

The greatest asset of any community is its people. A barometer of that value is the willingness of the people to become volunteers.

3 STEPS TO BECOME A Citizen Patrol volunteer

- 1. Visit our website and download an application.***
- 2. Gather your community group volunteers.***
- 3. Contact your area police substation and speak to your Community service officer to schedule training.***



Emergency 9-1-1

**Police Non-Emergency
713-884-3131**

**For General Information
Contact Your Local Police Station**

**Visit
www.houstonpolice.org**

**Public Affairs Office
713-308-3200**

Your Community Service

Officer is _____

Tel _____

CITIZEN PATROL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Keep Houston
SAFE



Citizen Patrol

The Houston Police Department is committed to using volunteers to enhance the delivery of police service through the Department's Police Volunteer Initiatives Program. An important component of the Police Volunteer Initiatives Program is Citizen Patrol.

The Houston Police Department is concerned about crime in your neighborhood. Many Citizen Patrol groups are now operating in communities throughout the city in an effort to bring together the citizens and the police for a common goal. That goal is to improve the quality of life for area residents by preventing, reducing, or eliminating crime.

Citizen Patrol groups are designed to provide a means for citizens to organize into patrol groups for the purpose of being visible in their community. The value of police-citizen cooperation is well illustrated by the success of Citizen Patrol programs nationwide.

Goals of Citizen Patrol

- To provide an effective method of addressing neighborhood crimes and neighborhood decline.
- To promote a friendly and safer neighborhood environment while respecting the privacy and rights of all citizens.
- To encourage awareness and provide improved communication among neighbors.
- To upgrade the quality of life and property values in the area.



Minimum Qualifications and Standards for Police Volunteers—Citizen Patrol

- 18 years of age or older
- Valid Texas Driver License
- Pass Police Department background check
- MUST be trained by the Houston Police Department

Neighborhood Citizen Patrol Qualifications

- Designate a coordinator
- Recommendation of at least 8 people participating in program
- Commitment from the group to patrol a minimum of 30 hours per month.
- Submit a monthly report detailing the group's activity
- Submit a clearly marked map outlining the area to be patrolled.

