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The National Association Citizens On Patrol

Corporate Status
A Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation registered and incorporated within the state of California organized as an IRS 501C3 tax exempt charitable organization.

Mission Statement
1) Support existing Citizen Patrol organizations with increased communications, education and training to further increase their professionalism and efficiency, as well as assisting in recruitment and retention efforts.

2) Promote the use of Citizen Patrol organizations in areas where they are not currently used by educating the community as to the many benefits such as reduced crime and cost savings.

3) Educate the general public and media regarding the role of Citizen Patrol organizations and how they benefit the community.

4) Ensure the NACOP organization is staffed by individuals with the skills necessary for the association to be managed professionally.

Long Term Goal
Provide Citizen Patrol organizations across the nation with the same level of recognition, awareness, and respect that other public safety organizations have which will help to increase the volunteers pride.

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Funding and Donations
The National Association Citizens On Patrol was initially funded by its founder. Currently our only source of funding comes from membership fees received by Citizen Patrol groups and individual members who in turn receive services such as this newsletter, group web sites, training seminars, etc.

Like any organization, our need for additional funding to continue our growth and achieve our goals is constant. We will gladly accept and welcome tax deductible donations from individuals and corporations. All donations will be used 100% to fund the NACOP which will in turn help us to keep our communities safe for all.
Welcome to the Spring 2001 edition of "Eyes and Ears", the only Newsletter in the world dedicated to Citizen Patrol organizations and volunteers.

In this issue of “Eyes and Ears” we are excited to profile two more Citizen Patrol groups along with providing two news articles about two separate C.O.P. Groups. One that we find most interesting is how the California Highway Patrol is using trained citizen volunteers to assist in patrolling the highways and helping to reduce traffic related injuries by getting people to slow down. This is the first time we know of Citizen Patrol volunteers being used on highways. Our hats off to the CHP for taking this most innovative approach and using trained citizens to assist them with the difficult yet very important task of patrolling our highways and keeping us safe!

We welcome the opportunity to Profile more and more of our member organizations; and, if you’d like to see your group “Profiled”, just contact us and we’ll send you a “Profile Form” to fill out to provide us with the information we need. It’s that easy and we do the rest!

New and Old Goals
The new year is off to a great start for the NACOP. One of our goals for the year 2001 was to increase our membership to 2,500 members. I am very happy and excited to say we are less than half way into our new year and we are more than half way to our goal with 2,000 volunteers. We would like to thank the City of Miami, Florida, Police Department for enrolling 300 of their Citizen Patrol volunteers which has helped us to jump start our goal.

With the great success we have been seeing with increased membership over the past two years, I am announcing a new goal for our organization called "50 in 5". Fifty in Five refers to our new long-term goal of having member organizations in all fifty states within five years. While some may say this is a very aggressive goal, we say, you cannot reach a goal without one! I am very confident this goal is attainable and will be met. To help us reach this goal, a new program will be announced soon to assist in our efforts to further encourage membership in all fifty states.

Citizen Patrol Conference Update
Our conference is less than three months away and on the following pages you can learn more about the exciting program we have in store for everyone this year. All your feedback from last year was incorporated into this year’s event and I am confident those of you who attended last year’s conference will see the difference and enjoy yourself even more. Please be sure to fill out this years conference survey forms to let us know how we did.

For the past 18 years, Mr. Femister has been a professional in the Information Technology area. Prior to that he served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard conducting Search and Rescue Missions and Law Enforcement patrols. Mr. Femister has been an active Citizen Patrol member for over three years and completed a Level II Reserve Police Officer training course. He also serves as an on-call Volunteer with the local county Fire Department.

Funding Update
I recently met with our local Congressman, Ken Calvert, to seek his support for our federal grant request to the Department of Justice. I am very grateful to Congressman Calvert and the members of his staff for all their help and support in this effort. If successful, our services and support for all Citizen Patrol groups will be greatly expanded which will benefit all citizens. Thank you again to Congressman Calvert!

Hope to see all of you on July 14th for our second annual Citizen Patrol Conference. Until then, be Safe, be Seen, be Heard and Make a Difference!
Meaningful Assignments Lead to Volunteer Ownership.

by Sergeant Cliff Weston

In March of 1999 I threw my name in the hat for one of two Sergeant positions in San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department Volunteer Forces Unit. After being considered along with several other candidates, I was selected to fill the position. I really had no idea what I was getting myself into. What an experience this has been!

I had worked around Citizen Volunteers most of my 18 years of patrol experience, but never understood the contribution they made to the success of the Sheriff’s Department. When I began to realize the number of hours these folks spend and the support they give I found it unbelievable!

Our Department is unique to most in the way our volunteers are organized. Because we cover such a large geographical area, 20,000+ square miles, each of twenty-nine C.O.P. groups acts independently, with their own coordinator, yet is under the control of Volunteer Forces. Volunteer Forces in our Department is the administrative office for all types of volunteers, Reserves, Explorers, Search & Rescue as well as C.O.P.s. San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department has a total of 2000+ volunteers.

One area that is commonly overlooked by most Coordinators and the staff of a department is recognition. One way I have found to do this is to let them develop their own programs, under the guidance of their coordinator and in our Department’s case, Volunteer Forces. This develops ownership in the project and the more ownership the volunteers have in their project the more they are willing to be supportive of the effort. With ownership they do a better job with less supervision. The volunteers must feel that what they are doing is worthwhile. If they develop the program or project from the ground up ownership comes along as a natural part of the process and it is felt that it is worth their time and effort.

When the volunteers develop their own “programs”, they care more, the more they care, the more willing they are to assume leadership and ownership. The volunteer has to feel the work assigned is meaningful. Too often “we” give assignments to our volunteers because it is something we think is a good idea or something that “we” don’t want to do. Too often “we” as coordinators give work without any explanation as to why that assignment is meaningful. The more understanding the volunteer has in the purpose of an assignment and why that particular job is meaningful the more worthwhile they feel. Or better yet by letting them develop their own assignments, ownership is developed and the above mentioned benefits result.

