#### Typical Annual Volunteer Statistics:

- 3000 Volunteer Hours
- 1500 Public Service Incidents
- 3500 Corrective Actions
- Benefits to the Community...Countless



Public Safety Director Mike Larsen points out that "our Volunteers play an integral role in the Department's ability to serve the public. We depend on them to handle all the non-hazardous tasks relating to police work, which frees up the sworn officers to focus on weightier matters".



The City of Orem Department of Public Safety volunteer program is affiliated with the National Volunteers in Police Service program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. For more information, log onto the National V.I.P.S. web site at www.policevolunteers.org or the Orem V.I.P.S. site at http://odps.orem.org/vips



# Sound Interesting?

To apply to be a VIPS, please stop by the Orem Police Department and fill out an application.

If you are interested in supporting our program, through financial contributions, or the donation of goods or services, please contact the Administrative Lieutenant over the VIPS program at (801) 229-7070 or visit the Public Safety building.

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V.I.P.S.
Volunteers In Police Service



"Be a part of taking Community Policing to the next level."

"...we should continue to strengthen partnerships between citizens and local law enforcement and work to engage more volunteers in public safety and emergency preparedness."

President George W. Bush, May 9, 2003

### Volunteer Duties Include:

- Assisting stranded motorists who have locked their keys inside the car or have a vehicle stalled in traffic
- Directing traffic at fire, accident or crime scenes
- Neighborhood patrols and vacation checks
- Placement of the speed limit radar trailers
- Searching for lost or missing children
- Enforcement of traffic code violations such as illegal parking, expired registration, and other non-moving violations
- Impounding abandoned vehicles
- Special enforcement and extra patrol of problems areas
- Returning found property, such as bicycles to their owners
- Assist in other department divisions, such as records, evidence, and detectives
- Much, much more



he Volunteers in Police Service, are a group of ordinary citizens dedicated to exemplary community service and public awareness through the Orem Police Department. They are a highly trained and motivated force of volunteer workers, performing non-hazardous police functions in the community. They assist the Department in the Support Services, Patrol and Detectives Divisions. Their countless donated hours make the City of Orem a better place to live, work, play, and shop.

 $\mathsf{V}$ olunteers are not utilized to replace sworn officers, or other paid positions, but rather to enhance the overall efficiency of the agency. Their efforts help reduce crime and increase the services that the Police Department can provide to the community.

## So why do people volunteer their time and resources?



Jim Barrett (1V2) has been with the program since it was created in June of 2001. In an interview with a local TV news reporter, Jim was simply asked, "Why?" He put it this way, "Everyone needs to give back to the community in some way. Some coach little league teams, some read to children at elementary schools or libraries. I choose to pursue an area that interests me - police work".