


National Association Citizens On Patrol Receives Federal Grant to Help Expand the Use of Police Volunteers!

Since its founding, the National Association Citizens On Patrol has received numerous requests from law enforcement departments across the nation to provide them with technical assistance and help in forming Citizen Patrol programs. With shrinking budgets and more focus on terrorism alerts being shifted to local police and sheriff's departments, the need for well trained and qualified patrol volunteers to assist with non-enforcement duties, while acting as additional "Eyes and Ears" has never been greater. President Bush's call to action and the formation of the Citizen Corps has raised the awareness level of many Americans who want to volunteer their time; however, many find it difficult to locate an existing group where they can donate their time.

As part of the \$50,000 in federal funding, the NACOP will over the next year:

- 1) Develop and Conduct two additional regional Citizen Patrol Conferences on the East Coast,
- 2) Expand the distribution of this newsletter, "Eyes and Ears", to over 2,000 additional Law Enforcement agencies across the nation. The goal is to share the many good things Citizen Patrol groups do with others in hopes they to will look to develop their own group.
- 3) Develop the first ever made for TV, generic 30 second PSA advertisement along with a Print Media Public Service Ad. Once developed, broadcast quality copies will be made available to any Citizen Patrol group, via their Law Enforcement Agency, to be used locally to help get the word out about their own organization with the goal of helping to assist with their recruitment efforts and generally spread the good word about Citizen Patrol groups.



VIPS
Volunteers in Police Service

"We want to be a Nation that serves goals larger than self. We have been offered a unique opportunity, and we must not let this moment pass."
President George W. Bush

Are You Interested in Enhancing or Expanding Your Existing Volunteer Program? Are You Interested in Starting a Volunteer Program?

On behalf of the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps and U.S. Department of Justice, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is managing and implementing the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program.

The goal of VIPS is to provide support for resource-constrained law enforcement agencies by tapping civilian volunteers to supplement their community's law enforcement professionals.

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