

Law Enforcement Volunteers In Use Across The Nation



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Traditional Volunteer Uses include Sworn Reserve and Auxiliary Officers in addition to Chaplains, Victims Services and other specialized functions.

The other category is Civilian Volunteers. With various levels of training, volunteers can provide a variety of services which can free up officers to focus on what they do best while providing “value added” services to the community which you may not otherwise be able to offer.

This presentation shows dozens of slides with photo's highlighting some uses you may want to consider implementing within your agency.

What Are Citizens on Patrol?

Traditionally selected and hired by local Police and Sheriffs departments with background checks to insure the public and fellow officers.

Training varies on average from 16 to 40 plus hours in addition to other requirements such First Aid and CPR, EVOC driving Test, etc.

On average, C.O.P.'s are required to donate from 12 to 16 hours per month

What Are Citizens on Patrol?

C.O.P.'s are Not armed and do Arrest, other than Citizens Arrest.

They Patrol in Uniform, Typically in Marked Patrol Vehicles.

Some have limited authority to issue non-moving citations such as Parking tickets.

Are trained to be good witnesses and to report suspicious or criminal activity.

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Citizens On Patrol are also known as:

Citizen Observer, Action or Support Teams

Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP's)

Auxiliary Police (non-sworn)

Neighborhood Assistance Officers

Volunteers In Policing

STARS, Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors

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Common Duties Performed by C.O.P.'s, Prevention Presence and “Eyes & Ears”



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Patrolling their Communities and Businesses Acting as additional “Eyes and Ears” for Law Enforcement while providing a deterrence for criminals



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Assist with Non-Enforcement Actions such as Traffic Control and.....



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Road Closures



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**at DUI and Safety Checkpoints with
paper work such as Impound Forms.**



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Provide other Community Services such as Vacation Checks for residents out of town and extra patrol Business Checks....



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Y.N.A. (You're Not Alone) Home Checks for Shut-In's and Elderly Citizens (upon Request)



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And other “Value Add” Services such as Fingerprinting Children and/or processing DNA Kits for the families ID purposes.



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Volunteer Boat Patrol's



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Volunteer ATV Beach Patrol



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Volunteer Bike Patrols used to provide a Police Presence in Malls, Parks, etc.



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**Volunteer Airport Patrols assist with
Homeland Security efforts while
acting as Ambassadors to visitors.**



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Traffic Monitoring Teams with Radar Guns to deter and report violators.



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Volunteer Support During Natural Disasters



Civilian Police Volunteers assisting with various Traffic Control and Road Closures during major fires, storms, earthquakes, etc. freeing up sworn officers and deputies.



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Pictured above left, after a hurricane, Police Volunteers assist with distribution of Ice to residents. Above right, trusted Police Volunteers deliver needed food to elderly residents on high floors of apartments that lost power with no elevators available by dropping ropes to ground and hoisting the food in bags packed by the police volunteers earlier.

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Local Sex Offender Notification and Offender Address Verification



As High Risk Sex Offenders move into a neighborhood, Uniformed and Trained Police Volunteers are being used to notify residents of their presence and or to verify Registered Sex Offenders listed addresses.

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Equestrian Patrols



During the 2003 Southern California Wildfires that destroyed over 1,000 homes, members of a Police Equestrian Patrol helped evacuate and care for livestock before the fire reached the animals and logged hundreds of hours in just one week.

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Volunteer Snowmobile Patrol



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Specialized Prevention Patrols and Specific Crime Watches can be used to deter child molesters, abductors, rapist, etc.



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Crime Scene Protection



Uniformed and Trained Police Volunteers are used to free up Officers from low risk Crime Scene Protection details thus putting Officers back on the street to focus on preventing future crimes and catching the bad guys.

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A Patrol For Teens & Kids



A Northwestern Police Department utilizes Uniformed Police Citizen Patrol Volunteers to develop rapport with local teens by carrying a cooler of cold soda and water in the trunk of their car to offer them while talking.

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Deploying Radar Trailers



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Court Ordered Vehicle Impounds



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Assisting with “Lock-Outs”



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General Administrative Support



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Staffing Sub Stations or Front Desks and/or Taking Paper Reports



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Court Date Reminders and Call for Service Follow Up's to Citizens



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Disaster and Planning Surveys



Police Volunteers Conduct Advanced Planning Surveys of Residents that may need assistance when evacuations are required such as wheel chair bound, handicapped, etc. They can also be used to update businesses emergency contact information.

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Managing Bicycle and Moped Registration and Safety Inspections Programs



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Managing Child Safety Seat Inspection Programs



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Utilizing Trusted Volunteers in Law Enforcement Training Scenario's



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Volunteers in Use as “Force Multipliers” for Searches, etc.



As pictured above, trusted Police Volunteers can be extremely helpful when the need for “on demand” personnel is required to conduct searches for bodies, evidence, suspect information, etc.

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Additional “Crime Prevention” & Patrol Usage

Graffiti Abatement and Surveillance Patrols.

Roving Community Prevention Patrols looking for Open Garage Doors, Open Vehicle Windows, etc.

Residential & Business Crime Prevention Check Up’s.

Children left in Car Deaths PREVENTION Patrols.

Check Fraud Follow Up and Complaint Filing.

Pawn Slip Matching to Stolen Item Lists.

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L.E.T.s (Let's End Truancy) Program working with District Attorneys Office to verify if children are home from school as reported by the schools.

Translating Services for Officers and Others.

Handicap Parking and other “non-moving” Enforcement.

“Paper Car’s” for handling “Cold Paper”.

“Cold Case” Squad, Typically Retired Officers.

Used Cell Phone Distribution for Disabled, etc.

Inmate Monitored Snow Removal Program.

Homeland Security Extra Patrols & “Eyes and Ears”.

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**Trained
Police
Volunteers
Can
Avoid
This
Picture!**



Pictured to the right, a Police Officer guards a fast moving flooded street during a storm from those wishing to try and cross it. Trained Civilian Police Volunteers could staff this post to free up the Officer for more critical needs.

The End.

If you'd like to learn more about how to start and or expand an existing volunteer unit, please join us for one of our upcoming two-day workshops. We'll show you how to properly implement and/or maintain a volunteer program that can help deliver needed services to your community while keeping more officers on the street.

To learn more about the workshop, fee's, etc. and download a registration form, please visit our web site, www.psvi.org or call 951-279-6893. Thank You !