

## POLICY 26. RESERVE RESOURCES

### A. Reserve resource assistance

1. The Department maintains a cadre of reserve deputies who are deployed on an as-needed basis to assist with a wide range of Departmental operations, primarily law enforcement activities and search and rescues missions.
2. The reserve deputies have the capability to provide the following forms of assistance, depending on their classification:
  - a. augmentation of regular patrol deputies by law enforcement reserve deputies in the event of emergencies and disasters
  - b. assistance with locating lost children and other at risk groups
  - c. various aircraft and flights by qualified pilots in the Reserve Air Unit
  - d. underwater searches, evidence recovery, and processing of underwater crime scenes
  - e. K-9 teams for tracking or cadaver recovery
  - f. horseback mounted reserves
  - g. off-road vehicle teams
  - h. special communications / radio teams
  - i. mountain rescue teams
  - j. portable kitchens
3. All San Diego County Reserve Deputy Sheriffs are recognized as peace officer only when working in a capacity as set forth below.

#### **a. The three levels of classification for Reserve Deputies are:**

Level I Reserve Deputy Sheriffs have the same peace officer responsibility as a full-time salaried deputy sheriff. Level I Reserves can perform all the legal functions of full-time salaried deputies. They must complete the Department's Field Training Program with a full-time salaried field training officer or full-time salaried non-

probationary deputy prior to participating in patrol activities without direct supervision. They will commonly be assigned to a station to perform general law enforcement duties, but can be assigned to other areas such as the Off-Road Enforcement Team (ORET), Special Enforcement Detail (SED), and other specialized units.

Level II Reserve Deputies require immediate supervision by a full-time peace officer or Level I Reserve who has completed the POST regular basic course and they must complete Phase II of the department's Field Training Program with a full-time salaried field training officer or full-time salaried non-probationary deputy.

Level II Reserve Deputies may work those limited assignments authorized for Level III Reserve Deputies without immediate supervision.

All Level II Reserve Deputies working in a law enforcement patrol capacity shall be a second person in the patrol vehicle and must ride with a full-time salaried deputy sheriff.

Level III deputies are restricted to LIMITED SUPPORT DUTIES, such as traffic control, security at parades and sporting events, report writing, evidence transportation, parking enforcement and other duties that are not likely to result in physical arrest. A full-time salaried or Level I Reserve Deputy shall supervise Level III Reserve Deputies in the accessible vicinity. Level III Reserve Deputies are not authorized to participate in any patrol operations.

Level III reserve may transport prisoners without immediate supervision. Level III Reserves may drive a marked patrol unit to or from an assignment. Once they arrive, Level III Reserves must work in limited support duties only.

Participation in special events by Level III Reserve Deputies shall be determined by the Reserve Coordinator. Security at sporting events / parades geared toward law enforcement action should generally not include participation from Level III Reserves, i.e. events with alcohol service. Level III Reserve Deputies can participate in these events, but should be limited to duties such as traffic control, parking enforcement and command post security.