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Citizens On Patrol



Lake County Sheriff's Office

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Mission Statement

We will continually strive to maintain and enhance the quality of life in Lake County through service to the community, by working together to provide effective crime prevention, law enforcement and judicial support.



Citizens On Patrol member:

LCSO & YOU
Working together for a
better community!

*Citizens on Patrol is just one way
you can help The Lake County
Sheriff's Office better serve our
community.*

*For more information on
volunteer opportunities with LCSO
contact:*

Community Services @

352-326-8108.

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Just what exactly is C. O. P.?

Citizens On Patrol:

Volunteer citizens just like you patrolling assigned areas of Lake County and acting as liaisons in the community. While on patrol in marked LCSO C.O.P vehicles they look for situations like: Crimes in progress; Suspicious persons or activity; Abandoned/disabled vehicles; and Traffic obstructions/hazards. COPS also assist Patrol and other agencies with traffic crash scenes; assist with searches for missing/lost persons and children; helping with loose livestock; conduct property checks; patrolling our business and store parking lots; checking our tower sites; they assist with the County Fair, Leesburg Bikefest, and other community service functions. They are active with our Safety Net Program; they pick up pawn tickets for our Investigators. The unit currently has over 50 members.

How Can I Help?

Each potential member of the C.O.P. Program must pass a background investigation, psychological test and drug screening. Each potential member must also complete the Sheriff's "Citizens Academy" which is held one night a week for 13 weeks.

They must also complete a 60-hour Citizens On Patrol training course which includes: CPR training, patrol training, a driving course and a ride-along with a Deputy Sheriff. Each potential member must also have certain physical capabilities which include, but are not limited to: driving a motor vehicle, sitting, standing, walking, reading, hearing, and communicating both orally and in writing.

Those wishing to participate in the Lake County Sheriff's Office Citizens On Patrol Program should fill out and return a completed LCSO Support Staff Application with a medical release form. Applications are available at the Community Services Office in the Villages and at the main office in Tavares. You can also download the form from our website at www.lcso.org, click on Employment Opportunities at LCSO in the left side menu.

More about the Citizens Academy:

The Sheriff of Lake County, Gary S. Borders, is sponsoring a Sheriff's Academy. The purpose of the academy is to build a better understanding between citizens and law enforcement through education. Participants will become familiar with the operations of the Lake County Sheriff's Office and gain a deeper understanding of the problems facing law enforcement and the community.

Participants will tour various departments of the Sheriff's Office including the Correctional Facility, Courthouse, Crime Scene Investigations, Investigations, Road Patrol, and Communications. They will hear from specialized units such as the Dive Team, Mounted Posse, S.W.A.T., and K-9.

The academy is limited to 30 participants. If you are interested please contact Community Services at 326-8108 .or 343-9500 or send an email to commservices@lcso.org.

