



All members are trained to provide fingerprinting services to the Police Department.



Some members are certified to operate radar and write traffic citations.



*Introducing ...*

## The Orange City Police Department's Volunteer in Police Services Program



The Volunteer in Police Services program is funded by the Orange City Police Department, as well as by tax-deductible donations to the Volunteer in Police Services Association, Inc., a non-profit organization under IRS Section 501(c)(3).

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## What is the VIPS Program?

The Volunteer in Police Services program originated from various volunteer activities already underway, when President George W. Bush initiated the USA Freedom Corps in 2002, in order to promote citizen involvement in their communities. The Orange City Police Department founded its VIPS program in November of 2003. The program allows for members of the community to be trained to support and assist the Police Department in various ways.

There are two components to the OCPD VIPS program. The members of the **Citizen Observer Program (COP)** perform routine patrols, assist officers at accident scenes, and provide non-sworn support to the Patrol Division. A few COP members have completed specialized training, which grants them statutory authority to conduct crash investigations, and write traffic citations. Members who complete this program may also become certified radar operators. Although these members are the extra eyes and ears of the Patrol Division, they may also fulfill duties of the CAPP Program. The members of the **Citizen Assisting Police Program**

(CAPP) perform administrative duties such as fingerprinting, clerical aide, and evidence custodian/investigative aide.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life, from young adults to senior adults. Some members volunteer during business hours, while others perform their duties at night and/or on weekends. Although some related experience is desired, it is not required. Successful appointees will receive all necessary training and equipment, including uniforms. The only things that a member need provide are a white T-shirt (for under the uniform shirt), black shoes or boots, and a desire to help others.

Although our program may appear similar to other Citizens On Patrol programs, we feel that our program is unique in that we provide a broad range of duties and opportunities that challenge the volunteers, creating an exciting and rewarding experience. By capturing the talents of local citizens, we believe that we have created a volunteer service that will assist in the reduction of crime and improve the overall quality of life of our community. We are always looking for additional talent, and hope to hear from you, should you have an interest, or any further questions.

### For more information contact:

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### How to apply:

Obtain and submit an application from:

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