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Rockford Police Re-Opens Lateral Officer Applications, Also Accepting Applications for Police Officer

ROCKFORD, Ill. – The Rockford Police Department has reopened its lateral entry application process. The lateral entry program seeks qualified sworn police officers who represent the diversity of thought and experiences that are shared by the community.

Lateral candidates must meet all of the requirements for an entry-level Rockford Police Officer and must possess a valid Illinois Law Enforcement Officer certificate from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Out-of-state officers will be required to attend an 80-hour class to become an Illinois-certified police officer. Newly hired individual that are certified as a law enforcement officer shall be paid the appropriate pay step for previous years of law enforcement service up to a maximum of five years with a starting pay range of \$56,976 - \$68,095 as of July 1, 2017.

The department is also seeking qualified men and women who wish to serve the city of Rockford to join its force as a police officer. The starting salary is \$52,811.

Candidates must have strong verbal communication, interpersonal and writing skills, and should possess common sense and problem-solving ability.

Those seeking a career in law enforcement must successfully complete a multi-step process. Applications are available online at <http://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/police/join-the-rockford-police-department/>. Online applications for lateral entry must be completed by July 10, 2017 and entry-level applications must be completed by Friday, July 28, 2017. Applications may also be completed in the Human Resources office at City Hall, 425 E. State Street.

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For more information about benefits, working conditions, and minimum qualifications, visit the Rockford Police Department website at <http://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/police/join-the-rockford-police-department/> or contact Rockford Police recruiter Katy Statler at recruiter@rockfordil.gov.

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