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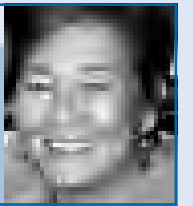


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## WORKING MATTERS

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# A Second Career: An LAPD Reserve

If you have a little extra time on your hands and would like to become involved in or give back to your community, you might consider a second career as an LAPD Reserve Officer. Volunteer work as a Reserve Officer is a wonderful opportunity for you to truly make a difference in your community. It's a great chance for you to shine and, as the Reserve Corps' motto goes, "...be twice a citizen."

There are several levels of involvement offered by the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps and, if you are qualified, you can pick the level of involvement that best suits you as you work side-by-side with full time police officers – from administrative duties to riding in police vehicles. Whatever the case, you would receive the same training as fulltime officers as you serve to fill the many roles they play in your community.

Level III Police Reserve Officers perform various administrative functions. They wear an LAPD uniform and carry a badge. However, Level III Reserve Officers do not carry a gun and do not perform enforcement duties. The administrative functions of Level III Reserve Officers range anywhere from assisting with front desk duties to working with detectives to providing community relations services.

Level I and II Police Reserve Officers, on the other hand, are more directly involved in that they chiefly perform enforcement duties – just like regular, full time police officers. They wear a uniform, carry a badge and are armed. They work in police vehicles alongside full time police officers.

The requirements to become an LAPD Reserve Officer are as follows:

- n You must be at least 18 years of age at the time of application for membership if you want to be a Reserve Officer III.
- n You must be at least 21 years of age at the time of application for membership if you want to become a Reserve Officer I or II.
- n You must be in good physical and mental health with no disabling physical conditions.
- n You must possess a valid California Class C driver's license.
- n You must not have a history of criminal or improper personal conduct that may affect your suitability for police work.
- n You must possess a United States High School diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.
- n You must be a United States citizen or must have applied for citizenship.

All Reserve Officers are subject to the same testing process required of regular full time police officers:

- n Written and essay test
- n Oral interview
- n Physical Abilities Test
- n Background interview and investigation
- n Polygraph
- n Medical exam
- n Psychological written exam
- n Psychological interview

Just so you know, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps is the largest Police Department Reserve Unit in California, and the Department's Reserve Officers are considered the finest in the nation. LAPD's

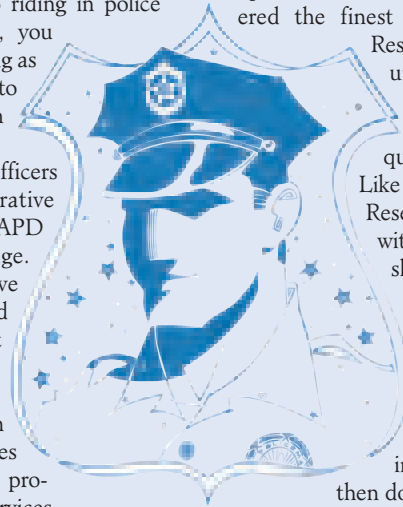
Reserve Officers are selected under the highest standards and they donate thousands of hours of quality service each year. Like I said earlier, becoming a Reserve Officer provides you with a great opportunity to shine. Many Los Angeles Police Reserve Officers have received numerous commendations for their work and dedication.

Have I piqued your interest or curiosity? If so, then do attend a Reserve Officer

Orientation Meeting. That's the first step. Orientation meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Personnel Building, 700 East Temple St. You can also contact Officer Patricia Guessferd or any of the Reserve Recruitment Team Members, Recruitment and Employment Division, at (213) 485-3800.

Also, much of the information I've written about here is taken from LAPD's Website: [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org). It's a good site to browse through for all sorts of Reserve Officer information.

If you feel you are qualified, then think about joining the ranks of Los Angeles' Reserve Officer Corps. It's a worthwhile endeavor and a great way to leave your community and the world a little better than when you first found it.



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