

Q: Will I be required to deal with anyone acting suspicious on the street while conducting the patrol?

A: NO. C.O.P.P. volunteers are only to report suspicious or criminal activity. At no time are they to confront any individual they encounter on a one on one basis. In fact, during patrols, C.O.P.P. volunteers are to remain in their vehicles.

Q: Will I get paid for my time and expenses?

A: Citizens on Patrol is a non-profit group of people consisting of dedicated, community minded volunteers. There is no reimbursement for time or expenses. The true reward comes from the knowledge that as a citizen in the community, you are making a difference.

How To Get Involved

- Patroller
- Financial Supporter
- Emergency Search & Rescue

C.O.P.P. is strictly a volunteer organization. If you: are 18 years of age and older, possess a valid Saskatchewan drivers licence, have legal access to a registered motor vehicle, are free of any criminal convictions during the five years proceeding application, are free of any close association with any criminal element and willing to go through an R.C.M.P., clearance, please apply.

If you wish to become involved with our organization, to promote and support our community as a safe and accommodating environment for both residents and visitors, application forms may be obtained at the local R.C.M.P. Detachment Office at the address below:

Kindersley R.C.M.P.

#300 - 8th Ave. W., Kindersley, SK, S0L 1S0

Phone: 306-463-4642

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Citizens on Patrol Program

C.O.P.P.



A Better Community

**Allow us to
introduce ourselves ...**

Kindersley C.O.P.P.

Kindersley C.O.P.P. - who are we?

The Kindersley "Citizens on Patrol Program" has been actively patrolling the town of Kindersley since Jan. 24, 2001. The group is run strictly as a volunteer program. Funds raised are used for covering expenses such as fuel vouchers, training, education and equipment.

This crime prevention group of concerned volunteers, acting as extra eyes and ears for the local R.C.M.P. Detachment, and the town of Kindersley, takes an active roll in reporting any and all suspicious activities, or potentially unsafe conditions to the local R.C.M.P., who, in turn act on the information received.

Through this type of activity, C.O.P.P. endeavours to reduce the number of vandalism complaints, minor thefts, and other occurrences that disrupt the inherent environment of both residents and visitors, within our community.

Citizens on Patrol is a community policing program of the R.C.M.P. - we are NOT R.C.M.P. Each volunteer member of C.O.P.P. is given the appropriate training to enable them to carry out their patrol duty in a safe and caring manner. Our success with this program remains directly proportional to the support from our town, businesses and C.O.P.P. members. Help make a difference in our community.

Objectives

- To act only as extra eyes and ears for the local R.C.M.P. and the Town of Kindersley, whilst appreciating the primary, ultimate role and authority of the R.C.M.P. in any and all law enforcement activity.
- To promote and encourage the reduction of "Crimes of Opportunity" within the town of Kindersley, as these crimes are classified as "acts of boredom" and can be deterred by groups such as C.O.P.P.
- To monitor and report any and all suspicious situations, activities or circumstances within a specified surveillance area.
- To promote, encourage and stimulate the social welfare of the town of Kindersley, by recruiting volunteer members of the community who are concerned enough to devote their time and energy to the program and are mature adults, with a high standard of integrity.

Here are some of the commonly asked questions regarding this very effective program:

- Q: Will I be issued any weapons for self defense?
- A: NO. C.O.P.P. volunteers are not permitted to carry weapons of any type on their person or in their patrol vehicle.

- Q: Do I have the same authority to arrest a person that the police have?
- A: Citizens on Patrol volunteers do not have any additional powers of arrest than the average Canadian Citizen. They are regulated by Section 494 of the Criminal code of Canada. C.O.P.P. volunteers will not become involved with arrests except in rare and exceptional circumstances in which a uniformed peace officer requests and directs their assistance.

- Q: Will I be patrolling by myself?
- A: NO. All C.O.P.P. volunteers must travel in pairs while on patrol.

- Q: As a C.O.P.P. volunteer, if I see someone breaking the law while driving, can I exceed the speed limit and drive through red lights to try and follow them?
- A: NO. Citizens on Patrol must obey all the laws (i.e. Criminal Code, Highway Traffic Act, etc.). integrity.

- Q: If I see something interesting while on patrol, would it be okay to tell all my friends and neighbours about it?
- A: One of the requirements in becoming a C.O.P.P. volunteer is the signing of a Waiver regarding confidentiality. Failure to comply with the confidentiality requirements will result in expulsion from the program.
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