

In 1982 the Covina Police Department began the V.I.P. (Volunteers in Police) Program. For many years the Police Volunteers assisted the Police Department with various clerical duties. In May of 1994 we expanded our Police Volunteer Program to include Patrol Volunteers. This group is referred to as "C.V.P.s" (Citizen Volunteer Patrol) Program. The patrol volunteer's assist the Police Department with outdoor duties such as traffic control at fires, accidents, Parades and civic events, transporting Police vehicles for service, performing residential vacation checks, serving subpoenas, assisting citizens, enforcing handicapped parking regulations crossing guard, and other duties and many other helpful duties as needed.

Today the Police Volunteer program consists of 25 volunteers. Each year the Covina Police Department Volunteers donate a combined 10,000 hours of service to the City of Covina, resulting in nearly \$200,000 savings to the City.

The goal of the Police Volunteer Program is to recruit volunteers from the community, train them in a variety of Police related duties, and allow them to work in support of police department functions.

The Department provides classroom training, performed by Police personnel, as well as peer-training in various functions that our volunteers are required to perform. The Covina Police Department is hoping to continue to draw upon the vast experience of our local residents to aid in our Volunteer programs.

For additional information, on how you can join our volunteer force, please contact Candace Bobkiewicz (626) 384-5630 or email her at cbobkiewicz@covinaca.gov .