



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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## ANDERSON COUNTY SC

### RESERVE DEPUTIES

The Anderson County Reserve Deputy Program is coordinated through the Sheriff's Training Unit. In accordance with South Carolina state law, Reserve Deputies are commissioned by the Sheriff. Because reserves cannot act independently, they are required to work under the direct supervision and guidance of a full-time deputy. Their duties are restricted to areas in which the reserve has received approved training. Training is equivalent to that which is provided to full time deputies.

#### **Reserve deputies:**

- Must meet the same requirements for selection as full time deputies, including a background investigation, medical and psychological exams, and drug screening.
- Are bonded and liability insured in the same amount as full-time deputies.
- Must be sponsored by a police/sheriff's department and only receive their commission after successful completion of the state required training program and testing. The Reserve Officer Training class is a minimum of 135 hours.
- Perform a minimum of twenty (20) hours duty per month or sixty (60) hours a quarter in order to maintain their reserve status.
- Are primarily assigned to Uniform Patrol, but can be assigned throughout the Sheriff's Office. Assignments can be in staff or line positions but in all cases are made in the best interest of the Sheriff's Office.
- Receive uniforms and equipment equivalent to that issued to full-time deputies performing like duties.
- Attend monthly training sessions to maintain their skills and knowledge in law enforcement. All training sessions conducted for full time deputies are available to reserve deputies.
- Are trained in use-of-force policy(s) and tested for firearms proficiency with the same frequency as full-time deputies.
- Are trained, qualified, and issued Sheriff's Office approved firearms.
- Are certified/issued less-lethal impact weapons and/or chemical sprays.
- Are certified in CPR and first aid.
- Are trained in presenting courtroom testimony.
- Are trained in communicating on Sheriff's Office communication equipment.
- Participate in public awareness programs, such as Ident-I-Kid, Crime Watch, and other related programs.

Under direction and supervision of a full time deputy, Reserve Deputies:

- Assist with arrests and transportation of prisoners to detention.
- Assist with securing and protecting crime scenes.
- Assist investigating deputies in interviews and taking statements from victims and witnesses.
- Assist in searches of buildings, residences, vehicles, and people.
- Assist in crowd and traffic control.
- Inventory vehicles prior to towing.
- Are permitted to drive patrol vehicles, if they have completed the in-service Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO) training course.