

## Responsibilities

A person working in law enforcement has the daily responsibility of working with people. The sheriff's reserves complement the patrol division, assisting with calls and traffic safety initiatives during peak times and when additional staffing is needed.

Our officers patrol the streets of a county approaching 200,000 in population. We examine traffic crash scenes, prepare case reports, and work with the prosecutor's office to convict criminals.

But we do so much more than just put bad guys in jail.

Our officers help neighborhood residents identify potential crimes and patterns of criminal behavior before these problems put property and personal safety in jeopardy.



Our officers work with school children to teach them the difference between right and wrong and how to stay safe.

Our officers know the community and know their job, so we can effectively maintain the great quality of life we enjoy.

Reserves' work schedules are flexible to accommodate regular employment. And volunteers have the opportunity to do specialty work, including dive recovery, motorcycle patrol, and crash reconstruction.

## Ready to serve

Dedicated men and women wanting to serve the community have a great opportunity with the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department.

Reserves must meet the requirements placed on merit law enforcement officers and complete state and department endorsed training. In return, volunteer reserves work with police to help those in need and keep the community safe.

For more information, contact Chief Ryan Newcomer at (574) 612-6618 or [rnewcomer@elkhartcountysheriff.com](mailto:rnewcomer@elkhartcountysheriff.com).

## Requirements

Elkhart County reserve officers must meet the following criteria:

**Associates degree or a minimum of 60 college credit hours (regular reserve) or high school diploma or GED (limited reserve);**

At least 21 years of age;

**U.S. citizen of good character;**  
and

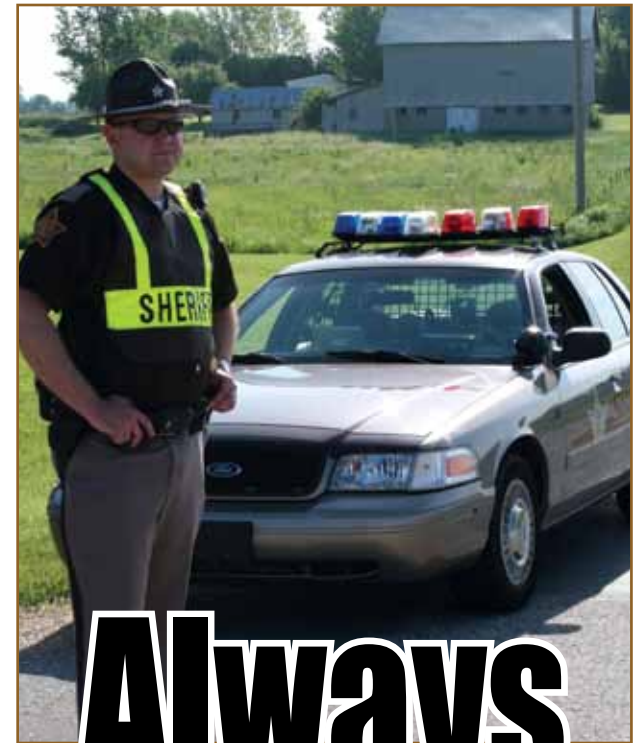
Valid license and good driving record.

Candidates for positions must pass:

**An in-person interview and polygraph examination;**

A test of basic math, reading and grammar skills; and

**A financial and character background investigation and drug screen.**



# Always in reserve

Volunteer police dedicate their time  
to serving the community



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# Good friends to us

Reserves provide valuable service to the community

The work done by volunteers is as priceless as the people themselves.

In keeping with our professional law enforcement standards, though, the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department tracks the work done by the reserve unit, and their worth can be established in the numbers.

Each year, the reserves dedicate about 7,500 hours of service to the department.



***Road work. Crash investigation. Bicycle patrol. River recovery. Motorcycle duty.***

That's regular patrol work, training, special events like traffic control at the county fair, and staffing safety fairs to help parents keep their child's fingerprints.

To look closer, the reserves take more than

100 case reports, write more than 500 tickets and warnings to keep safety in the forefront of drivers' minds, and investigate nearly 100 crashes.

Taking into account the revenue generated

through traffic tickets and the manpower needed if reserves were not organized and assisting with road patrols, the value of the unit is pegged at more than \$300,000 each year.

The reserves' work is that valuable.

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