

For More Information and to Apply

To inquire about a possible position in the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, call your nearest Patrol post or e-mail wwwOHP@dps.state.oh.us to get in touch with an OSHP Auxiliary Officer.

You can also complete the preliminary Auxiliary application by going to the Ohio State Highway Patrol website at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/auxiliary.stm.



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About the Auxiliary

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary is an all-volunteer force which provides assistance to troopers in the course of their duties. Among the duties of an Auxiliary officer are crash scene and traffic stop assistance, traffic control, disaster relief, and special detail support.

The OSHP Auxiliary was formed in 1942 when many commissioned troopers began entering the armed forces during World War II. At that time, membership was limited to members of the American Legion which was largely made up of war veterans who were unlikely to be drafted into service.



After the war, the Auxiliary was a critical component of Ohio's Civil Defense Plan, with officers assigned to vital crossroads to assist with evacuation and convoy movement.

Today, Auxiliary members contribute thousands of hours each year in an assortment of functions, including assisting Troopers during their patrols, working at the Ohio State Fair, working at Ohio State University football games, and supporting other details as needed.

Each Auxiliary is based out of a local Highway Patrol Post and is required to log a minimum of 120 hours per year to remain active. Membership is no longer limited to American Legionnaires.

Requirements

The requirements to become an Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary are as follows:

- U.S. Citizen;
- Ohio Resident with valid Ohio driver license;
- Good physical condition;
- Between ages 21-55 (except for retired OSHP officers);
- No prior felony convictions;
- Availability for training and service;
- Undergo an OSHP pre-employment polygraph examination;
- Submit to and pass a background investigation;
- Ability to read and write, and convey thoughts in a clear and concise manner;
- Weight proportionate to height (OSHP standard plus 15 percent).

Applicants are required to pass a medical examination which must be conducted by a physician at the applicant's expense. Applicants must additionally pass written and physical tests, then complete OSHP Auxiliary training. Members are also required to conform to grooming standards and purchase a uniform.



Physical Agility

If you apply to become an Auxiliary Officer, a physical agility test will determine your ability to perform tasks required of an Auxiliary. These tests will be conducted at a Highway Patrol Post or Headquarters in your area and consist of:

- *Tire Change Exercise* – This exercise is not to test your skills at changing a tire, but to make sure your physical strength is sufficient to handle the equipment.
- *Automobile Push* – A regular patrol car must be pushed by hand, on foot, for 30 feet from a stopped position with the engine off and the gears in neutral.



- *Run/Walk Endurance Test* – You will run and/or walk the entire length of a one and a half mile course.

Background Investigation

A background investigation will be conducted to determine your suitability for selection as an Auxiliary. The following issues in your background could result in your application's rejection:

- Felony or domestic violence conviction;
- Conviction for drug-related violation;
- Intemperate use of alcohol;
- Anti-social behavior;
- Poor driving record, (i.e., numerous crashes or moving violations).