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A wildlife officer enforces game, fish and boating laws and regulations in assigned areas. An officer must have a thorough knowledge of state and federal laws and regulations, with an ability to enforce the law fairly.

The mission of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's Law Enforcement Division is to conserve wildlife resources; promote safe, responsible boating; and provide public safety, through both proactive law enforcement and the instruction of quality education.



Basic Requirements:

- Have a high school diploma or GED.
- Be 20 years old before taking the state Basic Law Enforcement Training Exam.
- Take a standardized reading comprehension assessment and score at the 10th grade level or higher.
- Undergo a thorough background investigation, including a complete criminal history check.
- Pass police officers physical ability assessment.
- Complete 30-week basic training academy.

Training and Certification

All wildlife officer candidates are required to pass an extensive background, psychological and physical screening prior to entering an accredited training academy conducted by the Law Enforcement Division. Each wildlife officer holds a basic law enforcement training certification.

Getting the Job Done

Wildlife officers patrol fields, forests and state waters at all hours of the day and night. They utilize many types of patrol methods, including motor vehicles, aircraft, boats, as well as foot patrol. Wildlife officers often work alone on patrols, but also interact with other law enforcement agencies.

A wildlife officer investigates wildlife crimes, boating incidents, hunting incidents and performs search and rescue.

Wildlife Officers:

- Patrol all open fields and wood lands, including more than 2 million acres of public game lands, to ensure compliance with all state and federal fish and game laws.
- Dispatched across nine districts by a 24-hour radio communication center.

Typically, one to two wildlife officers are stationed per county.

Conservation, Fishing, Hunting and Trapping

Wildlife officers have regulatory enforcement responsibilities for conservation, hunting, trapping and inland fishing in the state. State and federal hunting and trapping laws apply to all lands, public or private.

Boating

Wildlife officers are charged with enforcing the boating laws and regulations on the waters of the state. The aim of boating enforcement is always safety and education.

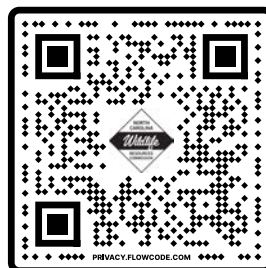
They patrol over 5,000 miles of inland streams, rivers, lakes and coastal waterways and over 200 public boating access areas. Officers also conduct nationally recognized boating education courses.

Poaching

Sportsmen and the public can assist wildlife officers in their duties by reporting conservation violations by calling 800-662-7137. Callers can remain anonymous. Violations can also be reported anonymously by calling 855-WILDTIP.

Wildlife Officers Receive:

- Competitive salary and advancement opportunities.
- Paid holidays and military leave.
- Specialized training.
- Agency-issued take home patrol vehicle.



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