



## **Job Class: Natural Resources Specialist 4 Conservation Officer Pilot**

### **Working Title: Conservation Officer Pilot**

**Job ID:** 46916

**Location:** Brainerd

**Full/Part Time:** Full-Time

**Regular/Temporary:** Unlimited

**Who May Apply:** Open to all qualified job seekers

**Date Posted:** 07/31/2021

**Closing Date:** 09/03/2021

**Hiring Agency/Seniority Unit:** Department of Natural Resources

**Division/Unit:** Enforcement / Air Support

**Work Shift/Work Hours:** Rotating Shift

**Days of Work:** Varies

**Travel Required:** Yes

**Salary Range:** \$30.58 - \$40.25/hourly; \$63,851 - \$84,042/annually

**Classified Status:** Classified

**Bargaining Unit/Union:** 201 - MN Law Enforcement Assn/Law Enf

**FLSA Status:** Nonexempt

**Connect 700 Program Eligible:** Yes

### **Job Summary**

This rotary airborne law enforcement pilot exists to provide resource protection within the Division of Enforcement, public safety, and to provide professional aviation support to all other disciplines within the department. Responsibilities include:

- Perform aerial surveillance and direct ground-based law enforcement personnel for prevention, detection and apprehension of individuals involved in criminal activities relating to all authorized natural resource statutes and regulations so that an effective and efficient law enforcement program is maintained.
- Enforce all statutes and regulations so that natural resources are preserved and the safety of the public is maintained.
- Provide pilot services and specialized flying techniques so that aircraft utilization is maximized within the Department of Natural Resources and other government agencies as needed.
- External load operations including, but not limited to helicopter firefighting bucket assistance and aerial herbicide applications.
- Provide low-level single pilot operations as needed, including but not limited to helicopter fish stocking, animal surveys and search and rescue operations.
- Provide fixed-wing pilot support when not engaged in rotary operations. (If not dual rated at the time of appointment, training to commercial fixed-wing standards will be provided.)
- Establish flight planning and maintenance practices so that the aircraft is in a flight ready status.
- Fulfill administrative duties as a member of the regional staff so that all aviation consulting, reporting and planning are conducted efficiently and effectively.
- Properly use, maintain and store issued equipment and uniforms so that they are serviceable at all times.

Selected candidates will attend a 15 week training academy at Camp Ripley in Little Falls, Minnesota where you will be expected to live onsite Monday through Friday. Following the 15 week training academy, successful candidates are then required to complete 16 weeks of field training where you will work closely with an experienced Conservation Officer.

## **Minimum Qualifications:**

To be considered, applicants must possess:

- A valid MN Peace Officer's License; be eligible to be licensed by the [MN Peace Officers Standards and Training Board \(P.O.S.T.\)](#) prior to the time conditional offers are made; or complete basic police training and be certified as a full-time peace officer in a state or federal law enforcement agency with which Minnesota has reciprocity and pass the [P.O.S.T. Board reciprocity exam](#) by the time a conditional job offer is made. \*\*To facilitate proper crediting, please ensure that your resume clearly reflects your P.O.S.T. certification. If not currently licensed, your resume must include the date in which you anticipate becoming licensed.\*\*
- Unrestricted FAA Commercial Rotocraft pilot certificate with instrument rating.
- A current first or second class FAA medical certificate.
- Minimum flight time of 1200 hours rotorcraft Pilot in Command (PIC).
- If selected applicant only has single rotor-craft rating at time of hire, additional rating training will be provided and required for fixed wing commercial add on.

Ability to operate aircraft while looking for and recognizing ground based activities. This could include searching for wildlife, lost persons, illegal activities, environmental disasters, aerial firefighting, aerial application, etc.

Working knowledge of other law enforcement operations such as local police, sheriffs, State Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Federal Bureau of Investigation sufficient to provide these operations with aviation support.

Ability to establish and maintain professional working relationships with both internal and external customers.

Oral and written communication skills sufficient to clearly, concisely and effectively communicate legal and non-legal information.

Ability to clearly and accurately observe and record information, read, analyze, interpret and communicate information; detect and analyze information based on sight, smell, sound, etc.

Reading comprehension skill sufficient to interpret law, statutes, etc.

