

The Disabled Parking Enforcement Volunteer Program was started in 1999 when Sheriff Boyer saw the need for additional staffing resources to help with the enforcement of disabled parking regulations and the willingness of citizens to volunteer their time to fulfill that need.

In March 2002, the Kitsap County Citizens On Patrol (COP) Volunteer Program evolved from needs identified by the Disabled Parking Enforcement Volunteers.

### **CITIZENS ON PATROL VOLUNTEERS:**

- Enforce disabled parking regulations
- Are the eyes and ears of law enforcement and immediately report any suspicious activities in their patrol area without submitting themselves to unnecessary danger
- Assist law enforcement with traffic control at auto accidents and community activities or events
- May make security/vacation checks of private residences and small businesses when requested
- May conduct security surveys of residences and small businesses to help owners better secure their properties from unauthorized entry
- Impound abandoned vehicles
- Operate Speed Monitoring Equipment

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

- COP volunteers must be at least 21 years old, live in Kitsap county or surrounding area and possess a valid drivers license. Requires a good driving record, with no license suspensions.
- All candidates are required to submit an application form and participate in an interview with a selection panel.
- Volunteers must successfully complete a training course on disabled parking enforcement, and the other functions of the COP program. Training is conducted by the Kitsap County Sheriff Office.
- Volunteers sign a release of liability from any potential personal or property damage that may occur while working as a COP volunteer.
- Members are required to volunteer a minimum of 16 hours per month and must commit to one (1) year of service.
- Because volunteers may come into contact with highly confidential information, successful candidates are required to submit to a credit history check, a polygraph examination and a background investigation.



## **CITIZENS ON PATROL Volunteers Serving our Community**



Volunteers interact with the community and must be dedicated to helping others. Their duties are to educate the public concerning parking laws for persons with disabilities and to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement.

### Are you....

interested in helping neighbors and making your community safer?

willing to donate at least 16 hours a month to this program?

a team player who works well with others?

### Do you....

have good communication skills?

deal well with stressful situations?

respect the rights of all individuals?

consider volunteering a serious commitment?

**If so...**you may be one of the citizens we are looking for. We need people who are enthusiastic about the program and will carry out the duties in a safe and responsible manner.

**For information or an application for  
COP Volunteers in Kitsap County contact  
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**CITIZENS ON PATROL Volunteer Program**

## People Helping People



## Through Community Service



**Sheriff  
Steve Boyer**