

# KEIZER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## RESERVE POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM

**What are reserve police officers?**

They are trained volunteers. 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?**

Once a reserve recruit completes a certified reserve academy, they are primarily assigned with a full-time officer in a patrol car. With advanced training hours, 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. Reserve officers may achieve solo reserve status after completing additional requirements.

**Are their duties limited only to patrol?**

No. 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 and knowledge.

**What about the dangers of being a reserve officer?**

Safety of the officer and the community are always a top priority. A regular 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.

**What training do reserve officers receive?**

Reserve recruits must attend a certified reserve academy. The Keizer Police Department is currently partnering with the Marion County Sheriff's office to put on a reserve officer academy. The academy commences in November and ends in June. Class days vary during the week, with some Saturday classes included. Recruits are required to pay the tuition fee initially, however they are reimbursed after successful graduation. Following graduation, reserve officers receive the same field training as required of regular officers and must attend the same mandatory in-service training.

**How much time is involved?**

**Are there uniform and equipment costs?**

**What are the qualifications to become a reserve officer?**

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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.

The department will furnish the uniform and duty belt equipment. Reserve recruits may be required to purchase their own firearm depending on availability. The type of pistol is restricted to a Glock 31, .357 Sig caliber.

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
- Free of criminal convictions defined by OAR
- Be of good moral character
- Pass a comprehensive background investigation
- Pass a medical evaluation

In addition to the minimum standards listed above, individuals must possess a valid Oregon driver license, pass written, physical ability, oral and psychological evaluations and be willing to reside within 30 minutes of the Keizer Police Department.

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

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**\*\* RESERVE INTEREST FORM \*\***

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_