

## CITY OF RIO VISTA

### CHIEF OF POLICE

*Class specifications are only intended to present a descriptive summary of the range of duties and responsibilities associated with specified positions. Therefore, specifications **may not include all** duties performed by individuals within a classification. In addition, specifications are intended to outline the **minimum** qualifications necessary for entry into the class and do not necessarily convey the qualifications of incumbents within the position.*

#### **DEFINITION:**

Under administrative direction, plans, manages, oversees and directs the operations and services of the Police Department which includes law enforcement and crime suppression and prevention; coordinates activities with other City officials, departments, outside agencies and organizations; provides responsible and complex staff support to the City Council and City Manager; performs other related duties as required. This position is at-will and is appointed by the City Manager.

#### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

The **Chief of Police** is a confidential department head level class responsible for the overall administration and operation of the Police Department and is responsible for the activities of all law enforcement personnel in preserving order, protecting life and property, preventing crime and enforcing laws and municipal ordinances. This classification is distinguished from the next lower classification of Police Sergeant by the performance of overall department management responsibilities.

#### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED**

Receives administrative direction from the City Manager. Exercises direct and indirect supervision over professional and technical personnel.

#### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:** *(include but are not limited to the following)*

- Accepts full responsibility for all Police Department activities and services including preserving order, preventing crime, protecting life and property and enforcing laws and municipal ordinances; coordinates activities with other City officials, departments and other agencies and organizations.
- Develops, implements and maintains departmental goals, objectives, policies and procedures; works directly with sworn and non-sworn personnel in the development and interpretation of City and department policies; reviews and evaluates work methods and procedures for improving organizational performance, enhancing services and meeting goals; ensures that goals are achieved.
- Plans, directs and coordinates the Police Department's work plan through department staff; assigns work activities and responsibilities to appropriate personnel; reviews and evaluates organizational effectiveness and productivity; identifies and resolves law enforcement problems and/or issues; oversees the maintenance and proper disposition of records and property; provides for the conduct of internal investigations as necessary.

- Oversees the selection, training and evaluation programs for all sworn and non-sworn personnel; provides or coordinates in-service training and employee recognition programs; identifies and resolves staff deficiencies; fulfills discipline procedures; reviews the work of department personnel to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations.
- Prepares, manages and coordinates the development of the Police Department's budget; prepares forecasts of necessary funds for staffing, materials and supplies; presents, justifies and defends programs, operations and activities; monitors and approves expenditures; discusses and resolves budget issues with appropriate staff; implements adjustments as necessary.
- Serves as a resource for law enforcement personnel, City staff and other organizations; coordinates pertinent information, resources and work teams necessary to support a positive, productive and cooperative work environment.
- Serves as a key member of the City's Labor Management Team.
- Attends and participates in professional and community meetings; stays current on issues relative to the field of law enforcement, crime prevention and service delivery responsibilities; responds to and resolves sensitive and complex community and organizational inquiries, issues and complaints.
- Establishes positive working relationships with representatives of community organizations, state/local agencies and associations, City management and staff, and the public.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

Position requires prolonged sitting, standing, walking, running, jumping, reaching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, squatting and stooping in the performance of daily activities. The position also requires both near and far vision and acute hearing. Additionally, incumbents may work outdoors in all weather conditions including wet, hot and cold. The position entails working in hazardous situations, and may involve abusive persons, potential physical violence and the potential risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens in the performance of law enforcement duties. The nature of the work also requires the incumbent to drive motorized vehicles, operate a variety of law enforcement equipment, work in heavy vehicle traffic conditions and often work with constant interruptions.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** *(The following are minimal qualifications necessary for entry into the classification)*

**Education and/or Experience:**

Any combination of education and experience that has provided the knowledge, skills and abilities for a **Chief of Police**. A typical way of obtaining the required qualifications is to possess the equivalent of seven years of broad and extensive experience in all major phases of municipal police work, including at least four years in a responsible management capacity and a Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice, Business Administration or related field. A Master's degree may substitute for one year of experience and is strongly desired.

**License/Certificate:**

Possession of, or ability to obtain, a valid class C California driver's license; possession of a Supervisory Certificate from P.O.S.T.

**KNOWLEDGE/ABILITIES/SKILLS:** *(The following are a representative sample of the KAS's necessary to perform essential duties of the position)*

**Knowledge of:**

Modern principles, practices and techniques of police administration, organization and operation; methods and techniques of supervision, training and motivation; technical and administrative phases of crime prevention and law enforcement including investigation and identification, patrol, traffic control, juvenile programs, record keeping, automated law enforcement information systems, search and seizure, code violations and care and custody of persons and property; applicable federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations; functions and objectives of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies; principles and practices of budget administration; care, maintenance and operation of a variety of law enforcement equipment; modern office practices, methods and equipment, including a computer and applicable software; occupational hazards and standard safety practices.

**Ability to:**

Plan, direct, manage and coordinate the work of the Police Department; develop and administer sound departmental goals, objectives, policies and methods for evaluating achievement and performance levels; properly interpret and make decisions in accordance with laws, regulations and policies; analyze complex law enforcement issues, evaluate alternatives and implement sound solutions; make adjustments to standard operating procedures as necessary to improve organizational effectiveness; supervise, train and motivate department personnel; meet standards for physical endurance, agility, health and vision; act quickly and calmly in emergency situations; facilitate group participation and consensus building; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; establish and maintain effective working relationships.

**Skill to:**

Operate an office computer and a variety of word processing and software applications; safely and effectively operate a variety of law enforcement equipment, firearms and a police vehicle in emergency situations.