

Game Warden Duties

The following information is provided to give you a realistic understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a Game Warden. Under Georgia law, Game Wardens may exercise the full authority of Peace Officers while in the performance of their duties. To ensure that you understand what you are applying for please read the following carefully.

In the event you are successful and offered a position as a Game Warden that your duties and assignments could include the following:

- Working alone at night in isolated parts of a county without back-up.
- Operating vessels in hazardous waters that include rivers, impoundments, and coastal waters often alone in inclement weather during the hours of darkness.
- Work most Holidays and weekends.
- Be able to present interviews for TV, radio, and other media outlets concerning DNR functions and operations.
- Providing oral presentations to large groups on DNR programs and activities.
- Providing information & education classes to students on hunter education and boating safety issues.
- Detached from your assigned duty station to assist in other parts of the state for extended periods of time for specialized details and operations that may be dangerous.
- Sometimes having to make repairs to assigned equipment in inclement weather without any assistance or aid.
- Provide assistance to other Law Enforcement agencies with traffic accidents, fatalities, domestic violence, search warrants, drug violations, civil disturbances, stakeouts, and environmental disasters, including floods, tornadoes and hurricanes for extended time frames. (Hurricane Katrina)
- Coordinate search and rescue operations on land and the recovery of drowning victims on the water. Must be able to deal with deceased victims.
- Sometimes execute "high risk" arrest and search warrants.
- Remain vigilant and prepared at all times to execute the use of "deadly force" in the event a perpetrator has the ability, opportunity, and places you or a third person in immediate jeopardy of receiving serious bodily harm or death.
- Remain in an "on call" duty status when scheduled in service.
- Maintain proficiency in the use of firearms and defensive tactics.
- Deal with landowner disputes who sometimes criticize you and the department.
- You will be held accountable to a "higher standard" by external customers, the general public, and the Department.
- Enforce laws and regulations dealing specifically with the general public's leisure time.
- Your Captain and Sergeant will receive complaints on you with regard to enforcement decisions and statements that may or may not be made at the time of arrest or encounter that you will be required to file written and oral reports as to actual events and comments.

- You will be required to operate 4X4 trucks in hazardous conditions and area's launching boats, sometimes having to physically remove a 25 HP out board from the bed of the truck and attach to the transom of the boat.
- You will also be required to operate ATV's in isolated areas.
- You will be required to fly areas in a departmental aircraft as an observer for the pilot.
- Sometimes detached to a region office for office duty which may include cutting grass, operating a weed eater, edger, blower, forklift, etc. In addition, you may have to assist with electrical and carpentry tasks, minor vehicle & boat repairs, answering telephones, and selling licenses to walk-in customers.
- During basic training you will be exposed to intense defensive tactics training and expected to be sprayed with pepper spray.
- During basic training you will be exposed to intense physical exercise, which normally occurs at 5:00 a.m.
- Does your spouse and/or family understand that this is a statewide organization and you will not be given a choice of location assignment? The command staff based on the needs of the organization and the protection of the resource makes these assignments
- You will be required to move and establish a residence in your assigned area.