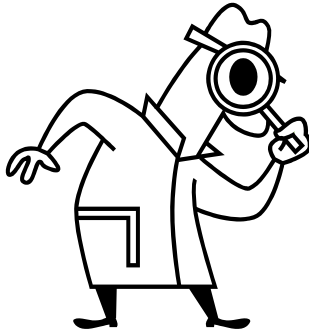


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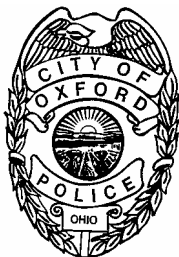


OBSERVER



PATROL (C.O.P)

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What is C.O.P.?

Citizens Observer Patrol is a volunteer community program that teams up residents with OPD. Equipped with picture identification, portable radios and flashlights, C.O.P. members become the “eyes and ears” of the police department, reporting suspicious activity and crimes in progress. Patrol officers are then dispatched to the area to conduct an investigation. More than a neighborhood block watch, C.O.P. members actively “patrol” targeted neighborhoods that are experiencing increases in crime or fear of crime.

Goals

- 1) To deter criminal activity in our city neighborhoods, and to reduce the amount of criminal activity in our community.
- 2) To increase resident and university student respect and cooperation.
- 3) To further the Police Department’s commitment to the community in accordance with our Mission Statement.

Mission Statement

The Division of Police shall endeavor to promote a personalized, proactive partnership between the police and the Oxford community to reduce fear and incidence of crime, and to solve contemporary problems with the goal of improving the quality of life for all.

Qualifications

- 1) 18 years of age or older
- 2) Oxford area resident or M.U. student
- 3) No criminal record
- 4) Submit to a background investigation
- 5) Commit to completing mandatory training
- 6) Be available to participate in the program

Training

C.O.P. members must complete a mandatory block of instruction provided by OPD prior to patrol assignment.

For their safety, C.O.P. members must understand they are not vigilantes, and are strictly prohibited from becoming directly involved in situations that are normally associated with the duties of an Oxford Police Officer.

How do I join?

Complete the attached application and forward to Sgt. Jim Squance, Oxford Police Department.

Citizens Observer Patrol Application

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS (If MU Student):

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Business/Employer Name & Address:

Number of years in Oxford: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED / ISSUED A SUMMONS FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE OTHER THAN A TRAFFIC VIOLATION?

YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

ARE YOU WILLING TO COMMIT TO A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) FOUR HOUR PATROL TOUR PER MONTH?

YES _____ NO _____

(COMPLETE NEXT PAGE)

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL TRAINING / SKILLS YOU HAVE WHICH WOULD ASSIST US IN SELECTING YOU AS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT:

PLEASE LIST THREE REFERENCES:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

"I HEREBY GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE OXFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK. I AM ALSO AWARE THAT BY DELIBERATELY OMITTING OR FALSIFYING THIS APPLICATION WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION / DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM."

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Thank you for your interest in the C.O.P. program. An OPD representative will be contacting you when your application has been processed. If selected, you will be notified when and where to appear for training.