

What You Get When You Join:

When you join Citizens On Patrol you not only join an organization, YOU JOIN A TEAM. You will not only patrol your own neighborhood but once a month we have citywide ride-outs. The C.O.P. members meet at a local, predetermined restaurant to eat and swap stories. It is fun and fellowship for the entire group to enjoy. After the restaurant, all C.O.P. members take to the streets as a unified force and descend on a predetermined neighborhood. We patrol the neighborhood's border making a stand in the community we live, pay taxes, and raise our children. It is clear that we are going to fight for safer streets, property values, and our neighbors!

This is the program for you, if you want to take an active role in improving your neighborhood.

This is the program for you, if you are interested in fun, fellowship and making new friends.

This is the program for you!

**JOIN THE
CITIZENS ON
PATROL TEAM
TODAY!!!**

Contacts

For more information about the Citizens On Patrol or if you are interested in joining contact:

The Beaumont Police
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or

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*CITIZENS ON
PATROL*

AND MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN
YOUR COMMUNITY

*Come Join Our
Crime Fighting
Team Today!*



What is: Citizens On Patrol

In early 1995, the Beaumont Police Department along with several Beaumont neighborhood associations initiated a program called Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) The program consists of volunteers from established Beaumont neighborhood associations who donate their time to patrol their neighborhood while driving their own vehicles.

The object of the program is to provide more eyes and ears on the streets observing and reporting crime and/or suspicious activity.

Program guidelines prohibit participants from actions that would place them in a confrontational situation. Radios and a cellular telephone on which to call in incidents needing police attention will be handed out for your personal vehicles. Corporate sponsors and private individuals underwrite the program to help pay for cellular phones, radios, magnetic signs for participants' vehicles, miscellaneous equipment and distinctive clothing.

Participants may patrol any number of hours per week and at whatever time of day is convenient to them. Each participant must document his/her activities during patrol and this information is forwarded to the Beaumont Police Department.

Our Signs:

You can easily distinguish a Citizens On Patrol Vehicle. They have magnetic signs on the doors stating they are C.O.P. with our logo that you see on the front of this brochure.

Our Radios:

The Beaumont Police Department has recently upgraded their radio system. The Beaumont Police Department's new system has allowed for a specific channel to be used by the Beaumont C.O.P. group alone. The radios we use are exactly like the ones the police officers wear on their person to communicate with dispatch. These new radios serve a two-fold purpose.

First, any person patrolling will be able to check and see if other patrollers are out at the same time. If the patroller's neighborhood association is quiet, with little to no activity, then he may communicate with other patrollers and either join them in patrolling their neighborhood or the patrollers as a whole can go to another neighborhood association's area entirely and patrol in a coordinated effort. This will increase the eyes and ears on the street and not just serve Associations with active patrol groups but will also help those areas in Beaumont that have no active patrol groups at this time.

The C.O.P.s can contact officers directly. The Beaumont Police Department has a Community Oriented Policing Unit the two officers assigned to this unit have this radio in their patrol units.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Must be a City of Beaumont Resident
- No felony convictions and/or Class A or B misdemeanors within the past two years

Benefits:

- Safer Community
- Help decrease crime
- Learn police procedures
- Generate pride in your neighborhood
- Make new friends
- Participate on our email list-group
- Sense of Community

Our Ongoing Projects:

- City Wide Ride-Outs
- Our Annual Fundraisers
- Cops & Kids
- Membership Drive
- Officer Appreciation Picnic
- C.O.P. Scholarship
- Appreciation & Fellowship Dinner