

THE COLORADO SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE

POLICE CHAPLAINS: Full-time or retired, ordained clergy are specially trained to respond on scene to provide crisis intervention, assist police officers in making death notifications and serve the personal needs of police officers and their families.

SENIOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE TEAM: Specially trained volunteers are available on a rotating basis to respond 24/7 to citizens over 60 years of age who have been victimized by crime, abuse, neglect. Team members provide crisis intervention and community resource referral services.

POLICE CADET EXPLORER PROGRAM: Young men and women, 15-19 years of age further their knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system through training to provide insight into all phases of police work as a possible future profession & career and to foster a better understanding between the police department and the youth of our City.

HANDICAPPED PARKING ENFORCEMENT UNIT: Trained, qualified volunteers warn/cite violators of handicapped parking spaces thereby providing access to handicapped parking slots for the physically impaired and relieving police officers to handle higher priority calls.

ESPAÑOL SERVICE PROGRAM: Qualified, trained bi-lingual volunteers are available on a rotating basis weekends and evenings to respond on scene to interpret for police officers.

VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM: Trained volunteers follow up by phone or in person with victims (under the age of 60) of major crimes to check on their welfare and to offer information, community referrals and/or court assistance if requested.

CRIME STOPPERS: Trained volunteers staff the Crime Stoppers phone, taking information and leads and forwarding the information to detectives.

TRAFFIC WATCH: Trained volunteers use radar guns in areas (particularly school zones) where the police department has received multiple complaints of excessive speeding. Volunteers clock speeders, write down description of vehicles, license numbers, etc. From their written records, the department sends warning letters to the owners of the speeding vehicles.

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE: Volunteers made up of police officers and members of the community donate their time to coach children in various sports and sport related activities.

CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS: Each patrol division has a group of citizens who meet monthly to give input into police programs.

BOARD MEMBERS: The Police Athletic League and Crime Stoppers have boards made up of leaders in the community who volunteer their time to support the organizations.

Successful collaborations between police officers, support personnel and citizens have resulted in an extension of services that have benefited the entire community. Volunteers continue to be an important part of the structure of the Colorado Springs Police Department whether it's greeting citizens in the lobby of the Police Operations Center, providing research for special projects, entering data from police reports, maintaining filing systems, tracking and facilitating the recovery of stolen property, assisting with the apprehension of wanted individuals, moving SMART (trailers that track speed) to locations throughout the City, assisting with photo developing in the crime lab, helping with record keeping and car auctions at the impound lot, stocking and tracking parts for the helicopter unit, etc., etc. Since the late 1970's, the Colorado Springs Police Department has been committed to utilizing the skills of citizens in our City through the volunteer programs.

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