



K-9 Detector Dogs

K-9 units composed of highly trained detector dogs and handlers are valuable members of the law enforcement team. Detector dogs are certified to detect concealed weapons and illegally taken wildlife and to track lost, wanted or missing persons. Directed by their handlers, the dogs search vehicles and crime scenes to recover evidence such as guns, knives, shell casings and wildlife. Handlers and dogs undergo training and certification together. Each dog is permanently assigned to one handler and lives in the handler's home.



Training Academy

Every year, new legislation is passed and signed into law, creating new challenges for Environmental Conservation Officers. To meet these challenges, the Division of Law Enforcement maintains its own police training academy where ECOs receive basic police training, and return for advanced training in specialized areas of environmental enforcement.




MORE INFORMATION


- ECO web page:
www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2437.html
- Watch ECOs in action:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/dectv/dectv74.html>
- Position description and how to apply:
www.careermobilityoffice.cs.state.ny.us/cmo/gotit/
(search for Environmental Conservation Officer)
- New York Conservation Officers Association:
www.nycoa.org


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To report an environmental problem or file a complaint, contact 1-800-TIPP DEC

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CONSERVATION
OFFICER**

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**For recruitment information:
www.dec.ny.gov 1-518-402-8829**

Do you...

- Care about protecting our natural resources and preserving environmental quality?
- Value being part of an organization that seeks self-motivated professionals who make their own work schedules?
- Look forward to meeting new challenges that arise day to day, season to season?
- Want a career with unparalleled job security, outstanding medical benefits, a secure retirement plan, and the opportunity for advancement?

If this sounds like you, a new and exciting career as a New York State Environmental Conservation Police Officer in the Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Law Enforcement may be right for you.

Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) are at the forefront of New York's effort to keep our air and water clean, protect our natural resources, and make the environment a better place for us all. ECOs are police officers specializing in protecting the state's natural resources and environment, carrying on a 130-year tradition of excellence

Duties

ECOs enforce the environmental laws and regulations of New York State, and also have the authority to enforce all other state laws such as penal, vehicle and traffic, transportation, agriculture and markets, and navigation laws, as well as regulations for operating snowmobiles and ATVs.

Officers work with local, state, federal and even international agencies on investigations. To enforce fishing regulations and clean water laws, ECOs conduct patrols by boat, using vessels up to 42 feet long off the shores of Long Island and New York City, and smaller vessels on freshwater rivers and lakes. ECOs also routinely patrol using personal watercraft or canoes.



DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES



Fish and Wildlife Enforcement

- Endangered and threatened species
- Commercial freshwater and marine fisheries
- Shellfish
- Timber theft
- Trespass
- Taxidermy
- Hunting, fishing and trapping, including investigation of all hunting-related shootings

Environmental Quality Enforcement

- Water pollution
- Air pollution
- Oil and chemical spills
- Stream protection
- Unauthorized disturbances to regulated marine and freshwater wetlands
- Mining
- Solid waste regulation, and hazardous waste disposal
- Illegal demolition
- Enforcement of Returnable Container Law
- Banned or restricted pesticides sales

ECO's efforts in protecting the environment have earned them a reputation as advocates for quality of life for New York's residents, especially in economically challenged communities.