

Volunteers on Patrol (V.O.P. Program)

What is the V.O.P. Program?

This program performs primarily non-hazardous duties, which are currently performed by patrol deputies. The program will therefore, allow patrol deputies to perform the more hazardous duties they have been trained to do. This helps our Department to better achieve its goal of serving the community.

Tasks:

Some of the tasks V.O.P. members complete are:

- Patrolling the community for criminal activity or safety hazards
- Residential vacation checks
- Assisting disabled persons
- Park and school safety checks
- Graffiti watch
- Non-Hazardous directed patrol assignments
- Requests from City/County services
- Search for missing children
- Exterior shopping mall checks
- Fire watch
- Traffic control
- Writing tickets for disabled parking violations
- Phone/Welfare checks
- Foot/Vehicle patrol
- Transit watch

Experience Required:

VOP training is required and will be provided before field assignment. This includes volunteers in vehicle and foot patrols.

To maintain the VOP's skill and expertise, there is a minimum of 16 hours per month of deployment time is required. This requirement is for the safety of the volunteer and others around him or her and for liability issues for the Department and County.

Volunteers are not Deputy Sheriffs!

They do not place themselves in a position of danger. As a V.O.P. member, you will not carry any weapon and you are not expected to enter into a physical altercation with anyone.

As a V.O.P. member, you will always work with at least one partner. This is for their safety as well as the safety and responsibility of the Department.

To Apply:

Contact the Lakewood Station volunteer coordinator at (562) 623-3517 for an application or if you have any questions.