

THE DALLAS POLICE RESERVE BATTALION

The Dallas Police Reserve Battalion is an Organization sponsored by the Dallas Police Department. The first class began in February 1953, and since then sixteen classes of Reserve Recruits have received instructions at the Police Academy. As of November 1962 there are 303 Reserve Officers who are outfitted with uniforms. Nineteen former Reserve Officers have joined the regular department and many have become members of Police Departments in other cities of Dallas County.

PRIMARY FUNCTION of the Dallas Police Reserves is to augment and reinforce the Regular Police during any period of disaster or catastrophe. Reserves also assist the Department during special events that cause a need for additional manpower.

WHO MAY BECOME A MEMBER - This is strictly a volunteer organization of civic-minded citizens who are interested in aiding law enforcement and law enforcement officers. Applications are accepted through the recommendation of Regular Police Officers or Reserve Officers. These are the minimum standards:

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| 1. Minimum age, 21 years.   | 4. High School or equivalent.   |
| 2. No physical defects or handicaps that would prevent vigorous activity continuously under adverse conditions. | 5. No arrest of any kind.   |
| 3. Not a member of any other organization that is subject to call in emergencies.                               | 6. Not a habitual traffic violator  |
|   | 7. A citizen of good reputation in his community and business.                          |
|   | 8. No characteristics or abnormalities that would be noticeable when wearing a uniform. |

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Applicants must be of sound body and mind, of good reputation and moral character, and emotionally stable with a disposition suitable for a police officer. He will be fingerprinted and checked with the FBI, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, and the Dallas Police Department. Also, a check is made on his credit and references, employers and associates. During the training he is interviewed by the Reserve Staff Officers.

WHAT THE POLICE RESERVE OFFICER CAN DO

1. Help your Police Department by being alert; observing illegal activities and making the information known to the proper authorities.
2. Help the public; rendering assistance to those in need of help or in distress; directing them to the proper authorities.
3. Assist the police in handling and controlling crowds at fires, parades and special events.
4. Cooperating with Reserve Supervisors in routine assignments and special training that is offered from time to time.
5. Act as an officer ONLY under the supervision of a regular officer. He is not permitted to act as an officer at any other time.

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WHAT THE POLICE RESERVE OFFICER CAN NOT DO

1. He does not enforce any laws except when asked to assist a regular Dallas policeman. His powers of arrest are the same as of any citizen.
2. He is not permitted to wear or carry his badge except when in full uniform. He does not wear the Reserve uniform except when authorized.
3. He does not apprehend traffic violators.
4. He does not work in the Reserve uniform as a Special Officer for pay.
5. He is not permitted to have red lights or siren on his personal car or use any sign or decal on his car that identifies him with any Police Agency.
6. He is not permitted to have a radio transmitter on the police frequency.
7. He is not permitted to carry sidearms. In uniform he is armed with the police billy club.

TRAINING - The Police Reserve Training School is located at the Dallas Police Academy. If applicant is accepted he is enrolled in the 72-Hour course which is in session one night each week from 7:30 to 9:45 P. M. Regular departmental instructors teach the following subjects:

Fundamentals of Criminal Law  
Laws of Search and Seizure  
Laws of Arrest  
Police Policies and Procedures  
Defensive Tactics

Standard and Advanced First Aid  
Civil Defense Organization  
Police Communications  
Police Code of Conduct  
Traffic Control

The Reserve Recruit is furnished a notebook and makes notes and outlines of the various subjects. He keeps this book as his reference in the future. At graduation he receives a 9 X 12 engraved Certificate and the Police Reserve I. D. Card. He is assigned to a Group that is expected to participate in observation duty one night per month. All activity after graduation is considered advanced training in the field. This activity includes observation duty - in squad cars, in the Dispatcher's Office, the City Jail, and with Traffic Officers. He also assists Officers at Special Events such as parades, football traffic, the State Fair, etc.

The Reserve Officer must furnish his own uniform equipment and insurance, which will amount to about \$45.00. The I. D. Card, badge, cap wreath, and shoulder patch will remain the property of the City of Dallas.

A Reserve Officer must conduct himself as an Officer and a gentleman at all times, on and off duty. He is part of the Dallas Police Department and his actions will reflect on the whole Department.

A Reserve Officer must keep his Supervisors and the Reserve Coordinator informed of his correct address and phone number at all times. A Reserve Officer receives no pay and very little thanks, compliments or credit. He is expected to participate under the worst conditions and the most inconvenient times. His reward is the satisfaction of contributing his services to his community and having a part in making it a better place to live.

Applications are not solicited but may be obtained from the Reserve Coordinator when recommended by a Regular or Reserve Officer.

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