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# Sheriff's Citizen Patrol

*"Police are the community and the  
community are the police."*

Sir Robert Peel 1788 - 1850



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## El Paso County Sheriff's Office

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*Citizens Serving Our Community*

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Honesty ★ Loyalty ★ Unity

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The Sheriff's Citizen Patrol is a citizen based program that allows residents of El Paso County the ability to volunteer within their community performing law enforcement related duties that do not require a sworn officer. This program allows its volunteers to actively participate in a wide variety of areas in law enforcement that were historically unavailable to its volunteers. Some of these areas include:

- **Motorist Assist** – Help stranded motorists.
- **Traffic Control** – Assist the primary Deputy at accident scenes. Speed monitoring, reporting, etc.
- **Parking Complaints** – Report and tag abandoned vehicles. Assess parking violations. (Does not Issue Summons)
- **Crime Prevention Assistance** – Coordinate officer presence during school hours, coordinate neighborhood watch, conduct vacation checks on homes, update business information cards, etc.
- **Residential/Business Alarms** – Remote observation and reporting from vehicle.
- **Towing** – Assist deputies with impounding suspect and abandoned vehicles.
- **Animal Complaints** – respond to calls of loose or abandoned animals as well as animal neglect or abuse.



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Training for this program is twofold. First, volunteers are recruited from an 8-week Citizens Academy. Classes meet on Thursday nights at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office training facility. The training includes the mission of the Sheriff's Office as well as an overview of the various bureaus and divisions that comprise the Office.

During the Citizens Academy, the Sheriff's Citizen Patrol program is covered and those students who are interested are recruited as conditional members at that time. Applicants must successfully complete a background process required of Deputy Sheriff candidates due to the position of trust they will hold with the public.

Once a citizen completes these requirements, a second 45-hour training program is required. This program meets two nights a week for five weeks and covers a myriad of law enforcement related topics. The curriculum focuses on skills needed while working as a 'Citizen Patrol volunteer. Topics include law enforcement ethics, report writing, radio communications, speed monitoring equipment, traffic direction, crime analysis and much more.

Upon graduation, volunteers will be quickly integrated into the Patrol Division conducting ride-alongs with their assigned Field Training Officer to gain on the job training experience.

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#### **Minimum Requirements Include**

- 21 years of age or older and United States citizenship
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Pass a background investigation, Computer Stress Voice Analysis (CVSA) exam, a medical screening, and a drug screen
- No prior felony conviction
- Able to deal with sensitive information and maintain confidentiality

### **Volunteering with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office**

**T**he El Paso County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Corps is a collective citizen group with a true and common desire to partner with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office by volunteering their services while learning more about the internal workings of the Sheriff's Office. As the population of El Paso County grows, so does the demand for services on the Sheriff's Office. The use of citizen volunteers, in part, has allowed the Sheriff's Office to meet these demands.

**V**olunteers currently work in a variety of interesting positions within the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

**D**uring 2009 volunteers provided the Sheriff's Office with over 91,000 service hours.

**J**oin our team of over 500 volunteers!

"Our volunteers contribute to the Sheriff's Office through the interaction of citizens working with our staff, and the tremendous cost savings their volunteer efforts provide the community on a daily basis."

*- Sheriff Terry Maketa*