



TWICE THE CITIZEN

By Councilman Greig Smith

Since being elected to the City Council I have enjoyed many rewarding activities, from solving important community problems to authoring and passing important legislation affecting not only our community, but the entire City. I have met with Kings, Queens, Presidents and some of the world's greatest athletes.

But by far, the most challenging and reward-ing accomplishment in my life has been surviving the Los Angeles Police Department Academy and becoming an LAPD Reserve Officer.

The LAPD Reserve program was started as an auxiliary police force during World War II to fill positions left vacant by the call to arms, and has been, and continues to be a vital community asset.



Today, more than any time since its inception, the LAPD needs more Reserve Police Officers. The City Council has authorized the LAPD to expand the Reserve Officer corps to 2,000 officers. Yet the Department faces a



tough challenge in finding enough capable candidates.

Los Angeles has the largest Department Reserve Unit in California and you can be one of the 650 dedicated citizens who donate their time to help the Police Department fulfill its mission. Last year, Reserve Officers gave thousands of hours of service and saved taxpayers millions of dollars.

Anyone seeking to help make our City a better and safer place to live and work, and to really make a difference should consider becoming an LAPD Reserve Officer.

You will enjoy the feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood that comes from being a member of the world's greatest police force. If you stop a crime, or save a life, or assist in an emergency, you will remember it as a high point for the rest of your life.

What kind of people become Reserve Officers? They are men and women, business owners,





school teachers, retired people, college students, lawyers, doctors and construction workers of all ages and backgrounds. What they all have in common is an irresistible sense of duty to give back to society and a calling to be more than a spectator in life.

That sense of duty is what pushes LAPD Reserve Officers to give their time and energy selflessly. That is why we use the motto "To be a Reserve Officer is to be twice a citizen."



There are three levels of Reserve Officer, offering a variety of positions.

Reserve Police

Officers are real law enforcement officers with all the responsibilities and rights of any full-time officer, and they go through the same Police Officer Standards and Training.

All who apply must pass the rigorous physical, written, and background tests. And then you must complete the Police Academy, one of the toughest and most respected in the nation.

After graduating, those who do not want the physical demands of going on patrol can become Level III Reserve Officers. That means you can still serve with a badge as a uniformed officer working in Police Stations,

with Detectives or in community policing in non-arrest situations.

As Level II or Level I Reserve Officers, you will be able to perform patrol functions, make arrests, and serve on any LAPD special detail as long as you meet its special qualifications.

There are now Reserve Officers flying LAPD helicopters and patrolling on police motorcycles. Some are now being trained to serve as mounted police in the Reserve Metro Equestrian unit. A few lucky Reserve Officers who have served above the call of duty have had the honor of



being awarded the coveted Medal of Valor.

There is nothing that can compare to the pride you feel the day you receive your badge, arrest your first bad guy, help solve a criminal case, or save a human life.

I know I will never forget the night I was on patrol, and my partner and I arrested a man armed with a shotgun who was holding up a liquor store. I often think of the family of the liquor store owner, and what might have happened had we not been there.



For the most rewarding adventure you may ever have... check out www.joinLAPDreserves.com