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CITIZENS ON PATROL



Barrie, Ontario

Information Package



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Mission Statement

“Barrie Police Service in partnership with our community is committed to serve the needs of the citizens of Barrie by providing an efficient and effective level of service through crime prevention and protection programs”

Purpose

This program is designed to provide an opportunity for approved individuals to participate in the observation and reporting of any criminal or potentially criminal activity to Barrie Police Service. These volunteers become the ‘eyes and ears’ for Barrie Police while on patrol.

This program does not promote, require or ask for any involvement of members in the apprehension of criminals. The purpose is solely to observe and report – to be the ‘eyes and ears’ for Barrie Police Service.



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Definition of a Volunteer

A volunteer is anyone who, without compensation or expectation of compensation, performs a task at the direction of and on behalf of Barrie Police Service’s Volunteer Program- ‘Citizens on Patrol.’

Volunteer Participation

Volunteers, in liaison with Barrie Police Service, operate the COP program. Volunteers are vital to its success and provide patrols with the utmost priority placed on safety. The program is currently operating with a civilian patrol coordinator and a police liaison.

The civilian patrol coordinator works with the Police Liaison Officer on matters dealing with the program. Other duties include organizing meetings and promoting the program. The civilian coordinator has a list of COP members and organizes the weekly patrols. Members phone the coordinator to register themselves in for a night or day patrol. Both coordinators then communicate to each other to determine if a volunteer will be able to go out for that particular patrol. Weather conditions as well as availability of members are what determine if a patrol will be on the road.

We ask each and every member to contact the coordinator to register for a patrol, rather than the coordinator calling you. Your coordinator will only call you if you haven’t met your commitment to the program and haven’t communicated to the coordinator any absence you may require.



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Volunteer Service Description and Qualifications

Position: Citizen on Patrol Team Member

Goal of Position: To enhance the Barrie Police Service’s objective to prevent crime.

Work Site: City of Barrie

Qualifications

- Applicant must be 18 years of age and be of good moral character
- Valid Ontario G Driver’s License
- Must be able to speak and read English (2nd language an asset)
- First Aid/CPR
- Undergo Criminal Record Check and Drivers Licence Check
- Pass Selection Interview Process
- Commit to at least one patrol per month (5 hour min)
- Attend Patrol Training Meetings as requested
- Must be able to work in team setting, take direction from senior patrol members or police officers. You must also as obey rules of the program as laid out in the training manual or otherwise communicated to the member

Sample Activities:

- Mobile and Stationary Surveillance
- Observing and reporting crimes or suspicious activity



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Property checks and duties as requested by Police

Selection Process

Application

Pre- approved application form

Background Check/ Screening

Individuals will be required to agree to a Police background check. This is provided free of charge by Barrie Police Service

Interview

A formal interview panel with behavioral scenario type questions will be conducted.

Training

As detailed in training manual

Picture for Photo ID

A picture taking session will be arranged to photograph you for your identification COP badge. The Barrie Police Liaison will make these arrangements.

Secrecy of Oath

Due to the information you may be made aware of; you will be required to take part in an Oath of Secrecy. At times throughout your patrols you will be made privy to information and, as well, you may hear information that must remain private and confidential.



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Training

1. Safety and Confidentiality
2. Policy and Procedures
3. Roles and Responsibilities
4. Communication Protocol
5. Common Occurrences/Scenarios
6. Court Testifying
7. Reports/ Note Taking



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Organization/ Contact Information

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