

QUALIFICATIONS

New recruits must be at least 21 years old, be of good moral character and in good general health.

A panel of Regular and Reserve Deputy command officers conducts interviews, fingerprints are taken and the Sheriff's Department completes a background check.

Individuals accepted are enrolled in the Reserve Deputy Basic Training Course. Recruit training is usually conducted on Thursday evenings and Saturdays. Once all required course work is completed and a minimum of 80% achieved on all tests, the recruits are sworn in as Probationary Reserve Deputies. After successfully completing the one-year probationary period, they are accepted as full Reserve Deputies.

Reserve Deputies come from all walks of life. They include pilots, truck drivers, technicians, nurses, accountants, and retirees.

CONTACT

For more information or for an application to join, call or apply in person to:

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LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S RESERVE DEPUTY UNIT



**Gary Del Re
Sheriff**

BACKGROUND

The Lake County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Unit is a dedicated group of sworn volunteers whose contribution to community service is in the area of law enforcement.

The Reserve Deputy Unit augments the Sheriff's Department in times of emergencies, natural and man-made. The unit provides traffic and crowd control, searches for lost persons, and participates in crime scene evidence searches. The unit also assists local police departments and charitable organizations in Lake County.

Some of the regularly scheduled events include: The Lake County Fair, Vernon Hills Summerfest, Des Plaines River Canoe Race, the Lake County Marathon and other assorted festivals and holiday celebrations.

The unit is also called-out for floods, tornadoes, major fires, traffic accidents and snow storms.

HISTORY

The unit began as a neighborhood watch program in the 1970's that reported suspicious activity and crimes in progress to the Sheriff's Department. A desire for further involvement had members form Mobile Eye One, a unit used for search and rescue missions in Lake County and assisting other local municipalities.

In 1978, the original 16 members of Mobile Eye One were sworn in as Lake County Sheriff Reserve Deputies. Today, the unit stands at 50 Reserve Deputies strong.



TRAINING

The Reserve Deputy Basic Training Course is 100 hours and consists of subject areas such as:

Department Rules & Regulations, Ethics, Communications, Laws of Arrest, Traffic Control, People and Evidence Search Procedures, Handcuffing, Straight Baton usage, Hazardous Materials First Responder Training and other subjects.

Successful completion of this training is immediately followed with a one year probationary period in which the new recruit is paired with an experienced Reserve Deputy for on the job training during the year's planned events and emergency call outs.

Continuing education and in-service training includes changes in laws, rules and regulations, first aid, gang identification, baton recertification, Officer safety, many other subjects and refresher courses.