

Citizens On Patrol Program

Under the supervision of the Community Liaison Officer from the Office of Community Outreach, the Citizens On Patrol volunteer program allows residents of Crowley to get involved with their police department in enhancing the safety of our community and improving our quality of life.

Turn in application by Oct. 23, 2023, to join the next class.

Volunteers

The program members are non-paid volunteers who are selected after passing an extensive criminal background check and an interview process that involves an oral review board made up of police officers and a final interview with the chief of police.

Requirements

After the interviews, volunteers will be expected to:


1. Successfully pass a drug screen.
2. Complete a six-hour training class offered by our Community Liaison Officers, who will train them on how to perform their assigned duties
3. Graduate from a Crowley Citizens Police Academy or promise to attend and complete the next available session. Serve at least eight hours a month, and the days and times are flexible in order to accommodate the availability and schedules of the volunteers.
4. Attend refresher training quarterly (to stay active in the program)

Duties

Crowley Police Department

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY 2023

The Crowley Citizens Police Academy is designed to increase a better understanding between citizens and their police department so we can work together to build a stronger community. Class instruction will include a variety of subjects such as; Recruiting, Traffic Enforcement, Telecommunications, Field Training, Records, Property and Evidence, Building searches and more!



CLASS TIME/DATES:
MONDAYS 6PM TO 8 PM
STARTING OCTOBER 30, 2023
ENDING DEC. 18, 2023

Seating is limited!
Applications can be picked up from the police department or requested by email.
There is no charge for the class.

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Please keep in mind if you are interested in becoming a part of our Citizens on Patrol program this class is required.

To qualify:

- Must be 18 years of age
- No outstanding warrants or pending criminal cases
- No prior felony convictions
- No misdemeanor arrests within three years of application
- Must pass a background check

The application includes waivers and permission to conduct a criminal background check.

Questions? Contact:
Officer CJ Perry (817)297-2276 EXT 6504 or cperry@ci.crowley.tx.us or
Lori Keith (817)297-2276 EXT 6000 or lkeith@ci.crowley.tx.us

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Volunteers will patrol the city in a vehicle that has been marked with decals identifying them as volunteers. At all times, volunteers will patrol in a two-person team and will have radio contact with our dispatch center.

Responsibilities

Some examples of the COPs responsibilities are:

- Patrolling the city looking for suspicious activity and reporting it to the police department.
 - Collecting traffic data. If traffic or speeding complaints are received, volunteers (only those that have been trained) can sit at the problem area and run radar or observe traffic. Volunteers will collect data and turn it over to the traffic officers, who will then decide if extra enforcement is needed in that area. Volunteers will not make traffic stops nor issue citations.
 - Traffic control. Volunteers who have been trained in traffic control may be called to assist with traffic control or direction at major accidents or during special events or parades.
 - Area searches. Volunteers may be called to assist police officers with area searches or neighborhood canvasses during major incidents or as a result of missing children or endangered adult calls.
 - Administrative support. Volunteers may be called to answer phone lines during AMBER alerts or assist with resident customer service in the reception area.
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Materials & Uniforms

The police department will supply all volunteers with uniforms and the necessary equipment to perform their assigned duties. Volunteers are not law enforcement officers and will not be allowed to carry weapons, nor have the legal authority to stop, detain, arrest persons nor make traffic stops.

More Information

For additional information, or if you are interested in joining our cadre of COP volunteers, contact the **cperry [at] ci.crowley.tx.us (Office of Community Outreach)**.