

Loudon County Sheriff's Office
Reserve Division
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Q. When will they take new officers?**
 - A. **New officer recruits are accepted on an “as needed” basis. This varies from year to year and is governed by our total vacancies.**

2. **Q. Who should I call for information?**
 - A. **Phone numbers of Sheriff's Office personnel are not given out. You may leave your number and request a return phone call but there is no guarantee that you will receive one. This document addresses all information needed by prospective recruits.**

3. **Q. What training is required and where is it conducted?**
 - A. **A Basic Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) class is conducted one or two nights weekly for 10 weeks. Additionally, each officer is required to attend the departments 40 hours in-service training annually. These training sessions are offered at night beginning at approx. 1800 hours.**

4. **Q. What happens after turning in my application?**
 - A. **All complete applications are processed for a criminal history check, driver's license status and history and references. Applications must be completely filled out and include a photo copy of your driver's license front and rear and a recent full length front photo.**

5. **Q. When do classes start?**
 - A. **Classes are usually conducted once a year as needed after January first. Classes are not held every year unless we have vacancies to fill. Applications are reviewed and those meeting minimum requirements are notified for interview by the phone numbers listed on the application. All applications are not granted access into the program. Only those who, in our opinion based on interview, have the best potential to serve in law enforcement are granted an interview.**

6. **Q. What are the minimum requirements?**
 - A. **High school diploma or GED.**
 - B. **21 years of age**
 - C. **No criminal history involving a felony crime or misdemeanor crime involving violence, theft, weapons or drugs.**
 - D. **Have a general good conduct report in the community.**
 - E. **Ability to pass a drug screen**
 - F. **Ability to cheerfully carry out orders**
 - G. **Ability to respond during community emergencies without advance notice**
 - H. **Ability to safely execute instructions**
 - I. **Ability to safely function with firearms**
 - J. **Ability to respect citizens under stressful circumstances**
 - K. **Successful completion of all required specialized training, including TASER exposure, chemical weapons exposure, PPCT tactics and exposure, firearms training and qualification and baton training and qualification.**
 - L. **Successfully pass both psychological exam and physical exam.**