The bottom line is by allowing the volunteers to develop their own programs or to figure out a way for them to buy in to your ideas as theirs, the more meaningful it will be to them, and the happier and more appreciated they will feel. You will look better as a leader and your volunteers will be happier.

Sergeant Cliff Weston is a 21 year veteran of the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department. During his past 21 years as a Law Enforcement professional, he as served in a variety of positions including Patrol and Vice, Narcotics, as a Detective and then shared his knowledge with others in the training center for five years. He is currently in charge of Citizen Patrol volunteer units as well as Reserves and Explorers.
The National Association Citizens On Patrol is pleased to announce our Second Annual Citizens On Patrol Conference, the only of its kind in the nation! The purpose of this conference is to educate, motivate, inform, and allow members to share their experiences while spending a fun day with fellow volunteers and members of Law Enforcement from around the country and Canada.

Training sessions will include informative speakers who are recognized working experts in their field presenting topics that are directly related to helping Citizen Patrol Volunteers perform their duties better and safer. There will also be a breakout session for law enforcement Citizen Patrol Coordinators to share their experiences and discuss topics of interest to them. Departments interested in starting a Citizen Patrol organization are welcome to attend this session and learn from those who do.

We encourage Citizen Patrol groups to bring their patrol vehicles to share and view with others. A special secure area will be set aside in the parking lot for all Citizen Patrol vehicles to be displayed and for folks to meet during the two hour lunch break. Members of the NACOP whose patrol vehicles are parked within this area will automatically be considered for, and judged in, the “Best in Show” contest to be awarded at the end of the day.

We look forward to seeing you in July for a fun and exciting day!

There is no charge for qualified individuals however you must pre-register. To register for this conference please mail, fax, or e-mail us with the following information to:

NACOP, P.O. Box 1073, Corona, CA, 92878-1073
Fax: 909-279-1915, e-mail: contactus@nacop.org
Web: www.nacop.org Phone: (not preferred) 909-898-8551

Please provide us with the following information:

Your name, complete mailing address, phone number and Citizen Patrol or Law Enforcement organization you are associated with.

Registration packages with maps to the location will be mailed 30 days prior to the conference.
The NACOP Second Annual Citizens On Patrol Conference will be held at Crossroads Conference Center, Corona, California.

This site features a large lobby, comfortable conference seating, and plenty of patio area and parking.

Visit our website at: www.nacop.org The only site on the internet dedicated to Citizens On Patrol
| **WHEN:** | Saturday, July 14, 2001, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| **WHERE:** | Crossroads Conference Center, Corona, California  
Near the 15 and 91 Freeway Interchange. Maps will be mailed with registration package |
| **WHO:** | The conference is open to all active Citizen Patrol Volunteers, Citizen Patrol Coordinators, and other sworn members of law enforcement who have an interest in Citizen Patrol organizations. |
| **COST:** | No fee for NACOP members or Active members of a Citizen Patrol group or members of law enforcement. |
| **FOOD:** | Lunch will be cooked and prepared on site by "the Tactical Chef" for $6.00, paid at time of serving. Soft drinks also available. Outside tables and chairs will be set up for a lunch time eating area. This is a great time to sit down, meet others and enjoy a great meal in the warm sun. |
| **ATTIRE:** | For the purposes of identification and security we ask that all Citizen Patrol volunteers please wear their uniforms. Short pants are acceptable as we expect the weather to be warm. Uniforms for Members and Employees of Law Enforcement are optional; however, we do request your department ID and/or Badge be worn. |
| **AWARDS:** | NACOP “Citizen Patrol Volunteer of the Year Award”, “Leadership Award”, "Citizen Patrol Coordinator of the Year" and “Best in Show Patrol Vehicle” at the conference. |
| **LODGING:** | Discounted rooms are available for conference attendees within a 10 minute drive of the conference site at the Country Inn, 2260 Griffin Way, Corona, CA. 909-734-2140. Rooms with full buffet breakfast are $86.00 per night. Rates for attendees who are city, county, or state employees $79.00 |

**ATTENTION: COORDINATOR NOMINATIONS NEEDED!**
To help recognize and reward the efforts of the men and women who serve as Citizen Patrol Coordinators for their Law Enforcement departments, we need your help. This year we will present an award for the "Citizen Patrol Coordinator of the Year". To make this possible, we need your nominations. If you feel your Coordinator deserves this award, please tell us why and submit your response by mail, fax or e-mail no later than June 1, 2001. ALL nominations will be considered and judged by a panel of five impartial judges who will select one candidate for the award. The selected Coordinator will be presented with this award during the conference closing ceremonies. This is your chance to make a difference and let your Coordinator know you care and appreciate his/her efforts. Please include your name and contact information along with a one page or less statement of why you feel your Coordinator is the best. Don't be shy, we want to hear from you!
Second Annual Citizens On Patrol Conference Agenda
Saturday, July 14th, 2001, Crossroads Conference Center, Corona, California

8:00 - 9:00 Pre-registered attendees check in, Coffee bar available on site
Citizen Patrol vehicles park in special area for judging and viewing

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome, Opening statements, Agenda review

9:15 - 9:30 Keynote speech by Sheriff Larry Smith, Riverside County Sheriffs Dept

9:30 - 10:15 Traffic Control Procedures, how to be safe and control traffic effectively. Speaker from the California Highway Patrol

10:15 - 10:30 BREAK

10:30 - 11:30 Crime Prevention Programs for your community that work. Speaker: Officer Tom Carney, North Miami Beach Police Dept

11:30 - 1:30 Lunch Break. Food will be available and cooked on site at the conference for a modest fee along with soft drinks. This two hour lunch break session can also be used for attendees to meet and exchange information with each other. A special area within the parking lot will be set aside for all C.O.P. patrol vehicles to park and be on display for others to view. Patrol vehicles in this area will automatically be judged for the “Best In Show Vehicle” award

1:30 - 2:00 Welcome back! Special Guest Presentation

2:00 - 4:00 Law Enforcement, Citizen Patrol Coordinators Break out sessions. This session is for Active Full Time Sworn/Non Sworn law Enforcement Department Employees ONLY!

