



Hackensack Police Department
Special Law Enforcement Unit
Hackensack Citizen Officer Partnership
H-COP



In an effort to have more community involvement in law enforcement within the City of Hackensack, The Police Department instituted the H-COP unit. This innovative, one-of-a-kind program provides the Hackensack Police Department with thousands of hours of volunteer assistance, while allowing citizens to observe firsthand what law enforcement is all about. The citizen-police partnership that is forged by this program provides the community with a better understanding of the police service role within the community.

Applications for this program are on line at hackensack.org/HPD. We accept applications all year and there is only one academy class held per year.

HACKENSACK CITIZEN OFFICER PARTNERSHIP

The H-COP program is open to all New Jersey residents, at least 18 years old and possessing a driver's license and a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

All applicants **must** complete an H-COP application form and pass a police background check.

Upon successful completion of the background check all applicants will be required to complete a psychological exam.

After the applicant has been approved for service by the psychiatrist, and has medical approval from their family doctor, the H-COP candidate will be enrolled in the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy Special Law Enforcement Class.

The Special Law Enforcement Class provides each H-COP candidate with police training mandated by the New Jersey Police Training Commission, which will certify each H-COP as a New Jersey State Class 1B Special.

The purchase of the H-COP uniform is the responsibility of each candidate, but upon successful completion of the Bergen County Police Academy and one year service of 8 hours per month, (volunteer time) the City of Hackensack will reimburse the Special officer the uniform cost. We will also issue uniforms from Department stock.

The H-COP officer will receive additional training by the Hackensack Police Officers in the areas of; police patrol tactics, rules and regulations, traffic control, pepper spray, nightstick, handcuffing and report/summons writing.

Each H-COP officer, in an attempt to prepare them for patrol, will ride along with experienced Special Officers.

For more information on this unit, call 201-646-7737.