

# "CITIZENS ON PATROL"

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Citizens on Patrol (COP) is a group of dedicated volunteers that work closely with Birmingham Police Department (BPD) to help prevent crime in a designated community. COP volunteers provide extra "eyes and ears" for the police by maintaining a safe environment within the community. COP volunteers notify police of suspicious activities or crimes in progress. Although they assist greatly in the crime prevention techniques of our city; COP volunteers have "NO" law enforcement authority or power.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN CITIZENS ON PATROL?

- 25 years of age or older
- Possess a valid Alabama Driver's License
- Successfully pass a criminal background investigation
- Mature, reliable, team player
- Able to make a minimum one-year commitment of at least four hours per week
- Successfully complete the Birmingham Citizens Police Academy Program

## How can you become involved?

For more information about Citizens on Patrol email Sergeant Michelle Moore at [michelle.moore@birminghamal.gov](mailto:michelle.moore@birminghamal.gov) or call The Office of Community Policing and Revitalization (205) 297-8100 or (205) 297-8016

\*\*\*\*\*NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS\*\*\*\*\*

The deadline for receipt of all applications is Friday, September 6, 2013



## AS A COP VOLUNTEER, YOU...

- Get to know your community
- Observe activity and take notes
- Report suspicious activity to police
- Complete a minimum 4-hour shift/week
- Attend meetings/training sessions
- **Do not** put YOURSELF in danger
- **Do not** take enforcement action
- **Do not** carry a weapon

