



COON RAPIDS POLICE RESERVE UNIT

Thank you for your interest in the Coon Rapids Police Reserve.

The most successful Reserve Officers that we have are those that get into it for the volunteerism, more so than the police experience and/or resume' building. Some (not all) law enforcement students that are interested in becoming a Reserve Officer struggle with the time commitment to training, meeting attendance and volunteer time along with their work, family, school and social schedules. We require our Reserve Officers to:

- Successfully complete the Anoka County Police Reserve Academy
- Volunteer a minimum of 40 hours per year at events (such as football games, July 4th parade and carnival, etc.) We work nearly 50 events per year.
- Attend a minimum of 7 out of 10 monthly meetings on the second Sunday evening of each month, which is another perhaps minimum of 14 hours of time (2+ hours per meeting)
- Remain current with CPR/First Aid and Defensive Tactics each year (training provided by the Department)

Some of our Reserve Officers volunteer well over 100 hours per year for events, versus the minimum of 40. The police department puts a lot of time into training our Reserve Officers, in addition to expenses for instructors and uniforms.

Although many people have become successful police officers after being a police reserve officer, joining the police reserve should not necessarily be construed as training toward or a stepping stone to becoming a police officer. Law enforcement students that are nearing the end of their college training to become a police officer are often not considered for reserve officer positions due to the short amount of time they could commit to the unit.

Minimum requirements to join the reserve unit:

- You must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen
- Possess a valid Minnesota driver's license with a good driving record
- Possess a high school diploma or equivalency certificate
- Be in good physical condition; no disabilities restricting body functions
- Submit to complete criminal history and background check
- Pass an oral examination by a review board
- Complete a probationary period
- Attend meetings and training sessions throughout the year

Before you apply, please be aware of what we are looking for and determine what your motives are and what commitment you are willing to take on.