

Auxiliary Police

The Bloomfield Township Auxiliary Police is comprised of volunteer adults who are trained to assist the Police Department during a disaster or local emergency. In addition, auxiliary officers perform various duties, including but not limited to, traffic/crowd control at civic events, uniformed patrols in the community, community policing activities and staffing of the Townships Emergency Operations Center. Auxiliary officers are also called upon during severe storms and/or major Township events.

While some of the volunteers join the Auxiliary Police as a stepping stone to a career in law enforcement, others join simply to serve their community. We offer valuable life experiences as well as excellent training opportunities. Many of our former auxiliary officers have become full time police officers throughout the state.

WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING IS INVOLVED:

All auxiliary officers are required to complete an initial state mandated training academy held at the Essex County Police Academy in Cedar Grove, NJ. The training academy is approximately 12 weeks in duration and is typically held on Wednesday evenings and select Saturdays. Upon graduation from the training academy, the minimum contribution to the unit is 8 hours of volunteer time per month, as well as on-going professional training.

SELECTION PROCESS:

All applicants undergo a comprehensive selection which includes an oral board interview, a background interview and a thorough background investigation. Those who are selected for appointment to the program then begin the 12 week training academy. Upon graduation from the training academy, all recruits start field training. The auxiliary officers continuously train throughout the year to serve the community to the best of their ability.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a citizen of the United States and the State of New Jersey
- Must be a permanent resident of the Township of Bloomfield or reside within 5 miles of any border of the Township of Bloomfield and your town does not have an auxiliary police unit.
- Must be at least 18 years of age (no maximum age)

- Must be physically qualified to perform assigned duties. Physical disability is not a disqualifier if the person is able to perform assigned duties.
- Must be able to read and write English
- Must be of good moral character
- Must Possess a valid New Jersey driver's license with no significant motor vehicle history
- Must have absolutely no criminal record or prior arrests

TO APPLY:

The Bloomfield Police Department is currently accepting applications for the Auxiliary Police program. Applications can be picked up at police headquarters or downloaded from this site. Completed applications can be dropped off at the Bloomfield Police Department (Attention: Sgt. Naomi Zepeda). Your application will be held until the next hire. Anyone in need of additional information can contact Sgt Naomi Zepeda at 973-680-4627 or by email nzepeda@bloomfieldnjpd.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Do auxiliary officers carry firearms? No, auxiliary officers are not permitted to carry firearms in Bloomfield Township.

Do auxiliary officers get paid? No, the auxiliary unit is 100% volunteer.

If I am a retired police officer or have prior law enforcement/military training, do I still have to go through the initial training? Yes, all who are selected must complete initial training regardless of prior law enforcement experience. Regular police officers are trained under Police Training Commission guidelines (PTC). Auxiliary officers are trained under NJ Office of Emergency Management (NJSP) guidelines.

What is the minimum amount of time I am required to contribute to remain in the unit?

8 hours per month after graduation from the training academy.

Is there any physical fitness involved at the training academy? No, however the academy is run similar to a "boot camp" without the physical training.

What happens if I move out of Bloomfield after I complete training? Unfortunately, you will have to resign from the program and apply to the auxiliary police unit in the town/city where you move.