

The Somerset Borough Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Somerset Borough is the county seat of Somerset County and currently employs nearly 20 police officers. The officers work in many specialty functions including patrol, K9, Traffic, Criminal Investigations, crime scene processing, drug crime investigations, and sex and child crime investigations. The Department is highly involved in the community and is committed to training its officers. Somerset Borough has a permanent population of approximately 8,000, but experiences a daily population of 41,000 due to many factors including being the County Seat of Somerset County, an exit on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and the heart of a county that is popular and recognized for its sport and leisure opportunities.

In evaluating your desire to apply to the department, consider that Somerset is approximately:

- 30 minutes from Johnstown
- 40 minutes from Latrobe
- 50 minutes from Greensburg

Our Hiring Practices

The Somerset Borough Police Department hires both full-time and part-time officers. The first step in applying for each position, or both, is to complete an Application for Employment found at this site.

Full-time officers are hired via the Civil Service process which complies with both the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Borough of Somerset. Testing is not always open, however we will accept your application at any time and, for a period of two years of the date of filing, make a reasonable effort to advise you if testing has been initiated. To determine if we are currently testing, you may call 814-445-4596. Part-time officers are not hired via the Civil Service process and you may apply and be considered for this position at any time by completing and submitting the application found at this site.

Somerset Borough is an equal opportunity employer.

Hiring Criteria

- To be considered for any sworn position, you must possess or be eligible to obtain certification by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). Access the Links page at this site to reach MPOETC and learn about certification.
- You must be at least 21 years of age at the time of appointment.
- You must have attained high school graduation or its equivalency.
- You must have a current driver's license and be able to attain a Pennsylvania Driver's License upon appointment.
- You must be able to complete a rigorous background investigation that may include, but is not necessarily limited to an examination of your criminal history, educational history, work history, medical examination, physical agility test, psychological testing, polygraph, and credit history.

Benefits of Employment

	Full-time Officers	Part-time Officers
➤ Competitive Salary	Yes	Yes
➤ Uniform allowance	Yes	Yes
➤ Health Care	Yes	70%
➤ Ammunition allowance	Yes	Yes

➤ Standard Overtime	Yes	Yes
➤ Holiday Pay	Yes	Yes
➤ Leave Time	Yes	Yes
➤ Shift Differential	Yes	Yes
➤ Longevity	Yes	Yes