

# Hackensack Police Department

## Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) Program

### Hackensack Citizen Officer Partnership

### H-COP

The Hackensack Police Department instituted the HCOP Program in 1997, as one of our many outreach efforts to have more community involvement. 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.

The Special Officers have their own command structure, under the command of the Traffic Bureau Commander, Lt. Aquila.

We are currently accepting applications. If you meet the following requirements and would like to be considered for appointment, you can download the application from our City website:  
[www.hackensack.org](http://www.hackensack.org)

When you have completed the application and have all the necessary documents, contact:  
Lt. Aquila for an initial interview at 201-646-7736

All applications **MUST** be received by **January 18, 2012**, to be considered for the Spring training class.

At this time, training is scheduled to be from late February to April 2012.

- The H-COP program is open to all United States citizens, 18 year olds possessing a driver's license and a high school diploma or GED equivalent.
- All applicants **must** complete an H-COP application, pass a police background check and interview process.
- Upon successful completion of the background check all applicants will be required to complete a psychological exam.
- After the applicant has been fully and has medical approval from their family doctor, the H-COP candidate will be enrolled in the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah, NJ for the 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 Academy and one year service which must include at least 8 hours of volunteer service per month, the City of Hackensack will reimburse the Special officer the uniform cost.
- 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.

**For more information on this program call 201-646-7736**