

GENERAL ORDER 16.4.2

Reserve Recruit

GENERAL ORDER CROSS-REFERENCE: 16.4.1

SUMMARY

Describes the Department's reserve recruit program.

DISCUSSION

The Springfield Police Department Reserve Program is made up of two categories of personnel; reserve recruit and reserve officer.

The reserve recruit is a non-commissioned citizen volunteer who is recruited, trained, and assigned primarily to law enforcement related community service functions.

The intent of this program is to provide a pool of personnel to be subsequently trained to handle the greater responsibilities held by the reserve officers.

POLICY

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The reserve recruit is a member who has met all qualifications and has been accepted into the reserve unit.

The reserve recruit is expected to attend and successfully complete the Police Reserve Academy which is a prerequisite to applying for reserve officer status. The Reserve Academy may be waived by the Chief of Police if the reserve recruit has been DPSST certified.

II

The reserve recruit shall not participate in direct violator contact or other similar specific enforcement activities.

Reserve recruits are not to be used as cover officers and shall not participate in searches of an arrestee or for wanted suspects.

Recruit personnel function in support of community relations activities and other civilian level support services such as home security inspections, information booths at special events, crime scene security, disaster relief, or other duties designated by the Department.

III

All reserve recruits must attend mandatory reserve meetings held once a month. These meetings are designed to provide ongoing training and to discuss matters concerning the Reserve Unit.

Reserve recruits are encouraged to attend relevant in-service programs offered by the Department or other agencies.

All reserve recruits shall be required to attend the Police Reserve Academy unless they are currently DPSST certified.

IV

Reserve recruits will be issued a standard reserve uniform prior to graduation from the Police Reserve Academy. They will be issued a reserve badge at the graduation ceremonies. Reserve recruits will wear appropriate civilian attire until graduation from the Police Reserve Academy.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Police Reserve Academy and the Springfield Police firearms and defensive tactics training, the reserve recruit may be appointed to the rank of reserve officer by the Chief of Police upon recommendation by the Reserve Commander and Reserve Advisor.

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