



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
 FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION: LAW ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

**NOTICE OF SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:  
 WATER PATROL OFFICER AND ATV PATROL OFFICER  
 (NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT)**



- ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD?**
- DO YOU WANT TO WORK IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?**
- DO YOU LIKE WORKING OUTDOORS, ON BOATS OR ON ATVs?**
- DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH PEOPLE?**
- DO YOU THINK YOU WANT A CAREER AS A CONSERVATION OFFICER?**

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Bureau is looking for qualified, interested, and motivated individuals to serve as **Temporary, Seasonal Patrol Officers**. There are potentially **39 Water Patrol Officer** and **7 ATV Patrol Officer** positions located throughout the state at Iowa’s popular lakes & river areas or ATV parks/use areas.

**The deadline to apply for these positions is January 15.** You must have your complete application form turned in as directed on the form by that date. Interviews will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in February, in central Iowa.

**What does a Water Patrol Officer or ATV Patrol Officer do?** Water Patrol Officers and ATV Patrol Officers are temporary, summer employees of the IDNR. As a (temporary) law enforcement officer of the State of Iowa, these are positions of high responsibility. They help ensure a safe recreational environment for the public by enforcing the state’s regulations; provide public assistance and safety education through personal contact and educational programs; respond to and assist in emergency situations; maintain equipment and storage facilities; and complete administrative duties as required (report writing, filing citations, etc.).

- **Water Patrol Officer duties include:** patrolling of assigned areas on Iowa’s lakes and rivers by patrol boat and foot—checking for compliance with Iowa’s navigation and fishing regulations.
- **ATV Patrol Officer duties include:** patrolling ATV parks and assigned areas by ATV and foot.

**What are the dates of employment?** Both Water Patrol and ATV Patrol Officers begin work in mid-May and usually work until Labor Day; Officers may sometimes return for court appearances or to work some fall weekends. New Officers must attend several days of training and then start patrolling at their duty station on Memorial weekend.



**What is the work schedule like?** Both Water Patrol and ATV Patrol Officers work a 40-hour work week, with two days off per week during the week. The exact schedule varies by location and is assigned by the Supervisor, but all Officers work weekends (including all the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, & Labor Day) and often evenings, late nights, and in all types of weather.

**What does the job pay?** \$12.81/hour (10/2007 figure)

**What are the requirements?**

- Must be available for all interviews and training required
- A valid motor vehicle operator's license
- Must be a United States citizen
- Certification through Iowa's Boating Safety Education Program (Water Patrol Officer applicants)
- Submission to and clearance of a thorough background check
- Current CPR Certification issued through American Red Cross or the American Heart Association
- Minimum age: 18
- Graduated from or currently enrolled/on break between semesters of college, or about to enter first semester of college from high school
- Ability to work alone, with the public, in a law enforcement capacity, in all conditions, on weekends, and including holidays and nights.

**Why should I apply to become a Water Patrol or ATV Patrol Officer?**

This job provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the role of law enforcement in protecting Iowa's resources and recreationists. It is also an interesting, diverse, and often times challenging and demanding position. The rewards are knowing you've made a difference in serving the resource and the public and learning more about your own role and capabilities in the natural resources law enforcement field. Serving as a Seasonal Patrol Officer is an excellent way to gain experience, but it does not guarantee any future full-time employment.

**How do I apply or find more information?** If posted, there should be attached here a three page application form---Make a copy, fill it out, and submit it to the address at the bottom of the form. If you prefer, you may copy, paste, & fill in your application electronically, then print it, and submit it to the address at the bottom of the form. Beginning in the preceding fall, the application and a copy of this informational sheet may be downloaded from the web (at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov) -- follow the links to Law Enforcement, Employment Opportunities and Job Descriptions) or requested from any Law Enforcement District Supervisor at the phone numbers and locations below.

District 1 (Spirit Lake)	712/336-1840	District 4 (Brighton)	319/694-2430
District 2 (Manchester)	563/927-3276	District 5 (Clear Lake)	641/357-3517
District 3 (Lewis)	712/769-2587	District 6 (Des Moines)	515/281-8174

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