2:00 - 2:50 Verbal Judo, How to use your mind to stay safe and speak with authority. Speaker: Mr. Steve Wopershall, Verbal Judo Institute

2:50 - 3:00 BREAK

3:00 - 4:00 Patrol Procedures, How to be most effective on patrol and safe Speaker: LT. Doug Kingery, Bell Gardens Police Deptartment

4:00 - 4:15 BREAK

4:15 - 5:00 Awards Presentation, Raffle Drawings, Special Video Tribute to Citizens on Patrol
**North Miami Beach, Florida, Citizens Mobile Patrol Updates:**

The North Miami Beach Citizens Patrol recently held its annual Volunteer appreciation and awards dinner for the year 2000. Citizens Patrol of the Year Award went to the "Entire Thursday Night Shift" for their outstanding contribution to the program. No one individual could be singled out this year for the award. Our Thursday Night Shift overall work product was unmatched by any other shift," said their coordinator, Officer Tom Carney.

Parking Enforcement Specialist of the Year was given to their member Aaron Sandler (also a member of their Citizens Patrol) for his outstanding contribution to the program, especially due to the fact that he is stricken with Cerebral Palsy. The city purchased "AutoCite" electronic ticket devices for their handicapped specialists that have difficulty writing tickets. The money for these devices comes from revenues from handicapped parking ticket fines.

**Welcome New Members to the National Association Citizens On Patrol:**

This past quarter, Citizen Patrol groups from the City of Miami, Florida, with 300 Volunteers, the City of Willcox, Arizona, with 25 Volunteers and Chelsea, Alabama, with 25 Volunteers, joined our organization adding a total of 350 new volunteers to our nationwide organization. We welcome these new members and appreciate their support!

**Congratulations to California Assemblyman, Rod Pacheco**

California State Assemblymember Rod Pacheco was named the “Legislator of the Year” by a coalition of law enforcement unions. The Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Riverside County, California, made up of peace officers unions throughout the county, honored Mr. Pacheco for his contributions to public safety. Assemblyman Pacheco was the keynote speaker at our first annual Citizen Patrol conference and we appreciate his support of Citizen Patrol organizations and volunteers.

**Cell Phone becomes deadly:**

Law Enforcement departments in Southern California and elsewhere have discovered a new way for criminals to disguise their guns. Recently, several guns have been recovered that looked like a Cell Phone and were designed that way on purpose to hide them and be more deadly. Be on the lookout for bad guys with cell phones and never assume anything!

**Citizen Patrol Conference Sponsors Wanted:**

To help offset the cost of the upcoming second annual NACOP Citizen Patrol conference, we are seeking company sponsors who would be interested in supporting this event with financial contributions or products to be raffled at the event. Sponsors names will be listed on all conference material, the NACOP web site, and throughout the conference. Sponsors will also be provided with an area at the conference to display their product or service offerings to all attendees. Sponsors will also be provided with a handsome plaque to display their support of our organization. Four levels of sponsorship are available, Silver $250.00, Gold $500.00, Platinum $750.00, and Diamond $1,000.00 and above.

Interested parties should contact Art Femister, President, 909-898-8551.
Auto Accidents and Citizens On Patrol

What are you getting yourself into?

By John M. Bair, D.C., Q.M.E.

Auto accident injuries can be very dangerous due to a few laws of physics. One is that energy is never created or destroyed. It is always transferred in some form or another. In an automobile accident, the transfer of energy is as follows: Minimal energy is transferred into heat (thermal energy) and the greatest is transferred and dissipated as strain energy. Strain energy is the transferred force which damages the vehicle and its occupants. If the occupants are wearing a shoulder-type seat belt harness, the only place for the energy to be transferred is the occupant’s neck. This can cause serious injuries to the muscles, ligaments, spine or spinal cord. For these reasons, it is important that first responders, like police officers and citizen patrol officers, understand the types of injuries that occur in these collisions and what and what not to do for victims.

Most accidents that we respond to are minor in nature. Someone was unable to stop in time and has just rear-ended someone else. Necks are sore, occupants are scared and confused, feelings are hurt, but everyone is going to be all right. In these cases, most likely, soreness is the result of small muscle tears. If the impact is a little more substantial, ligaments may be torn as well. In these cases, victims will see the local chiropractor for a few treatments and should be feeling better fairly soon. These are not the types of accidents that first responders need to be concerned with coming across.

The accidents that need to be mentioned are the more serious accidents where the occupants have substantial injuries. These are the accidents that we get dispatched to or drive up on and the victims are not out of their cars exchanging information. They may be unconscious or in a great deal of pain. Lacerations to the face, however small, suggest an impact with something else in the car. In these more serious accidents, the victim could have a concussion, the esophagus could be torn causing internal bleeding, or the spine could be fractured, allowing the two halves of the spine to sever the spinal cord, paralyzing the victim for life or maybe even causing death.

The worst part about this is that victims with a fractured spine can sometimes look just as normal and healthy as they did before the accident. Without x-rays, there is little we can do to determine if the spine has been damaged. If you have ever watched the paramedics remove a victim from a vehicle, you have probably noticed that hard plastic collar they put around the neck of the victim. They then place a board behind the person’s back to immobilize them before they get them out of the car. This is to keep the spine very still. In case the spine has been damaged. The person can then be loaded into an ambulance, taken to the hospital where x-rays can be taken and the patient can receive the proper care.

As a first responder, it is important that you are aware of these types of injuries and not try to move victims out of their vehicles. Unless the car is on fire, there are very few reasons to get a person out of a car before the paramedics arrive. Your best bet is to leave the victim in the vehicle, keep them still, and reassure them that the paramedics are on the way and they will be helped soon. Seeing a uniformed officer, whether a full-time police officer or a citizen patrol officer, the victim will be somewhat comforted by your presence. Keep your voice calm and stay with them if you can. If they’re able to speak, obtain the victim’s personal information, a brief idea of what happened, and where they are hurting. This will give the responding officers and paramedics some information, should the patient lose consciousness. By following these simple steps, and not acting too quickly, you can save someone’s life and look like the hero that you, the citizen patrol officer, truly are.
**PATROL PROCEDURE SAFETY TIP**

Be sure you can be seen from above.

