

How can you become an EPD volunteer?

- ❖ Review the volunteer opportunities in this brochure and on our web page to determine whether we have any positions of interest to you.
- ❖ If you decide to apply, contact the Volunteers In Policing Program Coordinator for an application for volunteer service.
- ❖ Once your application is received, you should expect a phone call or e-mail from the Coordinator within ten days of our receipt of your application. The Coordinator will let you know whether the position you are interested in is available, and depending on your area of interest, and our needs, may add your name to a waiting list, or may schedule you for an interview.
- ❖ After the interview, you will be given a personal history questionnaire to take home and fill out.
- ❖ When we receive your personal history questionnaire, the background investigation will begin. This process includes a criminal history check and reference checks. The background investigation takes approximately ten business days.
- ❖ When the background check has been completed, you will be notified as to whether or not you have been selected for the volunteer program.
- ❖ If you are selected to join the volunteer program, the coordinator will work with you to finalize your volunteer assignment, and schedule you for orientation.
- ❖ During orientation, you will receive a volunteer handbook, learn about department policies and procedures, sign some paperwork, take a tour of the department, and have your picture taken for your ID badge. Orientation takes approximately 90 minutes.
- ❖ After orientation, you may start your volunteer assignment.

Program Facts

In 2002, 79 volunteers contributed nearly 10,000 hours of service to the Eugene Police Department.

Most volunteer assignments require a minimum commitment of three hours per week, for three months.

We can accommodate high school and college students who are interested in earning in earning community service hours, practicum and internship credit hours.

Most of our volunteer opportunities are available weekdays. Our evening and weekend opportunities are limited to the Records Section, Seniors On Patrol, and Speakers Bureau.

The most popular volunteer position is in the Forensic Evidence Unit (Crime Lab). We generally have between 15 and 20 people on the waiting list for this volunteer position.

The mission of the Volunteers In Policing Program is to enhance and support the delivery of police services to the community through a wide range of volunteer services that will contribute to the public safety of the citizens of Eugene.



To request an application or informational packet, contact:
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or visit our website for helpful information at:
<http://www.ci.eugene.or.us/DPS/police/volun.htm>

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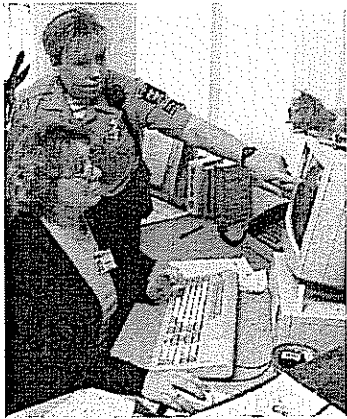
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"Quality Policing Through Partnerships"

Volunteers In Policing Program

Volunteers are people who donate their time and skills to an organization. At the Eugene Police Department, we recruit a wide range of volunteers including students, retirees, employed people, and Citizens' Police Academy graduates.

We recruit people at all levels of income, and diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.



As a volunteer with the Eugene Police Department, you will have a front-row seat for behind-the-scenes workings of law enforcement. You'll work side-by-side with police employees in a variety of settings.

Our volunteers are important to us. When citizens who receive police services are helping to design, prioritize, and even deliver services, a closer connection is made between the Police Department and the public. This is what Community Policing is all about.

Why should I volunteer?

People volunteer for a range of reasons. Training and career experience is a large motivation for young people, while older volunteers might want to develop new skills or gain experience for a career change. Many volunteers simply want to make a difference in improving our community.

What are some examples of volunteer opportunities at EPD?

Certified Passenger Safety Technician: Become certified to inspect and install child passenger seats. Offer individual appointments to citizens and participate in local safety clinics.

Court Liaison Office: Fold material, stuff and label envelopes.

Financial Crimes Unit: Help detectives track financial crime victims by data entering information from police reports into a database.

Neighborhood Watch: Present material to new groups, data enter member information, prepare informational packets.

Operations Analysis Unit: File and data enter unserialized stolen and pawned property.

Property Control Unit: Assist in cleaning the property cage, purge property that is no longer of evidentiary value, help transport unclaimed property to and from auction or charity.

Public Information Office: Be a part of the production staff of our monthly newsletter, The Rap Sheet.

Public Safety Substations: Help staff maintain community access to storefront offices.

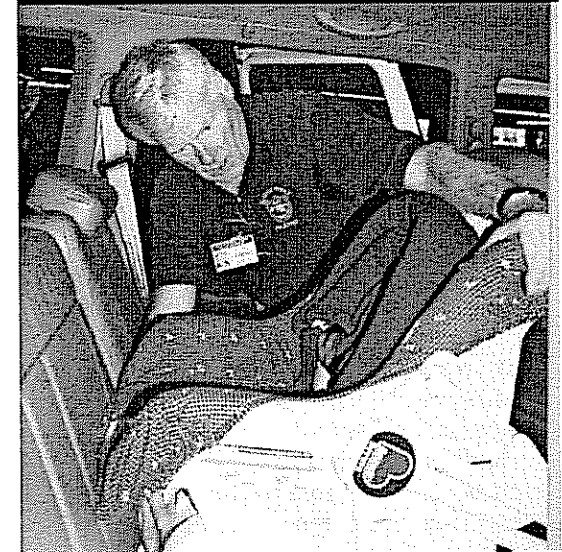
Radar Program: Data enter information into a database in preparation for sending educational letters to speeders.

Records Section: File, photocopy, and data enter citations and police reports.

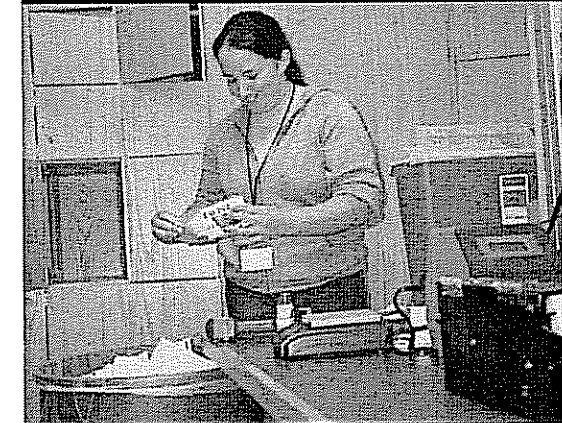
Seniors On Patrol: Patrol parks and neighborhoods, conduct home vacation checks, observe and report suspicious activities.

Speakers Bureau: Based on referrals from department employees, speak to community groups about fraud, consumer scams and identity theft.

Child Passenger Safety Technician



A volunteer helping out in the Property Control Unit



A Seniors On Patrol team member on radar patrol

