



## COON RAPIDS POLICE RESERVE UNIT

Thank you for your interest in the Coon Rapids Police Department's Police Reserve Unit. The most successful reserve officers we have are those who join for the volunteerism, more so than the police experience and/or resume' building. Some (not all) law enforcement students interested in becoming a reserve officer struggle with the time commitment to training, meeting attendance and volunteer time along with their work, family, school and social schedules. Many reserve officers have no intention of becoming a law enforcement officer.

### We require our Reserve Officers to:

- Successfully complete the Coon Rapids Police Reserve Academy
- Volunteer a minimum of 60 hours per year at events (such as sporting events, parades, carnivals, and fairs, etc.). CRPD's Police Reserve Unit volunteers at nearly 50 events throughout the year.
- Volunteer during the annual Coon Rapids 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration events
- Work one shift per month, not including monthly meetings (shift may be a volunteer event or compensated function)
- Attend a minimum of 7 out of 10 monthly meetings on the second Sunday evening of each month.
- Remain current with CPR/First Aid and Response to Resistance training each year (training is provided by the Department)

Some of our reserve officers volunteer well over 100 hours per year for events, versus the minimum of 60. The police department puts a lot of time into training our reserve officers, in addition to expenses for instructors, uniforms, and gear. Coon Rapids Police Reserve Officers that have successfully completed the Police Reserve Academy and Field Training Program have the opportunity to work compensated functions including Anoka-Ramsey Community College Security, Park Patrol, Coon Rapids High School Hockey Games, and Coon Rapids Civic Center Security.

Although some people have become successful police officers after being a police reserve officer, joining the Police Reserve Unit should not necessarily be construed as training toward or a stepping stone to becoming a police officer. Law enforcement students that are nearing the end of their college training to become a police officer are often not considered for reserve officer positions due to the short amount of time they could commit to the unit.

### Minimum requirements to join the reserve unit:

- You must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen
- Possess a valid Minnesota driver's license with a good driving record
- Possess a high school diploma or equivalency certificate
- Be in good physical condition; no disabilities restricting body functions
- Submit to complete criminal history and background check
- Pass an oral examination by a review board
- Complete a probationary period
- Attend meetings and training sessions throughout the year

Before you apply, please be aware of what we are looking for and determine what your motives are and what commitment you are willing to take on. Please contact Sergeant Bautch with questions at [bbautch@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:bbautch@coonrapidsmn.gov).