*By Arthur Femister, NACOP*

**Question:** If you called for assistance and could not be found by ground units, could an airborne unit, such as a department helicopter find you? In many cases with regards to Citizen Patrol vehicles the answer is probably no; but, you need to be. What if you were following a stolen vehicle or a wanted suspect and the only available unit was a police or sheriff’s helicopter, what would make you stand out in traffic from other vehicles? The answer in many cases is, nothing, unless you take the steps to do so. Like most law enforcement vehicles, you need to make sure your Citizen Patrol vehicle has unique ID markings on the roof or trunk so a unit overhead can spot you easily. You never know when the time might come when seconds count and you need to be located immediately; or, worse yet, if you are unable to call for help and ground units are searching for you yet unable to find your vehicle in a timely fashion. Help those who may need to help you some day and make your Citizen Patrol vehicle easy to spot from above, while you can.

Pictured to the left is a Citizen Patrol vehicle with its unit ID number on its roof for easy viewing by airborne units.

**Wanted:** Ideas for future Patrol Safety Tips! Have a thought or idea you'd like to share with others, please let us know and we will gladly consider all suggestions for future publication. This is your opportunity to help others be safe on the streets!

If you’d like to comment on this story or have a suggestion, please call, write, or E-Mail us at the contact information located on the cover page.
Pharmacology Background

Use of heroin, a narcotic derivative of the opium poppy plant, poses a grave danger to the United States. The DEA considers heroin a serious threat due to its expanded availability, cheap price, and increasing abuse, as well as the devastating social and health consequences of heroin addiction. Pure heroin is a white powder with a bitter taste. Most illicit heroin is distributed in powder form and may vary in color from white to dark brown because of impurities left from the manufacturing process or the presence of additives. During the last decade, the purity of street heroin ranged from one to ten percent; more recently, the purity of heroin, especially that from South America, has skyrocketed to rates as high as 98 percent, with the national purity average at 41 percent. Heroin is most often injected; however, high-purity heroin may also be snorted or smoked.

Another form of heroin known as “black tar” is available in the western United States. Black tar heroin, which is produced only in Mexico, may be sticky like roofing tar or hard like coal, and its color may vary from dark brown to black. The color and consistency of black tar heroin result from the crude processing methods used to illicitly manufacture heroin in Mexico. Black tar heroin is often sold on the street in its tarlike state at purities ranging from 20 to 80 percent. It is most frequently dissolved, diluted, and injected.

The effects that heroin may have on users include euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, and nausea. Effects of heroin overdose include slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, and possible death. The most recent report of the Drug Abuse Warning Network, which tracks drug abuse deaths and emergency room episodes in major U.S. cities, indicated a steady increase in the number of heroin-related deaths from 1992 through 1998. In this study, the number of incidents where heroin/morphine (these two substances cannot be differentiated once the body metabolizes them) was found in the bloodstream rose from 2,868 in 1992 to 4,327 in 1998.

Availability

Heroin is readily available in all major U.S. metropolitan areas but the sources and types of heroin available in parts of the United States vary from region to region. Most of the heroin found in the eastern United States is high-purity heroin from South America, while heroin found in the West is usually black tar heroin from Mexico.

Sources

Most of the heroin seized by the DEA now comes from Colombia and Mexico. Previously, Southeast and Southwest Asian heroin dominated the U.S. market, but these types are no longer available in sizeable quantities in cities along the East Coast, where, historically, there had been the greatest demand for heroin. In 1998, the DEA Heroin Signature Program indicated that 65 percent of the heroin seized in the United States originated in South America and another 17 percent came from Mexico. Further evidence of increasing amounts of Mexican heroin was substantiated in a 1998 independent study that indicated that 29 percent of the heroin used in the United States comes from Mexico.

Source for above data: DEA Report on Heroin use in America, April 2001
What To Do When You Encounter Leaking Gasoline At The Site Of An Accident.

by Captain Mike Samuels, Certified HazMat Specialist

You are patrolling in your (City, Town, County) when you happen upon a traffic accident. You stop to render aid. As you approach the accident scene, you see a liquid coming from the rear of the vehicle. A closer inspection reveals that it is gasoline. What should you do now?

The following should help you properly deal with gasoline and its hazards. Gasoline is categorized by the Department Of Transportation as a flammable liquid. The primary hazard of gasoline is its flammability, however it is mildly toxic in extremely high concentrations.

Gasoline is always in a “ready to burn” state. Remember that of the three states of matter (solid, liquid, and gas) only gases burn. In this case, the gasoline vapors present in the air provide the fuel for fire. Another physical property that is important to you is that gasoline will float on water. This can be important if the spill enters a waterway or sewer manhole. Lastly, gasoline vapors are HEAVIER than air. That means that they will tend to follow the ground and collect in low lying areas.

What can you do? The most important thing for you to do is to have your ID. The acronym ID stands for, Isolate the area and Deny entry. Remember, it is the vapor that burns. If you can isolate the area, meaning stop traffic both vehicle and pedestrian, you can eliminate an ignition source that may ignite the vapor. Also, this will remove bystanders from the area who might get caught in a vapor flash fire. Remember to clear a large enough area downwind and downhill as the vapor will collect in low lying areas.

Do not use road flares near the product. Road flares may ignite the surrounding vapors. I suggest using traffic cones or yellow barrier tape to isolate the area. Also, remember your vehicle may act as an ignition source. Be sure to park a safe distance from the spill. Make sure you are parked upwind and uphill.

Do not apply water to the spill. This will cause the gasoline to float on water and travel a greater distance.

Do not attempt to stop the leak yourself. Allow the leak to continue until trained firefighters can respond with the appropriate safety clothing. Also, remember that aid to the injured may have to be delayed until the scene is safe.

Clean up should be handled by the appropriate authorities. Gasoline is usually absorbed into a non reactive product like kitty litter and disposed of properly. Keep in mind that as long as the vapor is in the air, the potential for fire still exists.

Gasoline is extremely flammable and can be dangerous if not dealt with properly. Remember, the best action you can take is to use your ID. Isolate the area and deny entry. Be safe.
The following article is a reprint from the San Bernardino Sun March 11, 2001.

