



Volunteering with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Corps is a collective citizen group with a true and common desire to partner with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office by volunteering their services while learning more about the internal workings of the Sheriff's Office. As the population of El Paso County grows, so does the demand for services on the Sheriff's Office. The use of citizen volunteers, in part, has allowed the Sheriff's Office to meet those demands.

Citizens of El Paso County volunteer for the Sheriff's Office in many rewarding and fulfilling positions.

Join our team of over 500 volunteers!



"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever."

Kofi Annan



EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE *Sheriff's Citizen Patrol*

Citizens Serving Our Community




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*"In every community, there is work to be done.
In every nation, there are wounds to heal.
In every heart, there is the power to do it."*

- Marianne Williamson

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- 21 years of age or older and a United States Citizen
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Pass a background investigation, Computer Stress Voice Analysis (CVSA) exam, a
- Medical screening, and a drug screen
- No prior felony conviction
- Able to deal with sensitive information and maintain confidentiality

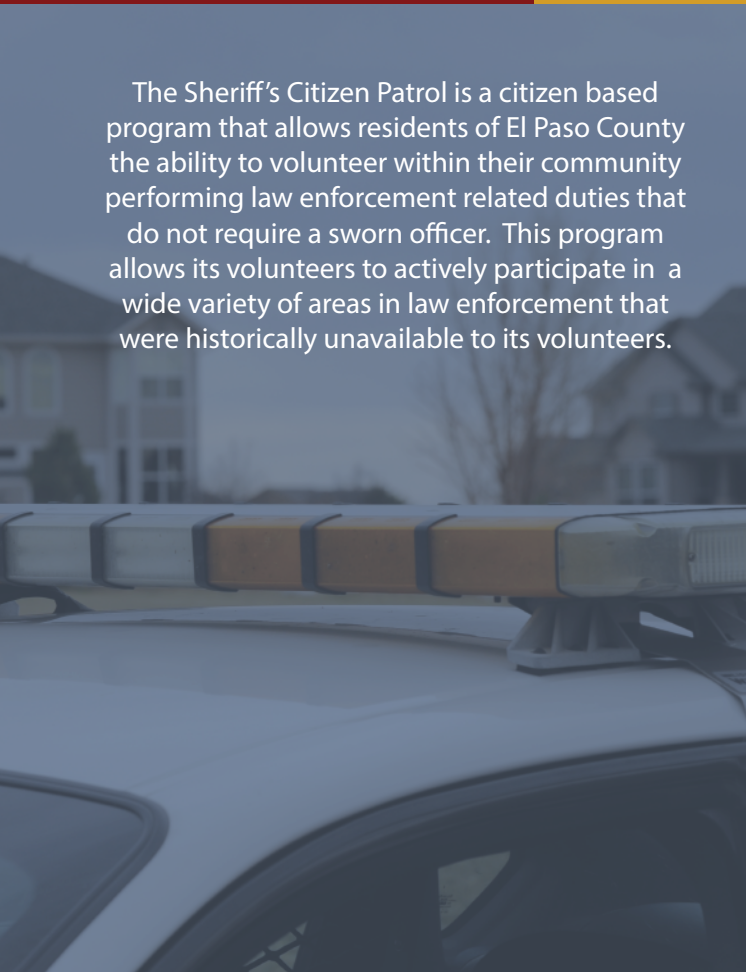


Once a citizen completes these requirements, a second 40-hour training program is required.

This program meets two nights a week for 4 weeks and covers a myriad of law enforcement related topics. The curriculum focuses on skills needed while working as a Citizen Patrol volunteer. Topics include law enforcement ethics, report writing, radio communications, speed monitoring, traffic direction, accident scene preservation, crime prevention, and much more.

Volunteers must successfully complete a background process identical to that required of Deputy Sheriff candidates due to the position of trust they will hold with the public.

Upon graduation volunteers will be quickly integrated into the Patrol Division with field training by both sworn deputies and Citizen Patrol field training officers in order to gain on-the-job training experience.



The Sheriff's Citizen Patrol is a citizen based program that allows residents of El Paso County the ability to volunteer within their community performing law enforcement related duties that do not require a sworn officer. This program allows its volunteers to actively participate in a wide variety of areas in law enforcement that were historically unavailable to its volunteers.



Motorist Assist - Help stranded motorists



Parking Complaints - Report and tag abandoned vehicles. Assess parking violations (Do not issue summons)



Traffic Control - Assist at accident scenes, speed monitoring, reporting, etc.



Crime Prevention Assistance - Attend neighborhood watch meetings, conduct vacation checks on homes, update business information cards, etc.



Residential/Business Alarms - Remote observation and reporting from vehicle.



Towing - Assist deputies with impounding abandoned vehicles.



Animal Complaints - Respond to calls of loose or abandoned animals as well as animal neglect or abuse.