

**Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office
911 Communications Center
828 S. Irma Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
ascensionsheriff.com**

The Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office is currently hiring exceptional people for the position of 911 Dispatcher. To become a part of our professional communications team, applicants must have a clear voice, the ability to multi-task, and a sincere dedication to public service.

And that's just the beginning! Our agency provides excellent benefits, including retirement, health insurance, paid vacation and sick leave, and don't forget, the opportunity to work with whom we believe are the best 911 dispatch professionals anywhere.

At the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, we welcome smiling faces with or without dispatch experience. We offer an extensive 4 month training program with certified Communications Training Officers chosen not only for their skills, but for their patience and teaching ability. Our agency believes strongly in keeping our dispatchers up-to-date in training and in the latest technology available to insure the best customer service.

Because public safety is a 24/7 undertaking, our dispatchers work a rotating shift work schedule. This means that we are here for the community every weekend, holiday, day or night. For our agency, rotating shift work requires 12 hour shifts, 14 days per month. Basically, our dispatchers work no more than 3 scheduled days in a row. The schedule also requires that our dispatchers alternate a month of nights and a month of days.

How do you join our team?

Application
Background Check
Pre-employment Testing
Polygraph Testing
Oral Interview
Physical and Drug Screening

The first step is to fill out an application. An application can be picked up at our 911 center at any time. We are located at 828 S. Irma Blvd. Gonzales, LA 70737. An application can also be printed from our website at ascensionsheriff.com by clicking on the "Employment" heading. After filling out an application, please sign and return it to Lt. Cody Melancon at the 911 center.

When an application is received, our agency conducts a thorough background check. Thereafter, testing and interviews will take place to complete the screening process. The

Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office is looking for applicants who possess the character and desire to become law enforcement communications professionals. Our screening and hiring process is designed to find those highly dedicated to building a safer community for everyone.

Starting pay for our 911 dispatchers is \$34,344 per year. To be considered for employment, applicants are required to be at least 21 years old, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and must live in Ascension Parish. Although previous 911 dispatching experience is not required, some factors can influence our hiring process. These factors include previous law enforcement experience, college education or degree, no driving or criminal record, and a positive credit history.

Our job in 911 is challenging. We dispatch for multiple police, fire, and medical jurisdictions and answer every type of emergency call. Our tasks require dedication, compassion, and diligence. **911 dispatchers are special people.** They want to serve and become active in public safety. If you have the qualities necessary to become a part of our 911 communications family, we strongly encourage you to apply.

Please contact Lt. Cody Melancon for further information at 225 621 8328.