

Requirements

1. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
2. Possess a valid California driver's license. Applicants must also have and maintain a satisfactory driving record;
3. Have no felony convictions;
4. Have no misdemeanor convictions related to sex-related charges;
5. Have no misdemeanor DUI or Domestic Violence convictions within five years of filing of application;
6. Have no misdemeanor convictions within two years of filing application;
7. Pass background check;
8. Possess competent written/verbal English skills;
9. Successfully complete the Fresno Police Department's Citizens on Patrol Academy and an oral interview;
10. Attend monthly team meetings of their assigned area;
11. Perform 16 hours of service each month;
12. Attend quarterly COP training and meetings;
13. Be in good physical condition and have a physician-signed medical waiver; and
14. Purchase own uniform.



For more information on the Fresno Police Department's Citizens on Patrol program visit at:

www.fresno.gov/Government/DepartmentDirectory/

[Police/EmploymentandVolunteerService](#)

or call

(559) 621-2346



Citizens on Patrol



Join the Winning Team



Tow Inventory



Fingerprinting Children



Handicap Violation Citation

FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CITIZENS ON PATROL

Citizens on Patrol

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 City of Fresno's law enforcement team consists of: the Fresno Police Department, Reserve Unit, Citizens on Patrol, Neighborhood Watch, and other volunteer groups as needed.

The Citizens on Patrol (COP) Unit is a high-visibility, non-confrontational volunteer group whose goal is to help reduce and prevent crime in the City of Fresno.

Duties

Some of the duties include:

- Patrolling streets, malls, shopping centers, neighborhoods, etc.
- Assist officers and citizens
- Standby for tows and stranded motorists
- Traffic control for traffic collisions or road blockage
- Assist at DUI checkpoints
- Assisting with crime scene perimeter or preservation
- Search for missing children and at-risk adults
- Assist officers with certain reports and evidence collection
- Transport department vehicles
- Transport victims and witnesses
- Assist at special events and details

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.