Seniors keep their eyes on the road

By KIM PRENDERGAST
Staff Writer

After sitting behind a desk for four years as a probation officer, Fred Romero was looking for a little adventure.

But at 66, Romero wasn’t having much luck. So when he found out that the California Highway Patrol’s Victorville station was looking for senior volunteers, he quickly signed up.

Now he’s going to get all the adventure he can handle.

Soon he and others like him will be driving black-and-white patrol cars on the highways.

They won’t be armed with ticket books, but they’ll be able to radio dispatchers about speeders or other problems on the freeways.

On Monday, Romero and 19 other seniors became San Bernardino County’s first CHP senior volunteers after graduating from nearly 80 hours of training.

This rowdy bunch of dedicated volunteers, as Officer Bob Scran-ton called them, will be the eyes and ears of the CHP, and they will be history the pavement within the next two weeks armed with radar guns, radios and badges.

The CHP has had the senior volunteer program since the mid-1990s, but this is the first one in San Bernardino County, Scran-ton said.

Now other stations in the county are looking into the program.

“How come you hired us and we don’t get any pay?” said one graduating volunteer before Monday’s ceremony began at the CHP office.

“Well, that was the tricky part, but now we’ve got you,” CHP Officer Tim Smith said.

For the past two weeks, these High Desert seniors spent their days learning how to drive patrol cars, work all the unit’s computers and gadgets, assist officers at accidents, prepare patrol cars for duty and file papers.

By adding the new recruits to the team, the station also is nearly doubling its presence on the highways, Scran-ton said. The volunteers can report to dispatchers anything they see on the highway, even if they can’t write tickets.

With the job market tight, being able to add 20 more bodies to the department is nothing to scoff at, Scran-ton said.

“I think most agencies in California are having trouble recruit-

At left, Jerry Kucharski of Hesperia driving a patrol car through a traffic cone course set up at Southern California Logistics Airport in Victorville as part of a training program for senior volunteers. At right, a new member practices on the course.
Fifteen short years ago, the Canadian province of British Columbia invited the world to Expo 86. Millions and millions came to see the big show, and thousands fell in love with the city and picturesque Pacific playground and came back for good. The days of being a sleepy, little agricultural town were over for good - and so were the uneventful nights and weekends for the Abbotsford Citizens’ Patrol.

The community of Abbotsford, now some 115,000 and growing, is located just 40 miles east of Vancouver, the city where Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny became famous for the X-Files. Abbotsford is surrounded by beauty. Two miles south of the community is the U.S. border and the magnificent view of Mount Baker. To the north are ski mountains, to the east are farmlands, lakes and campgrounds, and to the west is a string of suburbs, all linking up to Vancouver.

Dennis Hill, Abbotsford Citizen Patrol Chairman, describes the area as “a postcard community, but like all expanding cities, it has some growing pains and symptoms, some trouble-makers and challenges. You may, or may not, have heard of the Abbotsford Killer case, in which one young girl was murdered and another seriously injured. The killer gained national notoriety for phoning the police to warn of his next strike and to taunt those trying to catch him. It was the high profile case which, many believe, took the last piece of innocence away from our community and made us part of the much bigger city.

“The City of Abbotsford was formed six years ago by merging two smaller and sometimes quite politically different communities. By combining populations of Matsqui and Abbotsford under one amalgamated city, Abbotsford became the fifth largest community in British Columbia. Our present population is 115,000, which is expected to increase dramatically over the next five years. Our municipal police force presently consists of 138 members. Our area of patrolling covers some 92,433 acres of land or 145 square miles.”

In response to the question of how their group was formed, Mr. Hill replied, “Our Citizen Patrol organization was formed in 1984 by Corporal John Skorupa, who to this day serves as a very supportive liaison officer for our group. At the beginning our membership was 60 active volunteers who operated with CB radios. Our initial objectives at that time were to be extra ears and eyes for the police department and to help reduce and/or prevent crime. We had R.C.M.P. and municipal police before the merge of the two communities.”

Challenges
“Some of the challenges,” according to Mr. Hill, “we have met along the way in the earlier years was being accepted as part of the ‘police team’. Having earned their respect and trust, we are now accepted and considered an integral part of the police department.”
Patrol Vehicles, Uniforms, and Equipment
When asked to describe their patrol vehicles, uniforms, and equipment, Mr. Hill responded: “Since 1984, we have been using our own vehicles as patrol cars. Five years ago we initiated magnetic signs for the doors of our vehicles, so that we could be easily identified. In the past twelve months, after attending the NACOP annual conference and armed with pictures of other Citizen Patrol vehicles, we approached our police department for the use of former police vehicles. Since then, they have supplied us with three decommissioned police cruisers, for a start which are 1997 Chevrolet Caprice cruisers.

“About three years ago, we introduced uniforms to our members. To date, they consist of a jacket, hat, and polo shirt. It has definitely boosted the moral of members and has made our members more recognizable throughout the community.

“Presently there are 80 patrol volunteers who are equipped with such items as flashlights, spotlights, first aid kits, lap top computers, binoculars and casios. We do not carry any weapons of any kind.

“Our Citizens’ Patrol Office is located in the highly visible Community Police Office in the city’s downtown core. We communicate between our patrol members by portable VHF radios, VHF radios in the cars, cell phones, and of course, by landline. Our own dispatcher monitors the police frequency and the police dispatcher calls us if our assistance is required. Upon notification, our dispatcher will call our patrol members and dispatch them to the problem area or areas.”

Training
“New volunteers with Abbotsford Citizens’ Patrol,” continued Mr. Hill, “receive several hours of office and equipment training. When we head on the road, we have to be teamed in pairs and the new members patrol with a seasoned veteran until we feel they are capable of doing the job with another person. We have ongoing training from police officers and instructional videos from the Justice Institute. Our members have to be at least 19 years of age and be committed to the program. They must also undergo a security check, fingerprinting, and receive CPIC clearance. CPIC stands for Canadian Police Information Centre.

