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About St. Louis County

St. Louis County is located in Northeastern Minnesota. It is known for its spectacular natural beauty, including a national forest and a national park, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, four state parks and over 1,000 lakes. St. Louis County has limitless recreation, including hunting, boating, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling and hiking.

St. Louis County is the largest county east of the Mississippi River spanning over 7,092 square miles. The county is diverse in many ways. The southern region along Lake Superior hosts a city of the first class, Duluth, and its surrounding area with a population of over 120,000, while the northern reaches of the county border Canada and include the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. The people who live here range from those who enjoy life in the city to those seeking seclusion and wilderness.



1,000 Lakes
Endless Wilderness, Trails, Parks

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St. Louis County Sheriff's Office

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St. Louis County, Minnesota



Job Opportunities

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Message from the Sheriff

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is a progressive employer, offering tremendous opportunities, challenging assignments and significant diversity. The wages and benefits are some of the best in the Arrowhead region of Minnesota. St. Louis County is geographically the largest county in Minnesota, encompassing 7,092 square miles. The sheer geographic size of our county requires the Sheriff's Office to have three main duty stations located in Virginia, Hibbing, and Duluth. The vast region of St. Louis County affords recruits a wide variety of challenges and opportunities. Thank you for your interest in the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and best of luck in your law enforcement career.

Ross Litman, St. Louis County Sheriff



To Protect and Serve with Professionalism & Pride



Sheriff's Office Overview

Sheriff's Office Overview The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is responsible for all law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of St. Louis County and the cities of Mountain Iron, Aurora, and Buhl/Kinney, which creates many unique opportunities. Sheriff Ross Litman oversees a staff of 260 people who work in the Law Enforcement, Jail, 911 Communications, and Homeland Security/Emergency Management Divisions. The Sheriff's Office staff continually strives for new technologies and equipment that place the best tools available in the hands of quality people. This progressive ethic reflects well in the ability to respond to calls, solve crimes and make St. Louis County a great place to live.

Sheriff's Office Mission The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office mission is to work in partnership with the community and other county departments to provide enhanced, high quality, and cost effective public safety services through innovation, leadership, and the strength of our dedicated people.

Divisions

Administrative Staff assigned provides oversight and management of personnel, technology, employee recruitment, background investigations, field training, rescue squad liaison, and general administrative functions.

Patrol Patrol deputies investigate crimes, respond to calls for assistance, transport prisoners, and serve civil papers and arrest warrants. They work four days/twelve-hour shifts on a four days on, four days off rotation. The patrol division is the largest division of the Sheriff's Office.

Medical Examiner The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration of the St. Louis County Medical Examiner's function. There are currently two deputy medical examiners in St. Louis County. Investigators and deputies work closely with the medical examiner's staff when responding to incidents within the county.

911 Communications St. Louis County 9-1-1 coordinates and serves 180 jurisdictions with police, fire, ambulance, and emergency medical services. The county maintains two emergency communication centers in Duluth and Virginia.

Court Services Deputies carry out the sheriff's statutory responsibility such as pursuing and apprehending felons; executing all processes, writs, orders; bailiffs court security; and transporting prisoners.

Rescue Squad The volunteer Rescue Squad is dedicated to assisting the St. Louis County Sheriff in fulfilling search and rescue operations of lost or missing persons; water and other emergencies where their unique training and specialized equipment can be invaluable in saving lives.

Homeland Security / Emergency Management Plans for the coordinated response of county resources to any disaster situation. Promotes public safety, health and welfare during large-scale emergencies. Pursues grants and training opportunities for Sheriff's Office staff.

Law Enforcement Services Contracts for Law Enforcement Services with cities and towns within St. Louis County. Current cities include Aurora, Mt. Iron, Buhl, and Kinney. Deputies become very involved in call response, investigative follow up and crime prevention.

Investigations Follow up on leads, interview witnesses, victims, and suspects. Work on a wide variety of cases from theft to kidnapping and murder. This is a promotional position within the Sheriff's Office.

Records Responsible for processing and maintaining crime and arrest records, traffic accident reports, citations and related documents. Recently, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office has partnered with several regional law enforcement agencies in implementing a new integrated records system: Shield.

