

## Auxiliary Officer Q&A

### 1. What are the requirements to become an auxiliary officer for the City of Jacksonville?

An applicant:

- a. must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, as regulated by the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training (CLEST);
- b. must not have been found guilty of a felony, even if the charge was later pardoned or expunged;
- c. must not have been found guilty of a domestic violence offense;
- d. must be a United States citizen;
- e. must have a high school diploma or have passed the General Education Development (GED) Test;
- f. possess a valid Arkansas driver's license ;
- g. must pass the Civil Service exam with at least a 70% score;
- h. must pass the Physical Agility Test;
- i. must pass a thorough background investigation;
- j. must be personally interviewed by an interview board;
- k. must meet physical requirements, as described by CLEST;
- l. must possess uncorrected visual acuity of 20/100 or better in each eye, correctable to 20/20 in each eye, and ability to distinguish colors;
- m. must be examined by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist in the State of Arkansas, and be found competent and be recommended for hire; and
- n. must pass a drug test.

### 2. What does an auxiliary officer do with the Jacksonville Police Department?

An auxiliary officer is looked upon to assist full-time officers in the performance of their duties. An auxiliary officer may be asked to direct traffic, work at festivals, or may be called out during an emergency or disaster to assist officers' on-duty.

### 3. If I am offered a position with the City of Jacksonville as an auxiliary officer what training is required?

Auxiliary Officers are required to complete and pass a 100 hour training class, including firearms qualifications. Auxiliary officers are required to attend a monthly two (2) hour meeting and then ride with officers for a minimum of sixteen (16) hours per month. Before riding with a full-time officer, auxiliary officers are required to complete fifty (50) hours in the jail and also in the communications center (dispatch).

### 4. What is the difference between an auxiliary officer and a part time officer?

An auxiliary law enforcement officer shall have the authority of a police officer as set forth by statutes of this state when the auxiliary law enforcement officer is performing an assigned duty and is under the direct supervision of a full-time certified law enforcement officer. When not performing an assigned duty and when not working under the direct supervision of a full-time certified law enforcement officer, an auxiliary law enforcement officer shall have no authority

other than that of a private citizen. Auxiliary officers are not compensated for their time and cannot receive state benefits.

A part-time officer is any officer who is employed by a law enforcement unit, authorized by law to enforce the criminal, traffic, or highway laws of this state, authorized salary or wages by the law enforcement unit, and authorized to work a certain amount of hours per week.

Jacksonville Police Department does not employ part-time officers at this time.

5. Will I have to provide my uniforms and equipment if I become an auxiliary officer with your department?

No. The Jacksonville Police Department furnishes uniforms and duty equipment for auxiliary officers. All the auxiliary officer has to provide is a department approved service weapon.

Further inquiries about auxiliary certification can be found at  
<http://www.clest.org/oles/Documents/1011.pdf>