



NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff's Office Recruiting Volunteer Deputies

The Travis County Sheriff's Office is recruiting personnel for the Reserve Unit. A public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 17, 2008**, beginning at 6:00pm for those wishing to learn more about this program. The meeting will be held at the Keith Ruiz Building located at 5555 Airport Blvd.

The Reserve Unit consists of volunteer men and women whose primary function is to supplement uniformed patrol for full-time deputies who are on leave due to sickness, vacation, or military leave. The Reserve Unit is also activated when additional deputies are needed. Members of the Reserve Unit are sworn deputies who are committed to volunteer 16 hours per month on average. In addition, members must complete 20-40 hours of state required in-service training each year.

To be hired as a reserve deputy, individuals must first complete a Basic Peace Officer's Course. The next evening training class has been scheduled and will begin in January 2010. The classes are tentatively scheduled to be Monday through Thursday 6pm-10pm each week and every other Saturday from 8am-5pm. Applications for those wishing to attend must be received no later than May 15, 2009.

For more information, please contact Lt. Baker by email, matt.baker@co.travis.tx.us or call 854-8496. More information can also be found on line at www.tcsheriff.org. Look for "Reserve Unit Recruiting" under News and Announcements.

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