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I would first like to thank you for showing an interest in our Reserve program. Our Reserve program has been in existence for over 40 years. Many of our former Reserves are now fulltime employees with our office. I myself am a former Reserve Deputy.

Over the last three years the Reserves have donated more than 24,000 hours of service. This has saved the office over 500,000 dollars in each of those calendar years. We have a proud past and an even stronger commitment to Sheriff Gautreaux and the citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish.

If selected, you will attend our Reserve academy that begins in September of this year. The academy is taught by Lt. Flitter, a member of our training division. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday evening, usually from 7-10pm. We also hold classes every other Saturday and Sunday. The weekend classes are all day usually from 8am to 4 pm. All costs associated with the academy are covered by the Sheriff's office. You will be issued a weapon and duty gear, at this time the weapon is a revolver. However, if you want to buy a semi automatic handgun you will be provided with an approved list. If you purchase your own weapon you will be required to buy your own holster and magazine pouches. The academy usually lasts around six months. They take time off for holidays and depending on the scheduling, it can run longer.

Upon graduation, you will be commissioned as a Deputy Sheriff for East Baton Rouge Parish. You will have full powers of arrest and no one will be able to tell you apart from a fulltime employee. We do not differentiate between Reserve and full time Deputies. Next, we will assign you to one of our Uniform Patrol squads. We usually try to assign you to one near your home. You will enter the FTO program where you will have to complete 320 hours of ride time with a certified FTO trainer. We have Reserve Deputies that are FTO certified that help supplement our fulltime Deputies. At some point in your career, you will be classified as a lead Deputy. A lead Deputy is one that can take a unit out with another Reserve of lesser rank.

You will be required to ride a minimum of thirty hours a month in your assigned squad. You will also be required to attend monthly meetings and any training deemed necessary by the office. We pride ourselves on the level of training we receive. You will receive the same level of training that our fulltime Deputies receive. We also require all Reserve Deputies to work several free events throughout the year. Sheriff Gautreaux has tasked the Reserves with staffing several high profile events throughout the year.

On your one year anniversary you will be allowed to start working paid extra duty. You can only work the number of hours in extra duty that you volunteer in the same month. Most of our Reserve Deputies do not work any extra duty, but we do have some who do.

There is no greater heart than that of a volunteer. I hope you will decide to join our team and make a difference in your community.

Sincerely,

Captain Blair Nicholson
Commander
Reserve Division, Bomb Squad /Haz Mat, FTO Program