

Petersburg, Alaska Police Department

Police Officer Job Opening

Population.....3,199

Entry Level.....\$ 32.68 /hr



The Borough of Petersburg, Alaska is seeking qualified and civic minded applicants to fill an open Police Officer position and establish an eligibility list.

Petersburg, known as Alaska's Little Norway, was founded more than 100 years ago by Norwegian fishermen.

Located in the heart of the Tongass National Forest, and among the islands and mountains of Southeast Alaska's beautiful Inside Passage, the Petersburg Borough encompasses some 3,829 square miles of land and water. The Borough's population center is on the northern tip of Mitkof Island, approximately 100 miles north of Ketchikan and 120 miles south of Juneau. A small, vibrant community with about 3,199 permanent residents, Petersburg is rich with an obvious spirit of community, pride, and self-sufficiency.

Petersburg's day-to-day life is that of a busy fishing port which provides the economic mainstay for the community. Commercial and recreational boats dominate the waters and serve as a focal point of the economy and heritage.



Little Norway. Big Adventure.

Our Community

About Us

The seafood industry is the community's largest employment sector. Other sections providing significant employment include retail businesses, the school district, medical center and other government agencies.



Petersburg's stores and businesses provide for most of the shopping and service needs of residents and visitors. Juneau, Alaska's Capital City and the largest city in the Southeast, is a 25 minute flight or an 8-hour ferry ride away.

Many clubs and organizations have evolved over the years, including a large number of non-profit groups. Petersburg is described by residents as an active community with numerous opportunities to get involved.



Education

The Petersburg School District has award winning elementary, middle, and high schools with over 400 students currently enrolled. Petersburg also offers preschools and early childhood learning centers.



Borough Services

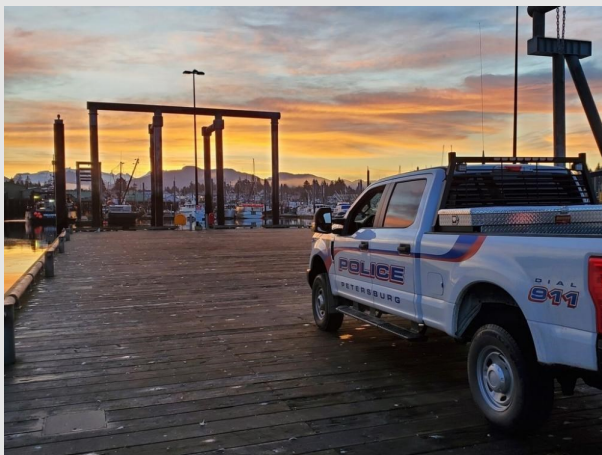
Petersburg is an incorporated borough. Borough government is made up of 6 Assembly Members and a Mayor, elected at large by the community. Day to day operation is the responsibility of a Borough Manager and his staff, working under the direction of the Assembly.

The Borough provides a variety of services including community development, assisted living/elderly housing facility, port and harbor oversight, library, parks and recreation, power and light, fire, police, emergency planning and public works.

Petersburg is proud of its new fire department and public library, as well as recently upgraded harbor facilities. The Borough also completed a \$10.5 million renovation on the municipal building, which includes a new police department and jail facility.

Police Department

The Chief of Police oversees the department which is made up of 9 sworn officers. The current structure includes a Captain, two Sergeants, Investigator (assigned to the region's multi-jurisdictional counter drug task force) and four patrol officers. The department's support services staff is made up of a manager and six dispatchers. Support services also has operational oversight of jail operations for the Department's state contracted 12 bed jail.



Culture

Members of the department are a tight-knit group. Finding the “right fit” to join our team is extremely important to us as we rely heavily on each other. We adhere to a teamwork and “community first” approach to policing.

The Borough desires the ideal candidate possess a solid moral background, with a strong sense of community and the ability to be certified as a police officer in the State of Alaska.

Qualifications

Must meet all requirements for certification as outlined in [13 AAC 85.010](#) and must, within 14 months of initial hire, obtain and maintain a basic peace officer certificate issued by the Alaska Police Officer Standards Council.

Certification requirements include successful completion of an approved academy course followed by successful completion of the Department's Field Training and Evaluation Program.

The Department welcomes experienced officers. Officers with current out of state certifications may be eligible for abbreviated academy training.

Information regarding reciprocity can be found at www.dps.state.ak.us/APSC/docs/WAIVER-RECIPROCITY_REGS.pdf.



Duties

Following successful completion of required training, officers are assigned to traditional law enforcement duties and will need to function as a single officer unit.

Traditional duties include:

Patrolling the community by motor vehicle, on foot, and occasionally by boat, to ensure public safety.

- Providing emergency assistance to citizens and visitors.
- Enforcing all laws, ordinances, and regulations including traffic and animal control laws.
- Conducting criminal investigations, arresting violators, issuing citations, completing case reports as needed and testifying in court as required.

Additional assignments could include serving as a firearms instructor, breath test supervisor, field training officer, task force officer/investigator or evidence custodian.

More information is available at the following websites:

[Petersburg Borough](#)

[Alaska Police Standards Council](#)

[UAF Law Enforcement Academy](#)



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