

# Law Enforcement Volunteers In Use Across The Nation



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# **Traditional Volunteer Uses Include Specialized Positions:**

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**Sworn Reserve Officers,  
Sworn & Non Sworn Auxiliary,  
Search and Rescue Teams,  
Chaplains, Victims Services,**

**And Generalized Civilian Volunteer Positions such as  
Citizen Patrol Units and Administrative Support**

# **What Are Citizens on Patrol?**

**Non-Sworn Citizen Volunteers selected & “hired” by local Police and Sheriffs department**

**Limited to Full Background Checks completed**

**Training varies on average from 24 to 40 hours in addition to First Aid and CPR requirements**

**On average, C.O.P.’s are required to donate from 10 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.**

**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 Police Service**

**(above not to be confused with the DOJ VIPS program)  
and many other various names across the nation!**

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***Volunteers and COP's are also known as:***

**STARS, Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors**

**VIPERS Volunteers in Police Engaging &  
Responding Services**

**Volunteers On Patrol (VOP's)**

**And a number of others across the nation!**



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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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**ALPRS, Automated License Plate Recognition System scanner on Volunteer LE & Citizen Patrol vehicles for stolen vehicle recovery.**

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



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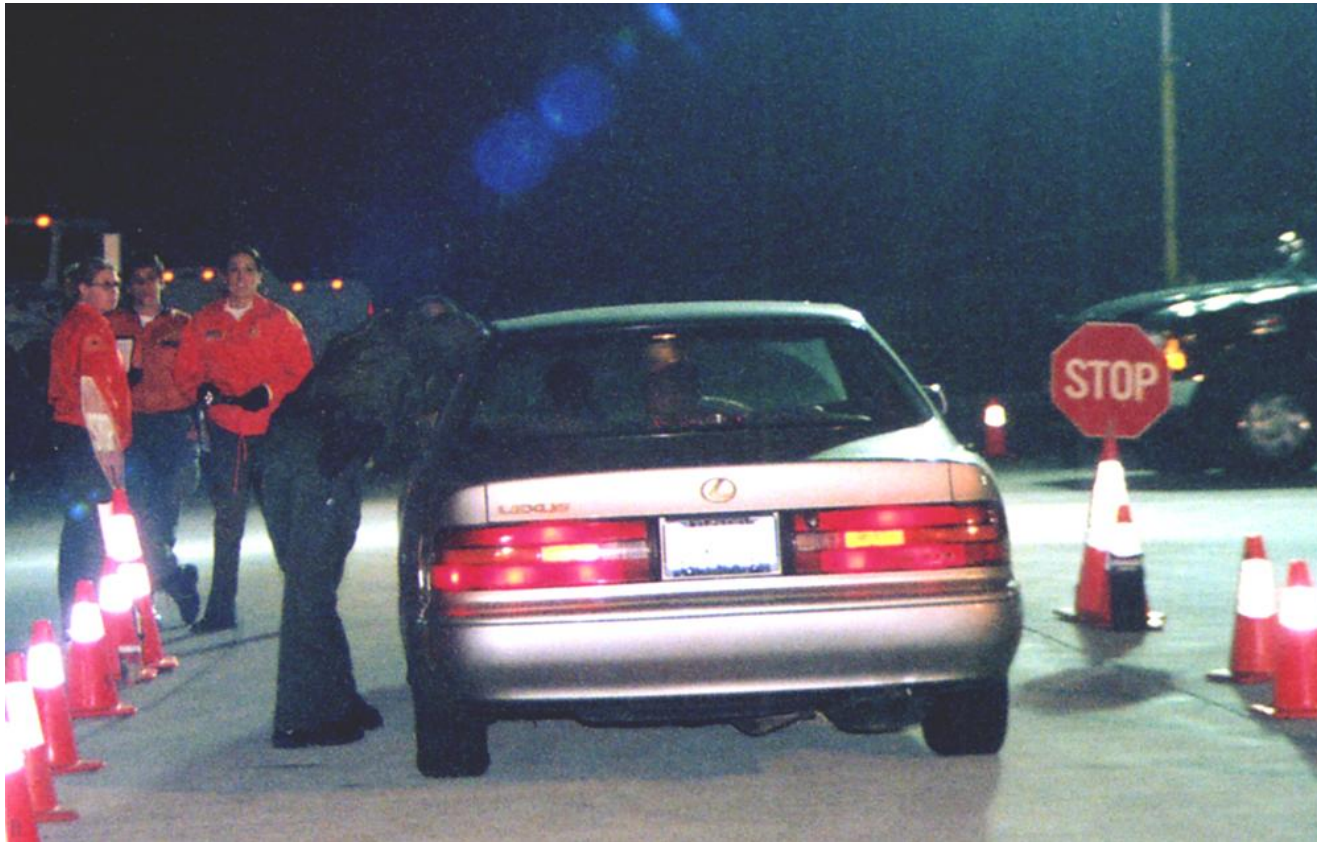
## Road Closures





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



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**Checkpoint for Suspect or Missing Persons Information**



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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. (Your 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 collecting DNA  
Kits for 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 Patrol



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## Redlands police airplane to be equipped with video camera:

The airplane is flown by a group of **30 volunteer pilots**, some of whom work for other law enforcement agencies, Fitzmaurice said. Their time is scheduled so that the plane is available anytime during daylight hours, he said.

"We couldn't do half of what we do without volunteers," Fitzmaurice said.



