



Reserve Deputies can work solo or with a partner depending on their designation and training...a responsibility and privilege allowed Orange County Reserve Deputies due to the quality of training and the professionalism of the organization. Like most Orange County citizens, Reserve Deputies want safe streets, criminals behind bars, and an improved community.

Reserve Deputy Sheriffs are issued the same uniform and equipment as full-time deputies. The Unit is also provided with patrol cars for use. Each Reserve Deputy is provided with full leather gear, handgun, chemical spray, Electronic Control Device, two pairs of pants and shirts, baton, gas mask, riot helmet, handcuffs, and other gear are at no cost to the Reserve Deputy.

### Reserve Deputy Qualifications

All Reserve candidates go through the same stringent background checks and training as someone seeking regular, full-time law enforcement employment with the Orange County Sheriff's Office. An extensive background investigation and drug testing help assure only applicants of good moral character and reputation. Other requirements during the process include medical exams, polygraph, and psychological exams. Applications are available online at [www.ocso.com](http://www.ocso.com).

### Reserve Unit Responsibilities

According to department policy, a Reserve Deputy must perform a minimum of 16 hours of duty assignment each month and attend reserve training and meetings. Reserves also must pass regular firearms qualifications and can be called for special assignments and emergencies. Most Reservists volunteer much more than the required minimum time.

Reserve Deputies in training must complete their field training program within two years of swearing-in as a Deputy Sheriff. This extensive training program is the same that all full-time Deputies with Orange County complete and provides the officer with a thorough understanding of local ordinances, agency policy and enforcement procedures.

**For more information, call  
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**ORANGE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

*Sheriff Jerry L. Demings*

# RESERVE UNIT



*Are You Ready  
to Make a  
Difference?*

The Orange County Sheriff's Office is a professional law enforcement agency represented by over 2600 employees, of whom over 1600 are sworn law enforcement officers.

Our agency strives to reflect the community's composition by employing auxiliary-certified and fully-certified volunteers to provide law enforcement services to the citizens of Orange County.

- Volunteer positions fall into two categories:
- Reserve I Deputies who must successfully complete a state auxiliary academy.
  - Reserve Deputies who must successfully complete a state basic law enforcement academy.

All Reserve Deputies must also complete an extensive Field Training Program (at a pace designed to accommodate work and other schedules) and assist the unit in special details. The primary focus of the unit is in patrol.



**Reserve Deputies are required to provide 20 hours of volunteer service per month to the unit, which includes 16 hours of patrol or other authorized duty assignment and a 4 hour training meeting. They are issued the same uniforms and equipment as full-time deputies and work closely with the agency to create a safer community.**

The Orange County Sheriff's Reserve Unit has a tradition of providing a ready citizen resource of trained and qualified personnel that assist the Sheriff in meeting the law enforcement and emergency response needs of Orange County. Over 100 Reserve Deputies provide over 20,000 hours of volunteer service to the community as sworn deputies of the Sheriff's Office to patrol, narcotics, prostitution, auto theft, marine patrol, and robbery details in addition to many community service projects. The primary focus of the unit, however, is patrol.

**Our Reserve Deputies possess full legal police powers.** Our Reserve Deputies possess full legal police powers. Reserve Deputies have attended a full police certification academy and are fully certified police officers and can act in a law enforcement capacity while on or off duty. Reserve I Deputies are auxiliary certified in an abbreviated academy and can act according to Florida Statute as police officers whenever they work with a fully certified officer. Reserve Deputies with full state basic law enforcement certification are also entitled to work off-duty details for pay after they complete their field training program by maintaining active status as a Reserve Deputy.

Orange County Sheriff's Office Reserves are well-recognized by the agency, the community, the nation, and internationally for innovative leadership and dedication. The Unit has served as host for several national and international conferences on volunteer and reserve policing, and has worked with volunteer agencies in the Caribbean, Singapore, Canada, and England to share best practices. Members of the Reserve Unit have been recognized with the President's Volunteer Service Award and the Lifetime Call to Service Award for devotion to volunteerism. The entire Reserve Unit has also been recognized with the Presidential Call to Service Award.

