

2022 Auxiliary Police Academy

(Class 25)

Saturday, March 12, 2022 through

Tuesday, June 14, 2022



Registration Deadline: March 1, 2022

The Union County Office of Emergency Management is conducting the Basic Auxiliary Police Training Program to teach volunteers the basic skills required to perform as an Auxiliary Police Officer. The curriculum follows the guidelines set forth by the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. Instructors from various state, county and municipal agencies volunteer their time to instruct these recruits in order to ensure they meet the state's requirements to serve as Auxiliary Officers.

About the Auxiliary Police Academy

The Union County Auxiliary Police Academy is a 14-week training program. Classes are conducted Tuesday and Thursday nights and Saturdays each week. Weeknight classes start at 6:30pm and last until 10:00pm, while Saturday classes start at 7:00am and last until 4:00pm (class location, and times are subject to change).

Academy Location

Union County Fire/EMS Training Academy, 1075 Edward Street, Linden, NJ 07036

Course Curriculum

The training program curriculum meets the NJ State's requirements and includes the following subjects:

- > 9-1-1 Dispatch and Media Relations
- Alcoholism / Handling Alcoholics
- > Arrest, Search and Seizure
- Below 100: Officer Safety Training
- Boating Safety
- > Civil Government and Police Agencies / Organization of Government
- > Controlling Crowds and Assemblages / Handling Disorderly Persons
- Criminal Law
- > Defensive Tactics / Monadnock Expandable Baton
- > Directing Traffic / Communication Using Flashlights, Whistle and Hand Signals
- Domestic Violence
- Ethics and Morals
- Ethics in Policing
- Factors Affecting Accident Probability
- Fire Extinguishers
- First Aid / CPR / Bloodborne Pathogens / Emergency Childbirth
- Gang Awareness
- Handcuffing
- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Incident Command
- Internal Affairs
- > Laws and Basic Procedures in Handling Disorders from Violence, Panic and Mobs
- > Legal Requirements and Responsibility of Police During Emergency and Pursuit Driving
- MADD / Traffic Safety and Victim Advocacy
- > Motor Vehicle / Traffic Stops Practicals
- Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws / Title 39
- Narcotics (Including a Controlled Burn)
- > NJ Emergency Management Control Plan
- > Overview of the Courts / Court Procedures, Testimony, Courtroom Demeanor
- Patrol Functions
- Patrol Vehicle and Pull Over Techniques

- > Pedestrian, Suspect Approach and Contact
- > Police Responsibility to Provide Community Service
- Preservation of Evidence / Crime Scene Observation and Perception
- Preserving Scene and Obtaining Witnesses
- Racial Profiling
- Racially Influenced Policing
- Railroad Safety
- Report Writing
- School Requirements / Oath; Auxiliary Police Powers
- Sexual Harassment
- > Suicide Awareness and Prevention for Law Enforcement Officers
- Surviving an Armed Encounter
- Terry Stops and Pat Downs
- > Traffic Control, Enforcement and Use of Flares
- Unarmed Defensive Tactics
- Use of Force
- Verbal Judo
- > Weapon Familiarization / Firearms Safety
- > and OC Training for departments/agencies that request it of their recruits

How to Apply

Contact your local police agency for an application, instructions and agency specific application deadline.

History of Auxiliary Police

In or around 1941 under the Civil Defense Act, volunteers fell under the control of the Civil Defense (CD)/Disaster Control Department. The purpose of this was to coordinate the efforts of its members in a common front to protect the lives and property of all persons within its territorial limits against enemy action or natural disaster, and to preserve our national security. At the time this was deemed necessary because of the constant threat of nuclear war with the USSR. The reason for the Civil Defense was that whole areas and population groups would become isolated from the rest of the country in a post attack period. These volunteers were then called "CD" or "civil defense".

In or around 1952 the wording "CD" or "civil defense" was then changed to "Police Reserve" or "Reserve", and this was used to describe the group of volunteers. Their role was to aid the police department in daily activities. In or around the early 1980s the designation of "Police Reserve" was then changed to "Auxiliary Police" in accordance with the Office of Emergency Management.

What is an Auxiliary Police Officer?

Auxiliary Police Officers are part of the local Office of Emergency Management; however, they are assigned to the local police agency that they are part of. They assist the police agency with uniformed patrols, provide traffic control, crowd control, and assist at major events. Some will say an Auxiliary Police Officer is an extra set of eyes and ears for law enforcement. Being an auxiliary police officer is strictly voluntarily. Auxiliary Police do not receive any payment for the duties that they perform. Some responsibilities will vary depending on where that auxiliary officer lives.

Please direct questions regarding this training academy to: RGOTLICK@UCNJ.ORG.