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# **Sky Watch Mobile Patrol**



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





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## Local Sex Offender Notifications and/or Offender Address Verifications

**LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION**  
**RICHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDER**  
**NAME OF OFFENDER HERE**  
Date of Birth: 04/20/1980  
Description: White Male, 5'11" 150 lbs  
Address: 14000 Blvd of Commerce, Richland, WA

Convictions: Child Molestation in the 1st Degree, Rape in the 1st Degree, Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, Failure to Register  
Notes: Martinez has been registered from all public schools, parks and libraries in Benton and Franklin Counties. According to official documents, in 2007 Martinez sexually assaulted a 12 year old female that was mentally disabled. In 2000 Martinez sexually assaulted a female that was known to him. In 1996 Martinez sexually assaulted a 9 month old female infant.

**MARTINEZ IS NOT WANTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, THIS IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

The treatment of sexual offenders does not guarantee they will or will not commit another offense.  
This information is provided in accordance with RCW 4A.550. The Benton County Sheriff's Office has no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, the offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he chooses.  
Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate, or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated. Such abuse could end one's ability to do community activities.  
The Sexual Assault Response Center is available 24 hours a day at (509) 337-1000 to provide advocacy, information, referrals, and crisis intervention for victims of sexual violence. For additional information and safety tips regarding registered sex offenders in your area, visit the Benton County Web site at [www.co.benton.wa.us](http://www.co.benton.wa.us) or contact Richland Police Department Detective Angela Sanchez at (509) 940-1300 or email [hschne@richland.wa.us](mailto:hschne@richland.wa.us).

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## Crime Notifications and Area BOLO's



~~Chino Hills~~  
Sheriff's Station  
(909) 364-~~2000~~

\_\_\_\_\_  
File Number

CAR BREAK-IN  
Nature of Incident

An attempt was made to contact you regarding the above Incident to determine if you had any additional information that would assist us in the investigation. If you do, please contact the ~~Chino Hills~~ ~~Police~~ Police and Sheriff's Station at (909) ~~364-2000~~ and use the above file number as a form of reference. Your timely attention to this matter is appreciated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
By:


9/21/06 1:00 Am  
Date/Time

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## Vehicle Crime Prevention Checks & Notices



**SAFETY CHECKUP**



**Safe Shopping Tips**

- Never leave valuable items in your vehicle that can be seen. Put all packages, phones, briefcases, gym bags, CD's, tools and any other items of value in your trunk.
- Never leave purses exposed in shopping carts, and when arriving at your vehicle, make sure your purse is the first thing you place inside, preferably on the rear seat floorboard.
- Never leave children in your vehicle unattended.
- Be alert to your surroundings as you approach your vehicle, and have your keys in your hand.
- Shop in pairs if possible, especially after dark.



**Sheriff's Station**  
(909) 364-2000

Hello,

While you shopped, I checked your car and found the following:

- ☒ Valuables, packages and other items were visible
- ☒ Your windows were open
  - ☐ Your door(s) were unlocked
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations,

- ☐ Your vehicle was secure
- ☐ Your vehicle was equipped with a locking device

Deputy/Volunteer MR. FRIENDLY Date 9/21/06

Any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact the  
Watch Commander at (909) 364-2000



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## **Graffiti Surveillance & Stings**



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## **Extra Patrols to Reduce Commercial Vandalism and Thefts**



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## **Equestrian Patrols**



**During the 2003 Southern California Wildfires that destroyed over 1,000 homes, members of Hesperia Police Equestrian Patrol, helped evacuate and care for livestock in Devore before the fire crested the Cajon Pass and logged 400 volunteers hours.**

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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**



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## Deploying Radar Trailers



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# **Handicap Parking Enforcement**



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# **Court Ordered Home Vehicle Impounds**



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## **Bank Robbery Prevention with Ghost Cars**



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# **General Administrative Support**



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# **Staffing Sub Stations or Front Desk and or Taking Paper Reports**



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# **Court Date Reminders and Patrol Call Follow Up's**



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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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**“Tax Man” - Utilizing Uniformed Volunteers to hand Deliver Upcoming Tax Enforcement Notifications to Home Owners, many in remote areas, to Help Avoid Final Actions.**





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**La Habra CA Police Volunteer Chaplain Mike Murphy with “Comfort K-9” Emerson used during crisis situations those effected feel better and help them get through the event.**

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## Utilizing Trusted Volunteers in Law Enforcement Training Scenario's



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# **Disaster and Planning Surveys**



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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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## Volunteer Support During Natural Disasters, continued



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



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## ***Opportunities for “Crime Prevention” Usage***

**Roving Community PREVENTION Patrols  
(Open Garage Doors, Open Vehicle Windows)**

**Residential & Business Crime Prevention Check Up's**

**Children in Car Deaths PREVENTION Patrol**

**Check Fraud Follow Up and Complaint Filing**

**Pawn Slip Matching to Stolen Item Lists**

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**Inmate Monitored Snow Removal Program**

**L.E.T.s Program working with District Attorney**

**Translating Services for Officers and Others**

**Motor Pool Transport for Patrol Vehicle Repairs**

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

**“Cold Case” Squad, Typically Retired Officers**

**Used Cell Phone Distribution for Disabled, etc.**

**Homeland Security Extra Patrols & “Eyes and Ears”**



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## How Can Volunteers Help Avoid This Scene??



By using trained volunteers to free up sworn officers and staff to focus on more urgent matter they are best trained to handle.

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# **The End.**

**Want to help manage your volunteer unit to increase YOUR time to offer more services to your community?**

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