“We recruit volunteers from all walks of life. Some of our volunteers are practicum students in criminology and are trying to gain community volunteer hours as well as experience. The age ranges from 19 to 70+ years. Our recruiting process is quite detailed and we only recruit those people that show an honest interest in our community as a volunteer.”

Services Offered
“Special services offered,” says Mr. Hill, “include vacation checks at homes, traffic control to help police and to keep

Abbotsford Bike Patrol is effective in curbing auto theft, theft from cars, as well as purse snatching in parking lots.
continuity at crime scenes, checks for stolen vehicles by means of a data center and to lock out auto crime. We also participate in a Counter Attack program where we look for stolen vehicles as well as impaired drivers. In the Counter Attack program our Abbotsford Citizens' Patrol volunteers have also been used as interpreters.

“In August, 2000, with the help of our local insurance company ICBC, we launched a four bike patrol team. The patrol cars work extremely well in large areas but the bikes are an absolute advantage in confined areas. We use our bikes in shopping center parking lots, parks, and in our downtown core. Because they can move around in such a small area, they work very well in deterring auto theft and theft from autos and even purse snatching. We have six people on this team and they alternate weekends. With summer coming this bike patrol will be an absolute asset to deter assault and other criminal activity in our local parks. It has been very well accepted by the community as well as our local police department. To borrow a phrase from the NACOP, Be Seen, Be Heard, Make a Difference.

Impressive Statistics
Mr. Hill states that their statistics for 2000 “included 8,285 man-hours, we patrolled more than 21,712 miles, we recovered 17 stolen vehicles, 14 stolen license plates and were paramount in the arrest of two persons. In three of our shopping malls, we were successful in lowering auto theft by 15% in one, 56% in another and 50% in the third, all in a six month period.”

Greatest Challenges
“Our never-ending challenge,” says Mr. Hill, “is to always have enough volunteers to fulfill our needs. Our recruiting policy is mainly done through the media and with shopping mall displays. Our annual average turnover is 10 to 15 members.

“If I could wave a magic wand, or have one wish, it would be for more city-funded vehicles. Our standing operating budget is $4,500.00 and this must cover all gas and maintenance costs of our existing equipment as well as the purchase of new equipment.

We usually support our city at the Abbotsford International Air Show, graduation nights, community fairs, Operation Red Nose, and charity running events and other important community gatherings and fundraisers.

"Since 1984, to the present time, we have never had an injury of any type to any Abbotsford Citizens' Patrol member.

When asked how they keep their members motivated, Mr. Hill replied: “We motivate our group by making sure our program does not get stale. We ensure that they do not get bored doing routine jobs. The City of Abbotsford also helps by hosting an appreciation dinner once per year where certificates and special plaques are awarded to members with five, ten, and fifteen years, etc., of service. This recognition goes a long way in keeping everyone motivated. In fact, we still have three of our original members from 1984.”

Our thanks to Mr. Hill for allowing us the opportunity to share this story of this dedicated group of Canadian volunteers.

Most Significant Event
“One of the most satisfying or heartwarming stories in Abbotsford Citizens’ Patrol,” according to Mr. Hill, “occurred several years ago. While out on regular patrol, one of our cars patrolled by a construction site. While the members were shining their lights around on a routine check, they discovered a very young person lying face down in a mud puddle. They managed to rescue this person and were credited for saving the youngster's life. If our goal was to make a difference, this particular incident proved we have, and are, doing just that.”
The article below is reprinted from the San Bernardino Sun

Hesperia beefs up traffic patrol

VOLUNTEERS:
Citizens on Patrol members to hit the streets with radar.

by SCOTT VANNORNE
Staff Writer

HESPERIA — Armed with radar guns, pens and paper, sheriff’s volunteers will hit the streets for the first time this week looking for drivers who exceed the speed limit on residential roads.

“It’s neighborhood traffic patrol,” San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Capt. Ross Moore said. “People want to be able to feel safe in front of their houses and in their neighborhoods.”

Sheriff’s officials have been taking traffic complaints from residents for about a year, but with a limited number of deputies, it’s next to impossible to check up on all of the reported areas.

“There’s no telling how many of these complaints exist,” Sgt. Dan Caudle said. “I usually get two or three of them a day.”

Caudle, who heads the station’s traffic division, decided to have Citizens on Patrol volunteers check traffic in the reported areas to see if there really is a problem and when it’s occurring. Moore said.

During a training session with the volunteers Monday, Caudle explained what he wants them to do and not to do.

“You are not going out there to initiate any traffic stops or to contact any of the violators,” Caudle said. “This is purely proactive.”

Volunteers — whose sheriff’s vehicles will be adorned with “Neighborhood Traffic Patrol” magnetic signs — will use Doppler radar guns to check speeds and also document any other problems such as people running stop signs or driving recklessly.

The volunteers cannot give citations. Deputies will use the information collected by volunteers to decide if traffic enforcement is needed.

“Just by your presence, you’re going to have an impact on traffic flow,” Caudle said. COP volunteer Claire Peters, 39, said she noticed a difference recently while parked near an intersection on Peach Avenue.

“You’d be surprised how many people actually stopped just because they saw us sitting there,” she said.

Don Trotter, 65, has been a COP volunteer for three years, and he’s happy to see sheriff’s officials putting him and others to work.

“We’re getting more involved now than we have in the past,” he said. “It’s going to be a real benefit not only to the deputies but to the community.”

Normally, COP volunteers cruise through neighborhoods reporting any suspicious activity and checking up on the home of residents signed up for vacation checks. The volunteers also help with clerical work.
A discussion with Community Services Officer, Arden Wiltshire, Morongo Basin Citizen Patrol Coordinator, San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept.

The Morongo Basin Station is the third largest Sheriff’s Station, in square miles as well as for calls for law enforcement services within the county of San Bernardino. The station services an area of approximately 5,200 square miles with a population in excess of 85,000 citizens. Within the station’s area of responsibility are the incorporated communities of Yucca Valley and Twentynine Palms as well as the unincorporated communities of Morongo Valley, Landers, Johnson Valley, Joshua Tree, Wonder Valley, Pioneertown, Amboy/Cadiz, and Flamingo Heights. To support the multiple stations with Citizens Patrol volunteers, they broke them up into seven separate groups covering the above locations.

