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Sheriff’s Office Seeks Volunteer Deputies

On Monday, May 18, 2009, at 6pm, at the Travis County Sheriff’s Office, 5555 Airport Blvd., there will be a public meeting to recruit volunteer deputies for the Sheriff’s Office Reserve Unit.

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 due to man-made or natural disasters, such as severe weather events, wildfires, and Homeland Security concerns. 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 and Sheriff’s Office required mandatory training each year. Members must also qualify with their firearms per policy to maintain proficiency.

To be hired as a reserve deputy, individuals must first complete a 620+ hour Basic Peace Officer’s Course. The next evening 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 31, 2009.

For more information contact Lt. Matt Baker by email, at Matt.Baker@co.travis.tx.us, go on line at, www.tcsheriff.org/reserves/welcome.html or call 854-8496.

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