Jail Designed to house up to 200 pre-trial and sentenced inmates and operates under the Direct Supervision Management Principle—whereby an officer is in the housing unit with inmates at all times, supervising the detainees. Virginia and Hibbing 72 hour temporary holding facilities are located at the respective courthouses. Separate career track for those interested in corrections.



Deputy Opportunities

Deputy Sheriff Overview The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office provides patrol and investigative services to the citizens of St. Louis County. Deputies perform a broad range of activities, which include investigating crimes such as disturbances, domestic violence incidents, suspicious persons and vehicles; answering calls for assistance; responding to accidents; administering first aid to the injured; transporting prisoners and individuals with mental disorders. Deputies also serve civil papers and arrest warrants.

Opportunities A law enforcement environment such as St. Louis County requires staff that are willing to take on the challenge of being assigned to such a large area. With the challenge comes the opportunities for training in specialized functions:

Patrol Patrol opportunities and duties include: traffic and criminal enforcement, accident investigation, proactive patrol tactics, civil and warrant enforcement, public relations, and first aid assistance.

ATV Patrol All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) opportunities and duties include: ATV trail enforcement, search and rescue, cabin and residence checks, public relations, information, and trail assistance.

Drug Task Force Drug task force opportunities and duties include: involvement in two area drug task forces: the Lake Superior Drug/Gang Task Force and the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force.

Snowmobile Patrol Snowmobile opportunities and duties include: snowmobile trail patrol, enforcement and accident investigation, cabin/hunting shack checks, search and rescue, and information and trail assistance.

Emergency Response Team (ERT) ERT opportunities and duties include: high risk warrants, barricaded suspects, hostage situations, high risk arrests/public safety incidents, and VIP protection and security.

Environmental Deputy Environmental deputy opportunities and duties include: investigate environmental and public health violations in St. Louis County.

Boat & Water Patrol Boat and water patrol opportunities and duties include: patrol all waterways in St. Louis County, enforce watercraft activities, boating, fishing, recreation enforcement, rendering first aid and assistance, and public relations and information.

K-9 K-9 opportunities and duties include: patrol and investigation assistance, narcotics enforcement, search and rescue, building searches, crowd control, high risk assistance, and securing schools and government buildings.

Background Investigations & Field Training These opportunities and duties include: conducting background investigations on potential deputy sheriff candidates and/or field training of officers of newly hired deputies.

Field Training Program Field Training Academy: Deputy Sheriff candidates attend a 6 week academy which focuses on such areas as firearms qualification, use of force, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, first aid, tactical training, policies and procedures. The academy includes a mix of classroom and hands-on practical exercises.

Field Training Program: Following the academy, which is held at various locations within St. Louis County, deputies begin an aggressive 13 week (approximate) field training program. The new deputies are paired with a field training officer and begin working in a squad car. New deputies apply the skills and concepts learned in the field training academy to actual real-world scenarios and must demonstrate an acceptable level of competency before being allowed to work independently.



To Apply

Employment

Deputy Sheriff employment opportunities are posted on bulletin boards in the county courthouses in Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia, and on the Minnesota Peace Officers Opportunity Line (POOL). If you are interested in being notified the next time St. Louis County is accepting applications for Deputy Sheriff, please fill out a self-addressed envelope and write "Deputy Sheriff" on the back flap. Civil Service will then mail the necessary application materials to you when a Deputy Sheriff job opportunity is announced.

You may mail or drop off the envelope to: St. Louis Co. Employee Relations, 100 N 3th Avenue W, Room 1, Duluth, MN 55802, or contact the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office at 218.336.4343, or see employment link at www.stlouiscountysheriff.org.

Minimum Qualifications

Successfully completed a certified 2 year or 4 year post secondary law enforcement academic program and skills training course as required by MN POST Board - and - passed the licensing examination OR possess a valid Minnesota Peace Officer License.

Applicants may take the exam prior to completion of the skills training course and licensing exam, but cannot be considered for appointment until these requirements have been completed. In addition, applicants must: be a U.S. Citizen, be 19 years of age, have/able to obtain a valid driver's license, must not have been convicted of a felony, must be free from any mental or emotional condition which might adversely affect the performance by the individual of their duties as a Deputy Sheriff, and must be in good physical condition and have sufficient strength and endurance to perform the duties proficiently.

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