male Female	Are you 18 years or older? Yes No
Name:		
Job Applie	ed For:	Department:
HOW DID	YOU FIRST LEARN OF THIS POSITION?	
	Newspaper ad or journal ad	
	Telephone Job Line	
	Job Service	
	Career / Job Fair	
	Female, minority or handicapped referral organization	
	A friend / employee	
	Posted in Town Hall	
	Town of West Yellowstone Website	
	Other (specify)	

RACE / E	ETHNICITY – Please check the ONE box that best describes your race/ethnicity:
	<b>Hispanic or Latino</b> – A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origins regardless of race.
	White (not Hispanic or Latino) – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
	<b>Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino)</b> – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino) – A person having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
	Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino) – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Island, Thailand and Vietnam.
	American Indian or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino) – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.
	Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino) – All persons who identify with more than one of the above five races.
MILITAR	
	RY STATUS – Please check the ONE box that best describes your military status.
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	No Military Service
	No Military Service Inactive Reserve
	No Military Service Inactive Reserve Vietnam Veteran
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	No Military Service Inactive Reserve Vietnam Veteran Active Reserve Retired
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