



Individuals interested in dedicating their time to Sheriff's Department operations are encouraged to learn more about our Reserve Deputy program. The volunteers of the Reserve Bureau play a key role in the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

With different levels of certification available and multiple squads to choose from, the Sheriff's Department has something to appeal to those with a variety of interests and expertise.

The Reserve Bureau consists of sworn Reserve Deputies, Professional Services Responders, Chaplains, and Explorers.

Reserve Deputy Sheriff

The process for becoming a sworn Sheriff's Reserve Deputy is very similar to the process for becoming a full-time Sheriff's Deputy. There are physical, medical, and psychological requirements, an extensive background investigation, specialized training, and written exams.



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Become a Reserve Deputy with the Orange County Sheriff's Department



For individuals interested in dedicating their time to the OC Sheriff's Department



Reserve Units:

- Custody
 - Booking
 - Escorts
- Investigations
- Operations
 - Harbor Patrol
 - Patrol
- Professional Services
 - Recruiting
 - Testing
- Search & Rescue
 - K9
 - Rescue
 - Support
- Special Operations
 - AERO
 - Sheriff's Response Team
 - TACMED
 - Transportation



The Orange County Sheriff's Department currently has four different levels of Reserve service, each with different levels of authority and responsibility. Level I, II & III Sheriff's Reserves are all sworn peace officers and must complete Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certification in accordance with California State legislation and Orange County Sheriff Department hiring policies.

Minimum Qualifications

- Pass an extensive background check
- Must be 20 years of age by date of written exam
- Must have a U.S. high school diploma, or a satisfactory score on the GED
- Must have no felony convictions as a juvenile or adult



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