

Citizens on Patrol

Sheriff Kevin Beary needs your help!

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WHAT IS IT

Citizens on Patrol is a non-confrontational neighborhood patrol program.

WHY was it created?

To reduce crime through increased cooperation between citizens and the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

WHO does it involve?

Private citizens who have passed a screening process and completed the Volunteer Academy given by the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

HOW does it work?

Volunteers donate their time to patrol neighborhoods while driving special Sheriff's Office vehicles. Participants will be trained by the Orange County Sheriff's Office in areas such as crime prevention, first aid, CPR, and how to spot suspicious and criminal activity.

How do I start a COP in my community?

Since the COP requires neighborhood involvement, you would simply set up an organizational meeting of 25 or more of your neighbors and arrange for a representative of the Orange County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Services to attend. This meeting can be arranged through your homeowners association or Neighborhood Watch program. The Sheriff's representative would inform the group about the program, its requirements, and the positive effect of having a COP service program in your community.

Once the application process is completed and everyone has completed the Volunteer Academy, you are ready to start your Citizens on Patrol.

For information, please call the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Community Relations Division, Volunteer Services at 407-254-7392.

Citizens on Patrol Provides:

- Citizens with an active means to make a difference in our community.
- Increased cooperation between the citizens and the Orange County Sheriff's Office.
- Assistance to the Sheriff's Office through additional observation and reporting.
- Increased public presence in the neighborhood to deter crime.
- Increased quality of life and safer environment for all neighborhood residents.
- A way to make a difference in YOUR neighborhood!

For more information on Citizens on Patrol, contact:

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