

Specification for Class of

RAILROAD INSPECTOR II

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Definition: Supervises and conducts, as a commissioned peace officer, special railroad accident/incident/complaint investigations; instructs and field checks activities of Railroad Inspector I; conducts safety inspections of complex railroad equipment and facilities.

OR

Enforces specific certified sections of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations as a commissioned peace officer; conducts accident/incident/complaint investigations; performs related railroad inspections.

Typical Work (State Assignment)

Conducts investigations of all fatal railroad accidents and other serious type railroad accidents as directed or on own initiative either alone or in a supervisory capacity; the evidence collected must be complete and accurate to permit successful court action by the Attorney General when such action develops; if a case goes to trial, the inspector may be called as a witness to substantiate the State's position;

Investigates complaints alleging non-compliance with existing laws and rules and regulations of the Commission; a complete investigation is made, the facts determined and recommendation submitted as to necessity for prosecution to enforce requirements; where no violation is found, the circumstances must be clearly explained so that the complainant will understand the Commission's power and authority in the matter and why no action was initiated;

Performs difficult in-depth inspections of railroad rolling stock, track and way, signal systems, and facilities for compliance with current laws and rules and regulations of the Commission; supervises conduct of "team" investigations when assigned; when violations are found or potential hazards are uncovered in the course of work, on-the-spot correction is initiated by calling them to the attention of the carriers, employees or shippers, explaining the provisions of the laws and orders of the Commission; may impound and order immediate repair of any defective rolling stock considered dangerous; where punitive

action is required to enforce provisions of the laws, the evidence gathered must be complete and accurate to permit successful prosecution by the Attorney General's staff;

Inspects railroad-highway grade crossing for compliance with laws and rules and regulations of the Commission; when discrepancies are found, prepares correspondence noting defect and corrective action and submits to rail or highway authority involved;

Interfaces with railroad management in the operational, maintenance, and engineering areas; interfaces with highway authority at the engineering level; interfaces with law enforcement authority at the city, county and state levels;

Performs other work as required.

Typical Work (Federal Assignment)

Conducts special railroad accident investigations on assignment by the Supervisor in accordance with the FRA Manual "Accident Investigation;" conducts complaint investigations; conducts Petition and Application investigations concerning exemptions from requirements of Federal Track Standards 49 C.F.R. Section 213.7; conducts Carrier Compliance Program Investigations to insure and encourage railroads to sustain their own compliance programs at a level consistent with Federal requirements; conducts Spot Compliance Investigations of track and track related structures; monitors records of railroad companies for compliance with Federal requirements; examines the records of and monitors activities of railroad personnel designated by the Carriers as "Supervisory" to assure compliance with Federal requirements;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities (State Assignment)

Knowledge of: State laws, rules and regulations governing railroad operations; federal laws, rules and regulations as they apply to Section 206 of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970; construction of railroad rolling stock to include car and locomotive safety appliances, railroad track, bridges, tunnels, signals and track side facilities; railroad operating practices and procedures; investigative techniques and evidence gathering methods.

Ability to: conduct complex investigations, either alone or in a supervisory capacity, gather evidence, assemble facts and present

in clear, concise reports; serve as an expert witness in court cases and in actions before the Commission; exercise judgment in determining a safety hazard and the method to use to effect corrections; make fast, accurate inspections of moving rolling stock; communicate and act effectively with railroad management, railroad labor, highway authority, law enforcement agencies and the general public; operate testing instruments and equipment peculiar to the industry; instruct others.

Knowledge and Abilities (Federal Assignment)

Knowledge of: the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Section 213 (49 C.F.R. 213); State of Washington laws, rules and regulations pertinent to railroad operations; the U.S. Department of Transportation "Track and Structures Enforcement Manual"; the FRA manual "Accident Investigations"; railroad track and track structure construction and maintenance; railroad operations as it affects track and track structures; use of tools, equipment, measuring devices, employed in track and track structures.

Ability to: conduct difficult in-depth accident investigation; perform track and track structure inspections and apply Federal Track Standards to varied and unique situations; speak, write and deal effectively with railroad management and labor and the public at large; exercise mature judgment in the enforcement of Federal and State Safety Standards; effectively operate test instruments and equipment peculiar to track and track structures.

Minimum Qualifications

1. Graduation from high school or GED equivalent.

AND

2. Six years of recent experience in progressively responsible work with a railroad listed in the Federal Code of Railroads as a locomotive engineer, conductor, signal supervisor/engineer, maintenance of way supervisor, building and bridge supervisor, railroad master mechanic, region or division superintendent of cars, roadmaster, yardmaster, trainmaster, investigator/special agent, or any engineering discipline normally utilized by railroads.

College education with a major in engineering, business administration, or related study may be substituted for not more

than two years of required experience on the basis of one year of college being equivalent to one year of experience.

OR

A minimum of two years of experience as Railroad Inspector I with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Note: For positions designated to enforce Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, candidates must be certified by the Federal Railroad Administration prior to appointment.

A valid Washington driver's license is required for appointment to and continued employment in this class.

Recent experience is defined as within the past two years.

New class

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