Ability and willingness to carry out the responsibilities of a licensed Peace Officer while performing the job in adverse weather and other environmental conditions and to work unusual, varying shifts including nights, weekends and holidays.

No felony or gross misdemeanor conviction in Minnesota or crime in any other state or federal jurisdiction which would have been a felony if committed in Minnesota.

No other criminal convictions involving serious natural resource violations, crimes involving moral turpitude or two or more alcohol related driving violations for the past ten years. No DWI, reckless or careless driving, or other serious driving violations within the last five years.

In addition to the above minimum qualifications, candidates must pass the general written exam to be admitted to other portions of the exam/selection process.

## **Preferred Qualifications:**

1500 hours or more Rotocraft PIC.

Experience operating helicopter fire suppression (bucket) work.

Experience operating an aircraft for Natural Resources activities such as conducting aerial surveys and census of wildlife populations, photography, fire suppression, aerial applicator, and mapping for various lands use projects, and utilizing an aircraft for stocking of fish in remote areas.

Working knowledge of the operation, capabilities, limitations and maintenance of both fixed and rotary winged aircraft as well as the specialized equipment used for various law enforcement and natural resources missions.

Ability to operate an aircraft in specialized manners such as from lakes, rivers, fields or unimproved strips sufficient to meet the needs of all disciplines within the department.

1000 or more hours Fixed-Wing PIC.

300 hours of conventional gear (tailwheel) PIC.

FAA Commercial certificate in fixed wing Airplane single engine land-ASEL with instrument rating.

Experience operating a Skiplane or Seaplane.

Additional ratings (multi-engine, seaplane, CFI in airplane and/or rotorcraft or rotary wing helicopter).

## Physical Requirements

Requires regularly lifting, carrying or moving articles of 50 pounds and occasionally lifting, carrying or moving articles up to 100 pounds maximum. This job may require walking or standing to a significant degree on rough terrain or may involve sitting most of the time with pushing and pulling of arm and/or leg control.

## Additional Requirements

This position requires an unrestricted Class D Driver's License with a clear driving record.

Other portions of the process will include: oral interviews and completion of a comprehensive background investigation. Final job offers will be based on passing a medical evaluation, functional capacity exam and psychological evaluation.

**IMPORTANT:** Please review the [disqualification criteria information](#) carefully. You must meet the minimum selection standards before being appointed to a peace officer position under [Minnesota Administrative Rule 6700.0700](#).

## Why Work For Us

Our goal as an employer is to actively recruit, welcome and support a workforce, which is diverse and inclusive of people who are underrepresented in the development of State of Minnesota policies, programs and practices, so that we can support the success and growth of all people.

We are also proud to operate within a Culture of Respect that provides a healthy, safe, and productive work environment for all employees. This means that our employees are supportive of a diverse workplace, are respectful to one another and to our customers. We believe that promoting a Culture of Respect allows our employees to do their best work in support of the agency's mission.

**GREAT BENEFITS PACKAGE!** The State of Minnesota offers a comprehensive benefits package including low cost medical and dental insurance, employer paid life insurance, short and long term disability, pre-tax flexible spending accounts, retirement plan, tax-deferred compensation, generous vacation and sick leave, and 11 paid holidays each year.

## How to Apply

By applying, you are acknowledging that you have read the full job posting for which you are applying and meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

**All communication will be handled electronically, you must have an updated email address with your application/resume or you may not be contacted.**

Click "Apply" at the bottom of this page. If you have questions about applying for jobs, please contact the job information line at 651-259-3637.

For questions regarding MN POST eligibility and requirements, please refer to the MN POST Board website:

<https://dps.mn.gov/entity/post/Pages/default.aspx>.

If you are a Connect 700 applicant, please submit your certificate to Elyse Anderson at [elyse.anderson@state.mn.us](mailto:elyse.anderson@state.mn.us) or fax to 651-296-6494 by the job posting close date.

An extensive background investigation will be conducted on selected applicants who pass the interview board. A completed background packet is to be submitted after the successful completion of the applicant's oral board interview.

For additional information about the application process, go to <http://www.mn.gov/careers>.

## Contact

If you have questions about the position, please visit the [Conservation Officer Hiring Information website](#) or contact CAPT Chris Lofstuen at [christopher.lofstuen@state.mn.us](mailto:christopher.lofstuen@state.mn.us) or 218-407-3682.

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