

Volunteers interact with the community and must be dedicated to helping others.

Are You...

Interested in helping neighbors and making your community safer?

Willing to donate at least 16 patrol hours a month to this program?

A team player who works well with others?

Do You...

Have good communication skills?

Enjoy interacting with the public?

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. This is an opportunity to support the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and join a team of dedicated volunteers that keep our communities safer for everyone.

To apply to the Citizens On Patrol program, contact:

*Kitsap County Volunteer Services
at (360) 337-4650 or
rpirtle@co.kitsap.wa.us*



C.O.P. Unit

For more detailed information on the COP unit, visit <http://cops.homestead.com> or contact Kitsap County Volunteer Services at (360) 337-4650, rpirtle@co.kitsap.wa.us



CITIZENS ON PATROL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



KITSAP COUNTY CITIZENS ON PATROL

*Through Community
Service*



CITIZENS ON PATROL:

- Enforce Washington State and Kitsap County disabled and other parking regulations
- Assist with removal of vehicles abandoned on county roads
- Inspect junk vehicles on private property to facilitate removal by landowner
- Perform vacation checks of private residences
- Support community events with traffic control, safety and crime prevention information, and citizen outreach
- Assist first responders with traffic control
- Ensure businesses comply with disabled parking space requirements
- Perform home security evaluations to deter theft
- Perform Courtesy boat inspections

While performing these duties, unit members serve as eyes and ears of law enforcement, report suspicious activity, and safely supplement the Sheriff's Office presence throughout Kitsap County.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

COP volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, live in Kitsap County or surrounding area and possess a valid driver's license. Serving in the unit requires a good driving record, with no license suspensions.

All candidates are required to submit an application and participate in an interview with a selection panel. Because volunteers may come into contact with highly sensitive and confidential information, they must submit to a thorough background and credit check, and computerized polygraph test.

Both on-the-job and classroom training are provided.

Members are required to volunteer a minimum of 16 patrol hours a month, attend a monthly meeting and commit to a minimum of one year of service. Members patrol in pairs during working hours, so retired people are usually the most successful in this program. Those working full time or serving on active military duty may find it difficult to meet these time commitments.

HISTORY

The Disabled Parking Enforcement Volunteer program was started in 1999 when then Sheriff Steve 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.



Enforcing disabled parking regulations

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



Inspecting abandoned and junk vehicles