

RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM



The 84th Texas Legislature gave the Department the authority to create a reserve officer program. Article 2.12(4), Code of Criminal Procedure, authorizes the director of the Department of Public Safety to establish a Reserve Officer Program consisting of retired or previously commissioned officers of the Department who retired or resigned in good standing. Reserve officers serve at the discretion of the director of the Department of Public Safety.

If you are interested in becoming a DPS reserve officer, please apply online at www.dps.texas.gov/reserveofficerprogram or download an application and mail it to Reserveofficer@dps.texas.gov



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There is no more important responsibility of government than protecting its citizens, and no one has done a better job of doing so than the Texas Department of Public Safety. The reason for its success for nearly two centuries has been the highly dedicated and exceptionally competent men and women who proudly served DPS. The Texas Leadership routinely calls upon DPS to address the many significant threats to Texas, and a DPS Reserve Officer Corp would provide the state a fully-vetted and supremely qualified cadre of commissioned officers in times of crisis. It also enables DPS to leverage the tremendous dedication, experience and expertise of our retired and former officers in a number of areas that would enhance DPS operations.

Who is eligible?

- Current Special Rangers
- Current Special Texas Rangers
- Previously commissioned DPS officers who retired in good standing and meet all TCOLE licensing requirements must apply to be Special Rangers or Special Texas Rangers before they can apply for the Reserve Officer Program.
- Certain duties will require reserve officers to meet a minimum standard on Physical Readiness Test

Assignments

The DPS Reserve Officer Program is entirely voluntary and members will decide how much of their time they are able and willing to commit and in what capacity they would like to serve based upon their expertise, interest and need of the agency.

After a reserve officer is approved, the regional commander will be responsible for their assignments, oversight of their duties and establishing plans for activating reserve officer volunteers for major events.

Uniform and Equipment

The Department will issue reserve officers a DPS badge. Reserve officers will be provided tactical pants and shirts. Additional safety equipment will be issued when needed at no cost to the reserve officer. The officer will use their personal handguns and holsters that have been approved for use.

Training

All reserve officers will be required to attend use of force, EEO and TLETS training in addition to any other training deemed necessary by the Department.

