

About Cadets

The Charles County Sheriff's Office Cadet Program is designed to provide part-time employment to young adults ages 18-21 who seek future employment as a deputy sheriff with the Charles County Sheriff's Office.

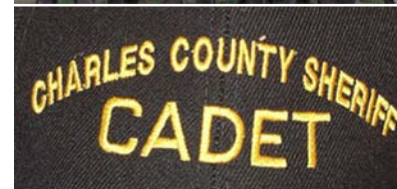
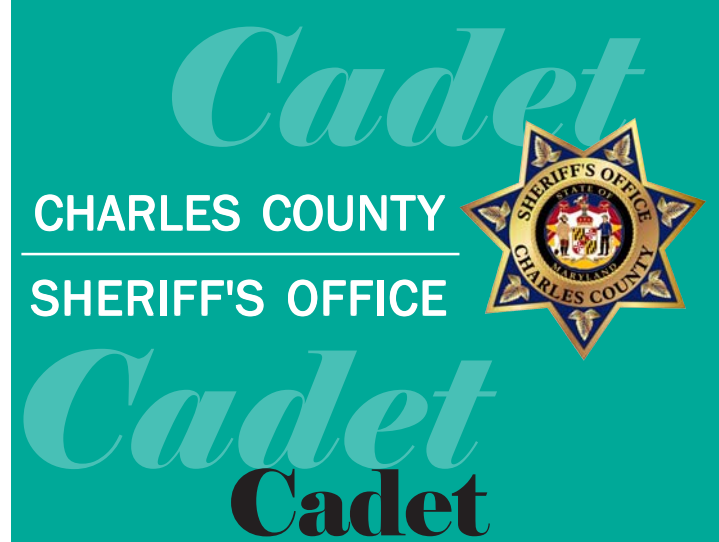


Program Benefits

Charles County Sheriff's Cadets are eligible for appointment to the police academy upon successful completion of the program and a background investigation.

To learn more, contact the
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Human Resources Section
301-609-6417
or visit www.ccsso.us

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Sheriff Rex W. Coffey

The Charles County Sheriff's Office is an
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Cadet Duties

- Learn how to handle emergency calls for service and any other situation requiring police action
- Learn and practice vehicle and radio operation and patrol procedures
- Learn and practice civil procedures and custodial responsibilities
- Direct and control traffic
- Observe writing of citations for traffic and other minor violations
- Assist in writing detailed incident, investigation, activity and other reports
- Learn to interpret and apply laws contained in various state codes and local ordinances
- Learn and practice basic criminal and traffic accident investigation procedures
- Learn and practice techniques, including crime scene preservation, witness interviewing and evidence collection
- Provide assistance to accident and other victims



College/Employment

An integral portion of the Sheriff's Cadet Program is pursuing higher education.

- Sheriff's Cadets must be enrolled in college taking an approved course of studies, such as criminal justice
- Employment as a Sheriff's Cadet is dependent upon maintaining at least a 2.5 grade point average in college
- Cadets work a maximum of 24 hours per week, with some exceptions
- Cadets are non-sworn uniformed members of the Office of the Sheriff

- Work schedules and hours will vary and include shift work and weekends
- Cadets' schedules may also vary depending upon school workload



Requirements

Cadets must meet the following initial requirements for employment:

- Pass the Police Officer entrance written examination
- Pass the physical agility test
- Undergo an extensive background investigation
- Undergo polygraph examination

Cadets must be between the ages of 17 and 19 at the time of application. Applicants may not be appointed until they are 18 years of age. A Cadet must serve two years as a Cadet before gaining admission to the police academy. Cadets may enter the police academy at age 20, provided they will reach their 21st birthday prior to graduation.

To be considered for entrance into the police academy, the Cadet must successfully fulfill the obligations required of all police officer applicants, which include:

- Physical agility test, to include the trigger pull component
- An oral board interview
- Updated background investigation, which will include the validation that the applicant meets all the requirements for Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions certification
- Polygraph examination
- Psychological evaluation
- Physical examination, to include a drug screening
- Review by the Police Officer Applicant Review Committee
- A recommendation by the commander of the Executive Services Division

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