Over two million tourists visit the Morongo Basin annually from virtually every country in the world. This influx of travelers is a direct result of having the Joshua Tree National Park, one of the nations largest national parks, as a neighbor. Another major attraction for the Morongo Basin is the world’s largest United States Marine Corps base, located at the city boundary of Twentynine Palms.

The Citizen Patrol groups were started by Deputy Jerry Bucklin, the station’s Community Services Officer, who recognized the need for citizen involvement in crime prevention. Borrowing the concept from Sheriff’s Headquarters in San Bernardino, he began recruiting for volunteers to assist patrol deputies by being the “eyes and ears” of the community.

The following is a brief description of each one of the seven groups in service today:

Twentynine Palms Citizen Patrol
The city of Twentynine Palms is known as the City of Murals with over sixteen murals painted on the wall of various businesses. People come from all over to see these murals. The Twentynine Palms Citizen Patrol was the first citizen patrol unit at the Morongo Basin Station, with the first academy graduating in June of 1990. There are still seven original members with the unit. The Board Officers for Twentynine Palms are: Commander, Bud Calvert; Vice Commander, Madonna.
Cadiz / Amboy Citizen Patrol
Home to approximately 20 residents, Amboy and Cadiz provide a desert environment unlike any other. Located approximately 75 miles northeast of Twentynine Palms, Amboy is a small community that provides a rest stop with services for desert travelers. Cadiz is home to Cadiz Land Company, one of the largest agricultural developments in the high desert. During harvest season, the ranch is home to over 250 workers!

The Cadiz Citizen Patrol provides valuable pro-active patrol to travelers on the National Trails Highway (also known as Old Route 66) and Kelbaker Road, a 20-mile stretch of pavement south of Interstate 40. These two routes are popular for travelers visiting Las Vegas, Laughlin and the Colorado River. Board Officers for the year 2001 are: Commander, Leslie Thornburg; Vice Commander, Scott Edward; Secretary/Treasurer, Ariel Ramirez.

Morongo Basin Citizen Equestrian Patrol
Morongo Basin Citizen Equestrian Patrol was formed in May, 1996, for the small community of Pioneertown, which was the only area in the Morongo Basin that didn’t have a citizen patrol unit. Since the county wasn’t able to provide a patrol vehicle for this new group, it was decided to use an asset already in place, horses. Pioneertown was built in 1946 by cowboy legend Roy Rogers and fellow investors. They built a replica of an old western town and envisioned sharing the charm of this majestic area. The setting is absolutely breathtaking with most of the original buildings still standing! Every Sunday afternoon during summer months, visitors are treated to an old-fashioned western gunfight!

By fall of 1997 the Morongo Basin Citizen Equestrian Patrol expanded their patrol area to include portions of Yucca Valley that contained hiking and riding trails. Between January and December, 2000, the equestrian patrol contributed over 3,000 hours to both communities. Board Officers for the year 2001 are: Commander, Milissa Anderson; Vice Commander, Zane Neve; Secretary/Treasurer, John Wilson.

Joshua Tree Citizen Patrol
Joshua Tree is located midway between the Town of Yucca Valley and the City of Twentynine Palms. Follow Park Blvd. South and you will enter into Joshua Tree National Park, visited annually by millions of people from all over the world. The Park is famous for its seasonal wildflowers, natural diversity in terrain and is a mecca for serious rock climbers. Rich in history, Joshua Tree has a beautiful natural history museum containing artwork from local artists as well as other types of memorabilia.
The Joshua Tree Citizen Patrol provides valuable pro-active patrol to travelers along State Route 62, which is a popular route for vacationers visiting Las Vegas, Laughlin, and the Colorado River. Although small in size, the residents of this sleepy desert community have come to depend on the citizen patrol to help keep crime down. Board Officers for the year 2001 are: Commander, Syndie Priese; Vice Commander, Les Hackathorn; Secretary, Kat Bird; Treasurer, Alice Eaton.

Landers/Flamingo Heights/Yucca Mesa Citizen Patrol
The communities of Landers, Flamingo Heights and Yucca Mesa are located a few miles north of Yucca Valley and 50 miles south of Victorville. This rural area is made up of retired folks who purchased their property during the Homestead Act of the 1950’s and young working couples who moved to the area for its rural atmosphere. One of the more popular sites in Landers is Giant Rock. It is a giant freestanding rock that used to have a small café underneath it. Long since gone, tourists mostly visit the site to view the spectacular mountain range and the breathtaking display of seasonal wildflowers. In June of 1992, Landers was home of one of the strongest earthquakes felt in California. It measured 7.4 on the Richter scale and one person lost his life. Power was lost for days and some residents were without water for weeks while crews repaired the pipeline. It was during this time that the citizen patrol was utilized to help perform welfare checks on many elderly residents.

The Landers Citizen Patrol mostly contains young people within the community who still work full-time jobs. Between January and December, 2000, this energetic group contributed over 1,500 hours to their community!

Board Officers for the year 2001 are: Commander, Roxanna Shamay; Vice Commander, Betty Butler; Secretary, Patty Schacht; Treasurer, Paula Carter.

Morongo Valley Citizen Patrol
Morongo Valley sits between two mountain ranges off of State Route 62, about 12 miles north of Interstate 10. With only twelve members, the Morongo Valley Citizen Patrol is an active group who averages 250 hours per month of pro-active patrol. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., at Covington Park. Board Officers for the year 2001 are: Commander, Bill Burt; Vice Commander, Fred Rigel; Secretary/Treasurer, Pat Mason.

Yucca Valley Citizen Patrol
Incorporated on November 27, 1991, Yucca Valley is the most populated community in the Morongo Basin, covering 39 square miles, over 20,000 full-time residents and an annual influx of approximately 80,000 visitors. The Joshua Tree National Park borders the town to the south and contains Black Rock Canyon Campground.
This campground accommodates equestrian facilities, a ranger station, and a small museum of local history. Visitors passing through will find the Town of Yucca Valley provides all the conveniences of a much larger city while still maintaining a rural atmosphere.

