

Reserve Officer Training

Upon appointment as a Reserve Police Officer, you will receive training that exceeds the standards mandated by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

This training will initially include such topics as; criminal law, use of force, physical control tactics, less-lethal weapons, firearms, first-aid, traffic control, ethics, community relations, hazardous materials, precision driving, and handling crime scenes. Each Reserve Officer will also attend a minimum of 12 hours of in-service training annually in addition to any other training mandated by the department.

Application and Testing Process

- 1) Complete the application packet.
- 2) Complete the written test with a passing score.
- 3) Oral interviews
- 4) Background investigation
- 5) Physician's physical
- 6) Complete the MMPI psychological test with a passing score.
- 7) Appointment by Chief of Police

If you are interested in serving the City of Vinton by being a Reserve Police Officer, request an application packet by sending a resume by email, fax, or mail to:

Email:
vintonpd@vintonpd.com

Fax:
319-472-5605

Mail:
Vinton Police Dept.
Attn: Reserve Unit Coordinator
310 A Ave.
Vinton, IA 52349

For questions contact:
Capt. Eric Dickinson
Reserve Unit Coordinator
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319-472-2321



VINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM



What is a Reserve Police Officer?

A Reserve Police Officer is a volunteer, non-regular, sworn member of a law enforcement agency who serves without compensation; is vested with the same rights, privileges, obligations, and duties as any other peace officer while in the actual performance of official duties; and participates on a regular basis in the agency's activities including crime prevention and control, preservation of the peace, and enforcement of law. They are members of the community who come from a variety of non-law enforcement backgrounds.

Standards and use of reserve officers are dictated by Chapter 80D of the Code of Iowa. They are law enforcement officers with powers of arrest, carry weapons, and wear essentially the same uniform as regular officers with only subtle differences. They are also required to purchase their own uniforms, duty gear, sidearm, and body armor based on department specifications.

Reserve officers perform many of the same functions as regular officers. They respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service, enforce laws, operate department vehicles, write reports, make arrests, perform public relations activities, assist with missing person searches, assist with various public events, respond to disasters and assist with high-risk events.

Reserve Police Officers volunteer a minimum of 8 hours each month.

Benefits of Being A Reserve Officer

While there is little to no pay beyond the \$1.00 per year required by Iowa Code, there are many intrinsic benefits to being a Reserve Police Officer. Being a reserve officer creates a sense of satisfaction by being part of a proactive law enforcement agency while maintaining your regular career or attending college. Others use service as a reserve officer as a stepping stone to a full-time career in law enforcement.

Per Iowa Code chapters 80D.12 and 85, medical assistance and benefits are provided for reserve officers who sustain injury in the course of performing official duties. Liability and false arrest insurance are provided while performing duties in the same manner as for other peace officers per Iowa Code chapter 80D.13.



Minimum Selection Criteria

Be a citizen of the United States.

Maintain residency within Benton County.

At least 21 years of age and not older than 65

Possess a valid Iowa driver's license with no previous suspensions or revocations within the previous 5 years and fewer than 3 moving violations in the past year.

No felony convictions or crimes of moral turpitude.

Possess at least a high school diploma or GED.

Able to read, write and speak the English language.

Be at least 21 years of age at the time of application.

Able to donate a minimum of 8 hours per month in addition to required training and court time.

Successfully complete all training which will exceed the minimum requirements established by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

Willing to use reasonable force, including deadly force.

Willing to place themselves in stressful and dangerous situations.

Willing to swear to support and defend the constitutions of the United States and State of Iowa; and enforce the laws and ordinances of the United States, State of Iowa, and City of Vinton.