



Chief Jerry Dyer

MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the Fresno Police Department's Citizens on Patrol Unit is to reduce crime, improve the quality of life through the development of community awareness and to form a partnership between the community and the Police Department.



For more information on the Fresno Police Department's Citizens on Patrol program, please visit our website at: www.fresno.gov/fpd or call the Volunteer Coordinator's office at: (559) 621-2346



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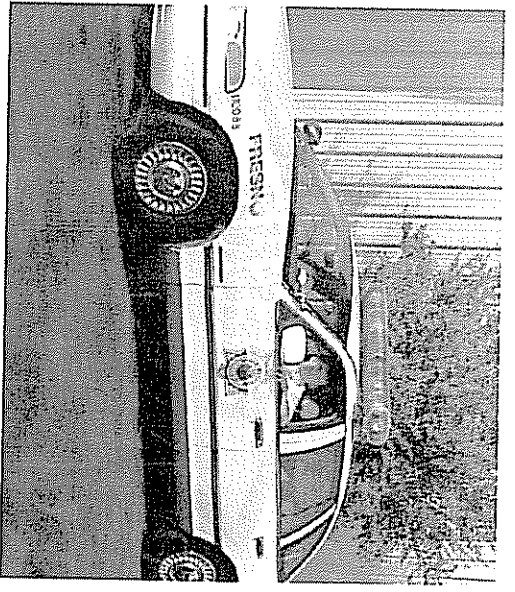
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Law enforcement has an important role in controlling, reducing and preventing crime. The Fresno Police Department is a visible expression of the community's desire for law and order. However, if inroads are to be made into the crime problem, law enforcement must join together with the community in a participatory effort directed towards crime reduction. The Citizens on Patrol (COP) Unit is a high-visibility, non-confrontational volunteer group which has been formed to help reduce and prevent crime in the City of Fresno.



The primary tasks of COP will be to provide crime deterrence through high-visibility patrols, report in-progress crimes, document suspicious persons or activities and/or unsafe conditions within an assigned patrol area. COP members will also provide operational assistance to on duty department members, while driving a marked patrol vehicle. It must be stressed, this is a uniformed, non-confrontational volunteer position, with all training based on that foundation.

DUTIES



COP duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. High-visibility non-confrontational patrol.
2. Assisting Officers/Community Service Officers as needed.
3. Traffic control.
4. Storing or impounding abandoned vehicles.
5. Crime scene preservation.
6. Re-supply of district stations as needed.
7. Search for missing children and adults.
8. Book property.
9. Transport Department vehicles.
10. Transport victims and witnesses.
11. Operate radar display boards.
12. Assist as special events and details.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Be at least 21 years of age.
2. Possess a valid California Drivers License. Applicants must also have and maintain a satisfactory driving record.
3. Have no felony convictions.
4. Have no misdemeanor convictions within two years of filing application.
5. Possess competent written/verbal English skills.
6. Successfully complete the Fresno Police Department's Citizens on Patrol Academy and an oral interview.
7. Attend a monthly district team meeting.
8. Attend a monthly COP training session.
9. Perform 16 hours of service each month.
10. Pass a background check.
11. Be in good physical condition and present a physician-signed medical waiver.

