

## **12 NCAC 10B .1502      GENERAL PROVISIONS**

(a) In order to qualify for one or more of the service awards, a Reserve Justice Officer shall first meet the following preliminary qualifications:

- (1) be an appointed reserve deputy sheriff, detention officer, or telecommunicator who holds a valid general or grandfather certification. A reserve officer serving under a probationary certification is not eligible for consideration. Any person subject to suspension or revocation proceedings or under investigation for possible decertification action by the Commission or the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission shall not be eligible for any service awards for the pendency of the proceeding.
- (2) be familiar with and subscribe to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police or Telecommunicator Code of Ethics as published by APCO and NENA to include any subsequent editions or modifications thereto. A copy of either Code of Ethics may be obtained at no cost from the Sheriffs' Standards Division, North Carolina Department of Justice, Post Office Box 629, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-0629.

(b) Service Awards are based on a formula which calculates reserve service by actual participation as a reserve deputy sheriff, detention officer, or telecommunicator in law enforcement, detention, or telecommunications functions respectively. A minimum of 96 hours achieved over a one-year period of participation in law enforcement, detention or telecommunications functions by having been called into reserve duty by the appointing sheriff, shall equal one year of reserve service. Service as a reserve deputy sheriff, detention officer, or telecommunicator shall be acceptable for consideration or, an officer who is otherwise ineligible to receive an equivalent service award through the Sheriffs' and Justice Officers' Service Award Program as set out in 12 NCAC 10B .1100 may receive a service award under this program, in which one year of full-time service may be substituted for one year of reserve service, provided that the officer in question is currently employed by a sheriff's office in North Carolina in the capacity of a reserve officer.

(c) Only experience as a justice officer gained while holding certification through the Commission or while certified as a law enforcement officer through the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or experience as an elected or appointed Sheriff shall be acceptable for consideration.

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