

“C.O.P.S.”

Citizens in Omaha Police Service Volunteer Program



Omaha Police Department Your Ticket To Community Volunteering!

MISSION/VISION STATEMENTS

The Omaha Police Department, in partnership with our community, provides impartial, ethical, and professional law enforcement service and protection. We strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens while working to improve the quality of life. Our vision is to provide the environment for the Omaha Police Department and the volunteer C.O.P.S. program that results in reduction of crime and fear of crime, maximum efficiency, enhanced customer service, improved public confidence, and personal and professional growth.

The Omaha Police Department is looking for self-motivated individuals who are interested in criminal justice, sociology, business, computer science, geography, journalism or aviation and who wish to develop their skills within a volunteer program with flexible hours. The volunteer can expect from the Omaha Police Department:

- ◆ Consideration
- ◆ Patience
- ◆ Appreciation & acknowledgment
- ◆ Clear instructions
- ◆ Cooperative attitude
- ◆ Feedback on progress
- ◆ Treated as professional assistants
- ◆ Friendly and welcoming atmosphere
- ◆ Enthusiasm for creative ideas and suggestions
- ◆ An expanded knowledge of law enforcement procedures and policies



Volunteer At The Omaha Police Department! You'll Gain Valuable Experience And Earn Self Esteem.

DUTIES OF VOLUNTEERS MAY INCLUDE:

- Clerical
- Data Entry
- Answer Telephones
- Assist Investigators
- Assist with Special Projects
- Process Courtesy Tickets
- Assist Victims in Justice System
- Process and/or Assess Needs of Victims
- Complete Crime Reports by Telephone
- Review Police Reports
- Enforce Handicap Parking/Write Citations to Violators
- Explain/Assist with Compensation Forms
- Provide Spiritual Support to Citizens and Police Officers

UNITS VOLUNTEERS MAY BE ASSIGNED:

- * Chaplain Corps
- * Supply
- * Crime Lab
- * Domestic Violence Squad
- * Homicide/Robbery
- * Handicap Parking Enforcement Patrol
- * Telephone Report Squad
- * Burglary/Fraud
- * Victim Assistance
- * Auto Theft
- * Data Review & Records
- * Evidence & Property
- * Public Information Office
- * Training Academy
- * Air Support

WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING

Work will vary depending upon the unit the volunteer is assigned. It generally includes a variety of interesting tasks. Volunteers may request the opportunity to transfer to a variety of units over a period of time to broaden their volunteer experience and knowledge.

HOW TO APPLY

Call (402) 444-3598 or write the Coordinator of Volunteers at the Omaha Police Department to request an information packet that will include a Volunteer Application Form, Volunteer Agreement Form, Volunteer Statement of Confidentiality and Waiver Form, Emergency Data Sheet, and Identification Badge Request. To become a volunteer an individual must be at least 19 years of age.

Upon return of a completed application, reference checks, a criminal history background check and a personal interview are conducted for all volunteer applicants. *Volunteer assignments are based upon skills, talents and interests.*

WORDS of WISDOM

The more you give, the more you get;
The more you laugh, the less you fret;
The more you do unselfishly, the more you live abundantly;
The more of everything you share, the more you always have to spare;
The more you love, the more you find that life is good and friends are kind;
For only what you give away, Enriches you from day to day.

Anonymous

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