

KEIZER POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM

What are reserve police officers?

They are volunteers trained in the area of law enforcement. Some are seeking knowledge and experience to prepare them to achieve a full-time paid position. Others volunteer to show a personal commitment to the community.

What does a reserve officer do?

Reserves are assigned with a full-time officer on patrol. With advanced training and hours served, reserve officers may be assigned to patrol by themselves and perform limited patrol duties such as prisoner transports, low-priority calls, traffic enforcement or security details.

Are their duties limited only to patrol?

Many reserve officers are involved in crime prevention and neighborhood watch programs in addition to assisting regular police officers. Some volunteer their time in the Investigations Unit or Patrol Support Division, depending on their interest, expertise, knowledge, and meeting other requirements.

What training do reserve officers receive?

Keizer Police Department partners with the Marion County Sheriff's office to put on the Mid-Valley Reserve Training academy, which typically commences in January and ends in June. Reserve recruits must attend and successfully complete this academy. Academy classes are held Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with several Saturday classes. Following graduation, reserve officers receive the same field training required of full-time officers and must attend the same mandatory in-service training.

How much time is involved?

A minimum of 24 hours per month is required. This includes time on patrol, training, meetings or any other department-approved function. A minimum of 12 hours per month must be served on patrol.

Are there uniform and equipment costs?

The department will furnish the uniform and duty equipment. Reserve recruits may be required to purchase their own firearm, depending on availability.

What are the dangers of being a reserve officer?

What are the qualifications to become a reserve officer?

What else?



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Safety of the officer and the community are always top priority. A full-time officer or shift supervisor directly supervises reserve police officers. Since field training occurs at the pace of the individual recruit, duties may be limited to individual ability based on training and experience. However, hazards do exist.

To be appointed as a reserve police officer in the state of Oregon, individuals must meet these minimum standards:

- Be a United States citizen
- High school graduate or GED equivalent
- 21 years of age at time of appointment
- Possess (or obtain) a valid Oregon driver license
- Free of criminal convictions defined by OAR 259-008-0070
- Be of good moral character
- Be able to give credible testimony
- Pass a comprehensive background investigation
- Pass psychological and medical evaluations

In addition to the minimum standards listed above, individuals must successfully pass written and physical ability tests, and oral interviews.

If you are interested in a challenging and rewarding volunteer experience, complete and return the reserve interest form to the Keizer Police Department. This is not an application. This form will be kept on file for one year. When the recruitment process begins, you will be notified. Recruitment for reserves usually occurs only one time a year, commencing in the spring.

===== DETACH AND SUBMIT THIS PORTION =====

**** RESERVE INTEREST FORM ****

(PRINT LEGIBLY)

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER _____ DATE RETURNED _____