

Self-Assessment:

Waterways Conservation Officers work long and varied hours, including holidays and weekends. The job has other unusual and demanding conditions, which are listed below. Read these conditions and think carefully about each one.



1. You must be willing to reside at the training sites for a minimum of 40 weeks, and at various field assignment locations for 12 more weeks.
2. You must be willing to patrol assigned areas alone to detect violations of the law, issue citations to violators, and confront, arrest and become involved in physical confrontations with violators, some of whom may be armed.
3. You must be able to work independently, without daily supervision; complete paperwork and meet regular deadlines and established performance standards.
4. You must be willing to move to your assigned area anywhere in the State including the major metropolitan areas and establish an office in your new residence.
5. You must be willing to be available at any hour of any day to respond to emergencies or perform work assigned by your supervisor including working assigned overtime.
6. You must be willing to wear a law enforcement uniform and follow Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission policies on grooming, attire and conduct.
7. You must be willing to learn the use of unarmed self-defense tactics, firearms and other defensive weapons, and carry a firearm while on duty as required by the job.
8. You must be willing to learn to use a personal computer and comprehend various software applications.
9. You must be willing to comply with the work rules and standards of conduct established by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
10. You must be able to swim for a minimum of 250 yards within 10 minutes.
11. You must be willing to accept the fact that this is a law enforcement job that requires you to be exposed to an element of danger that may include injury or loss of life in the performance of your duties.
12. You must be willing to learn to operate and maintain a variety of different law enforcement patrol boats and operate these boats during adverse weather and water conditions to affect rescues.