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**** Media Advisory ****

WPD Reserve Division To Begin New Training Classes

The Wichita Police Department Reserve Division will begin a new academy class on June 25, it was announced today by Reserve Deputy Chief Galen Davis. Davis said the WPD reserve is an excellent way for citizens to become involved with the Wichita Police Department and make a difference in the community while maintaining other careers.

“WPD reserve officers are asked to commit 20 hours per month to reserve duty,” said Davis. “This allows citizens to work in law enforcement while maintaining employment in their chosen field.”

Most of the professional training for reserve officers takes place weeknights between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. at the joint Wichita-Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Training Center, Davis said. Other training takes place at Wichita City Hall and at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Firearms Training Center near Lake Afton.

In order to become a Wichita Police Reserve Officer, there are several requirements candidates must complete. Those include:

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- **All candidates must meet qualification requirements**
- **Must be 21 years of age by the start date of the academy**
- **Must be a US citizen**
- **Must be a high school graduate or have received a GED certificate**
- **Must have valid Kansas driver license by start date of the academy**
- **Must complete the entire 15-week academy training program**

Reserve officers are fully commissioned law enforcement officers who are responsible for patrol, traffic enforcement and many other support functions, including Wichita River Festival, parades and other special assignments.

All uniforms and duty equipment are provided to reserve officers at no cost. Training consists of 200 hours of instruction that includes the legal aspect of law enforcement, defense tactics and control techniques, criminal investigation, response to community problems, and effective patrol services.

Anyone interested in becoming a Wichita Police Reserve Officer should contact Reserve Lieutenant Jim Schoen at 316-268-4155.