The Yucca Valley Citizen Patrol is a mix of retired folks and young people within the community whom still work full-time jobs. Between January and December, 2000, this energetic group of 26 volunteers contributed over 10,800 hours to their community! Board Officers for the year 2001 are: Commander, Roger Braham; Vice Commander, Tom Murren; Secretary, Lynne Vest; Treasurer, David Jones.

**Coordinator For This Vast Area**

The person who coordinates all seven Citizen Patrol Groups that are scattered over this vast 5,200 square mile area is Community Services Officer Arden Wiltshire. According to Officer Wiltshire: “excluding the administrative staff, there were originally a half dozen people involved in starting the citizen patrol. It was a combination of department employees and community members. Today there are over 145 Citizen Patrol volunteers within our seven groups. The Morongo Valley C.P. is housed in the fire station in Morongo Valley. Landers C.P. utilize the Disaster Center in Flamingo Heights. Yucca Valley C.P. has an office in the Public Safety Center Building located next to the Community Center in Yucca Valley. Joshua Tree C.P. is housed at the Sheriff’s Station in Joshua Tree. 29 Palms C.P. has an office in the 29 Palms City Hall building and Cadiz C.P. keeps their vehicle and supplies at the Cadiz Land Company office in Cadiz. The equestrian patrol keeps their horses at their homes and owns their patrol equipment.”

**Initial Goals**

Officer Wiltshire states that “the initial goal for the Citizen Patrol groups was crime reduction. It wasn’t until later we realized the full potential of these volunteers.”

**Transportation, Uniforms, and Gear**

“Our first car,” said Officer Wiltshire, “was a Ford Taurus. We raised the money to purchase it with community donations. Today we currently have 11 citizen patrol vehicles. Most of them are 4-wheel drive Chevy Blazers and Ford Explorers. Our requirements are 4 doors, air conditioning and power steering. While on patrol, our volunteers wear white cotton shirts, forest green pants, black shoes or boots and pumpkin orange jackets. Our volunteers do not take enforcement action. On their person they are authorized to carry a key holder, flashlight and latex glove holder.”

To communicate with the stations and others, each volunteer unit has at least one portable radio and one radio in their vehicle. The equestrian patrol uses a hand held portable radio, since they patrol on horseback. When needed, if they are already on patrol, they are trained to automatically respond to traffic accidents. If there is a unit on duty, they have a roster in the CAD computer (computer aided dispatch) which can be accessed by both the station and dispatch, located 75 miles north in Victorville.

**Services Provided**

Once on patrol additional services performed by the Citizen Patrol volunteers include:

- Providing vacation checks on residents’ homes while out of town
- Extra patrol to areas experiencing community problems
- Home security inspections (checking locks, windows, lighting, etc.)
- Business checks on businesses after hours
- Welfare checks to elderly folks and shut-ins
- Traffic control during accidents, power outages, and flooding
- Crime scene containment
- Assisting the Crime Prevention Officer with safety programs, such as Neighborhood Watch
- Providing a safety booth during special events (passing out literature and providing child fingerprinting)
“It has been proven,” said Officer Arden, “that the most successful crime prevention program a law enforcement agency can have is Citizen Patrol. The second most successful is Neighborhood Watch. Both consist of concerned citizens working with law enforcement to better their community by watching out for suspicious activity and reporting it.”

To become a member of the SBSD Citizen Patrol program you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver’s license (any state, since they have a military installation in their community), and not have any felony convictions. Their background checks include a license check and neighborhood check. To attract new volunteers, they use press releases, media stories, crime prevention booths at various events, and word of mouth. Anytime a citizen patrol assists the department, they include them in the press release such as, directing traffic at an accident or fire, assisting with crime scenes, etc.

Training
Each volunteer must successfully complete a 50-hour training academy. During this academy students learn to provide the services listed above plus become certified in First Aid/CPR, Driver Awareness, and Radio/Patrol Procedures. Volunteers purchase their own uniforms and contribute sixteen hours per month to the Department.

$672,000 Savings
“Our citizen patrol volunteers,” per Officer Wiltshire, “contributed 32,000 hours during 2000, which is a savings of approximately $672,000 to the nine communities we serve. The population in the Morongo Basin is increasing rapidly. It has been proven that just the sight of the Sheriff’s ‘star’ (on the citizen patrol vehicle) is effective in reducing crime.

“Members of the citizen patrol are volunteers,” continued Officer Wiltshire, “and do not receive pay for their services. Their reward is the satisfaction of a community that is lower in crime and safer for all who lives and works there.”

Gaining Acceptance
When asked how do you rate the overall acceptance of your Citizen Patrol group with the public and Deputies, Officer Wiltshire responded: “Neither one was very accepting at first. But eventually, both the public and deputies realized what an asset this group is, especially in directing traffic. Deputies appreciate being free to conduct an investigation or take a report and not have to worry about the “small stuff”. The public relies on citizen patrol volunteers to assist with traffic control at parades and other large events and we can hardly keep up with the requests for safety programs and child fingerprinting requests.”

When asked if you could wave a “magic wand” and get whatever you wanted for your Citizen Patrol group, what one thing would you ask for her reply was: “The ability to provide them with uniforms as they currently purchase their own.” One issue is that the group’s annual operating budget is very limited. Most of their funds are raised through fundraisers. The station does pay for the maintenance and fuel for their vehicles.

Motivating Members
To help motivate, recognize, and reward the Citizen Patrol Volunteers, Officer Wiltshire stated that, “for every 1000 hours they contribute to the department, we give them a certificate and a star on the cuff of a long sleeve shirt. They get a certificate and pin for every five years they are a volunteer. We host a volunteer picnic every summer. We also publish a monthly newsletter so everyone gets the same information and we recognize outstanding performance in it.”

We would like to thank Officer Wiltshire for taking the time to share this story of these dedicated groups of volunteers.
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- Discounts on products and services.

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The San Bernardino County, California, Sheriff’s Department is holding its annual fundraiser for their Volunteer Forces Group and are selling T-Shirts with their logo shown below on the back of the shirt.

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