

The Citizens On Patrol Program is composed in neighborhoods, much like your own, that have decided to insure the safety of their community by forming a partnership with the Mansfield Division of Police.

Volunteers wear uniforms or vests that proudly display to any potential criminal that *YOU* are the *eyes and ears* of law enforcement within this community.

Over 2,000 members from communities currently help law enforcement keep their neighborhoods safe by volunteering as a part of our neighborhood watch program.

Each volunteer in C.O.P.P. receives training, uniform and guidance from the Mansfield Police Division to ensure that this program succeeds in helping *eliminate crime from your neighborhood.*

## TO ORGANIZE A NEW CITIZENS ON PATROL UNIT

1. Visit a Neighborhood Watch meeting and talk with your neighbors. Tell them you are interested in discouraging crime in the neighborhood. Ask for participation.
2. Contact the Citizens on Patrol Coordinator at 419.755.9740 for assistance.
3. Plan the first meeting. Recruiting as many concerned citizens as possible. Be sure to include community groups, churches, fraternal organizations, etc.
4. At the first meeting, introduce yourself as the Citizens on Patrol Recruiter for your neighborhood. Explain the need and value of Citizens on Patrol.
5. After the first meeting, determine who you will be working with and establish an action plan.
6. Coordinate your activities with the Neighborhood Watch Association Leader

For additional information, contact the Citizens on Patrol Program Coordinator at 419.755.9740  
Or visit our web site at:  
[www.mansfieldpolicedepartment.com](http://www.mansfieldpolicedepartment.com)

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The Citizens on Patrol Program (C.O.P.P.) can be the most effective approach to residential safety, awareness and involvement. In your neighborhood, the C.O.P.P. serves as a strong deterrent against unlawful actions of potential criminals. Considerable credit for the reduction of crime is attributed to the presence of Citizens on Patrol units on the streets of participating neighborhoods across the country.

Each of the Citizens on Patrol participants has a sworn law enforcement liaison officer who monitors the performance of patrols under his/her jurisdiction.

The effectiveness of any neighborhood C.O.P.P. unit is totally dependent on the efficient management of the program by its Patrol leaders, together with the loyalty and dedication shared among the individual members.

Your willingness to serve with the program is a positive indication of your enthusiastic interest in the safety and security of your neighborhood. Your time and energy will be most worthwhile investment for the betterment of your community.

*Awareness and involvement* are keys to a successful Citizens on Patrol program. Keeping interest high and continuing the group's crime prevention education is the primary focus of all participants.

## CITIZENS ON PATROL ACTIVITIES

- ◇ Patrol designated area in a diligent and professional manner and observe suspicious occurrences, people or objects and check closed buildings upon request.
- ◇ Perform routine house checks of closed houses, when requested and report any unusual occurrences.
- ◇ Contact Police Communications upon observation of any suspicious activity, vehicle or person.
- ◇ Document Code and Permits violations that threaten the safety and quality of life in your neighborhood.
- ◇ Refer all questions to Patrol Leaders.
- ◇ Turn in all reports and paperwork to the Patrol Leaders.
- ◇ Be courteous and professional in the performance of duties and assigned tasks.
- ◇ Maintain all equipment in a proper condition.
- ◇ Maintain physical ability and appearances in conformity with the acceptable Mansfield Police Division standards.
- ◇ Attend on-going training sessions.

The Citizen Observer member have *NO law enforcement authority or power.*

## ***TO BECOME A CITIZEN ON PATROL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:***

1. Complete and return your C.O.P.P. application.
2. Your application will be reviewed by the C.O.P.P. Coordinator and a police background check will be performed.
3. If notified of acceptance, sign up for the C.O.P.P. training program, a free, 8-hour class at the Mansfield Police Division, which combines hands-on instruction and classroom exercises to:
  - ◇ increase citizen awareness
  - ◇ promote understanding of the C.O.P.P. role
  - ◇ prepare you for your C.O.P.P. patrolling activities
  - ◇ teach necessary C.O.P.P. safety and communication skills
4. After completing the class, you will be given a C.O.P. uniform, vest and badge

### ***FOR A C.O.P.P. APPLICATION***

Call the Citizens on Patrol Coordinator

At 419.755.9750

Or complete the request below:

Please send me Citizens on Patrol Program Application:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
Citizens on Patrol Coordinator  
Mansfield Division of Police  
30 N. Diamond Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

Or e-mail to: [MPD@ci.mansfield.oh.us](mailto:MPD@ci.mansfield.oh.us)