



United Nations Core values: INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

POST DESCRIPTION

Post Title: **Patrol Officer**
Level:
Organizational Unit: **United Nations Police (UNPOL)**
Reporting To: **Police Sector Commander & Deputy Police Sector Commander**
Duty Station: **United Nations Mission in UNFICYP**
Duration: **12 months**

Duties and Responsibilities:

The United Nations Police (UNPOL) Patrol Officers work under the direction of the Police Sector Commander, the Deputy Police Sector Commander and the Police Patrol Coordinator. The incumbent will be responsible for:

- Maintaining a presence in the buffer zone in order to prevent unauthorised entry by any individual not entitled to be there.
- Communicating and interacting with the community who reside in the buffer zone, in order to ensure that their quality of life is maintained at all times.
- Escorts of patients across the border from one medical centre to the other, or the evacuation of civilians if the need arises.
- Liaison with the local civil authorities when breaches of the law are detected inside the buffer zone and be prepared to give evidence in criminal courts in relation to violations detected.
- Supporting the Patrol Team Leader in the implementation of local policing plans and operations, such as demonstrations, pilgrimages, protests and any other matters that would require UNPOL attention to deal with the situation.
- Performing their duties in an efficient and effective manner and seeking to continually improve workplace performance.
- Reporting promptly for duty fully equipped and properly attired.
- Complying with all relevant instructions of UN policy and procedure.
- Application of appropriate health and safety practices.
- Performing duties and conducting affairs in accordance with professional values and ethical standards.
- Consulting with local communities and interest groups and ensuring that local fears and threats to public safety are dealt with promptly and effectively.
- Monitoring activities within the buffer zone, and maintaining the integrity of the buffer zone, by patrolling as directed by the Patrol Team Leader and relevant

supervisors. Cultivating good relations with all members of the communities of the buffer zone, while remaining impartial and independent.

- Monitoring the activities and functions of local police in the concepts of policing in a democratic society, if relevant to the mission mandate and to cross community humanitarian issues.
- Reporting in a timely and accurate fashion on operational activities and remaining fully briefed on UNFICYP issues and practices.
- Completing office administration effectively, including the planning and application for leave by team members, the accurate recording of operational activities and the maintenance and care of UN assets.
- Providing feedback to the Patrol Team Leader and if appropriate, the Sector Commander, on team performance.
- Accomplishing duties according to the patrol plans provided by the Police Patrol Coordinator (PPC).
- Providing the PPC with information regarding any incident in the field.

The Patrol Officer works a shift system which is rostered over a 14 day working period. These shifts consist of an early and late shift (0730hrs to 1530hrs and 1400hrs to 2200hrs). In addition the Patrol Officer will be required to provide an “on call” service when not on duty, in order to deal with emergency situations which may arise from time to time.

Experience / Essentials

- An individual police officer who is recommended for service at UNFICYP based on his or her ability to carry out the functionality as described above.
- The officer must be able to work on their own initiative within the guidelines of UNFICYP.
- The appropriate candidate for this position must be fluent in English language, both written and oral.
- The individual must have high level computer skills, which is an essential requirement for the position.

Other Essential Requirements

- Ability to meet minimum UN Civilian Police peace operations requirements (e.g Language Proficiency and Driving Skills)
- Fulfillment of all UN medical requirements.
- Availability for immediate deployment.

Competencies

- **Organization Skills** - Including making sound decisions and achieving outcomes.
- **Communication Skills** — The appropriate candidate for this position must be fluent in English language, both written and oral. The individual must possess excellent communication skills and have the ability to liaise with internal and external stakeholders. Good interpersonal skills and ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships is essential.

- **Technology Awareness** — Fully proficient in the use of computers and relevant software and other applications, e.g. word processing, power point, graphics software, spreadsheets and other statistical applications, internet, etc
- **Teamwork** — Good interpersonal skills and ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and working relations in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.
- **Judgment/Decision-making** – Demonstrate sound judgment in applying technical expertise to resolve a range of issues/problems.
- **Initiative** - The member must have the ability to work using his/her own initiative. Demonstrates initiative to work independently and see work through to completion, including patience and persistence and good problem solving skills.

Language

- Proficiency in English language (both oral and written) is required.

Command and Control

The incumbent will be reporting directly to the Police Sector Commander and Deputy Police Sector Commander.

Note: UNFICYP encourages the deployment of female UNPOL officers.