

Chapter 7 of the General Manual

39.10 Reserve Officer Program

1. The Public Safety Commission may establish a reserve officer program consisting of retired or previously commissioned officers of the Department who retired or resigned in good standing.
2. Applications for the reserve officer program will be accepted from:
 - a. Any officer who retired or resigned in good standing within 5 years of the date of application, or
 - b. Any current Special Ranger or Special Texas Ranger.
3. The reserve officer program will be managed through the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Division. The day to day operations and coordination of reserve officers will be managed through the regional THP chain of command.
 - a. A reserve officer may perform any of the following job functions:
 - i. Mentoring by riding with employees
 - ii. Responding to disasters
 - iii. Responding to large scale events
 - iv. Assisting with training
 - v. Assisting with security of the Capitol/Governor's Mansion
 - vi. Conducting background investigations
 - vii. Conducting sex offender compliance checks
 - viii. Conducting race track compliance inspections
 - ix. Assisting with commercial motor vehicle inspection operations
 - x. Assisting with international border checkpoints
 - xi. Assisting with salvage yard, metals recycling and private security inspections
 - xii. Reviewing inactive Texas Ranger investigative files and determine the viability of referral to the Ranger Museum
 - xiii. Conducting community outreach and instructional presentations at public schools, universities and civic organizations

- b. The above list is not meant to encompass all possible job functions, but serves as a guide.
 - c. Reserve officers will not participate in a job function for which they are not qualified.
- 4. Retired or previously commissioned officers of the Department who retired or resigned in good standing may submit an application for the reserve officer program through their local, district or regional office. They will be provided the reserve officers program handbook.
 - a. Each applicant will be required to comply with current TCOLE licensing requirements prior to being commissioned as a reserve officer.
 - b. Assignments that require contact with the public will require a passing physical readiness test.
 - c. All reserve officers will be required attend use of force, EEO, and TLETS training in addition to any current training deemed necessary by the Department.
 - d. Applicants who are currently commissioned as Special Rangers or Special Texas Rangers will maintain their current status and will only be required to complete the training necessary to maintain their Special Ranger or Special Texas Ranger commission.
 - e. If the applicant is not a current Special Ranger or Special Texas Ranger and is not currently licensed as a peace officer, it will be the applicant's responsibility to take all required training to reinstate their TCOLE license. Additionally, these applicants will be required to pass psychological and medical examinations.
- 5. Each applicant will sign an appropriate agreement for travel reimbursement and a notice of liability.
- 6. All applications must be submitted through the THP chain of command to the THP Assistant Director or his designee for approval.
- 7. The uniform for the reserve officer program will consist of the THP class D uniform pant and a shirt designated by the Assistant Director of the THP Division.
 - a. Reserve officers will carry an approved personal weapon. The weapon will be openly carried in a belt holster.
 - b. The reserve officer will issued a reserve officer badge. The badge will be worn on the belt and prominently displayed.
 - c. Depending on the assigned job function, the reserve officer may be issued additional safety equipment.

8. When the service of the reserve officer is no longer in the best interest of the Department, the chain of command will recommend removal from the program to the THP Assistant Director. Officers removed from the program by the THP Assistant Director will surrender all Department items issued to them under this program.