



State Center Police Department

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Position Available

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The City of State Center seeks a professional to serve as the **Chief of Police** for our community of approximately 1400 residents. State Center is located 30 minutes East of Ames along the Highway 30 corridor as well as being located 30 minutes North of the Bondurant / Altoona commercial business area.

The ideal candidate will work collaboratively with other department heads and personnel of the city as well as other public safety partners in the area. Transparency, an outstanding work ethic and the ability to build and maintain relationships with a variety of stakeholders such as vendors, other communities and our local school district are fundamental qualities in this position.

The Chief of Police will have operational responsibilities to include response to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service, conduct criminal investigations, return phone calls, and have some availability to respond to calls for service when not on duty, thus some on-call time is unavoidable with this position. In addition to operational responsibilities, the Chief of Police will also have a variety of administrative duties to include preparation and facilitation of an annual budget, implementation and maintenance of policies and procedures which reflect current best practices, equipment maintenance, custodian of both physical and digital evidence, preparation and distribution of materials for the county attorney and others, implementation and reporting related to current grant related funds as well as scheduling and development of in-service training for additional support staff such as reserves and part-time officers.

The City of State Center desires for the Police Chief to live near the community, ideally the candidate would reside within the city limits. Applicants will find our city council and community to be supportive of public safety based upon programs which have been implemented over recent years.

Applicants will need to meet the minimum hiring requirements as set forth by Iowa Administrative Code 50, Chapter 2 to include successful completion of the minimum physical fitness standards, a psychological evaluation, a thorough background as well as being of good moral character.

The Chief of Police is the only full-time employee of the State Center Police Department and is supported by part-time and reserve officers. This position is a salaried position with salary and benefits negotiable dependent upon experience and qualifications.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to sccityclerk@partnercom.net no later than Friday, September 4th at 4:00 pm. After an initial screen, a thorough application with a background packet will be sent to applicants the following week.