

Daytona Beach Police Department's Citizens on Patrol (COP) Program

Requirements

- Complete a COP volunteer application and attend an oral interview
- Be 19 years of age or older
- Successfully pass a vigorous background and criminal history check.
- Have a valid driver's license
- Required to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per month
- Be fingerprinted and photographed
- [Attend the Daytona Beach Citizens Police Academy](#)

Functions

- Wear a uniform and drive in specially marked vehicles
- Assist with traffic control at accident scenes
- Provide assistance to motorists with disabled vehicles
- Do crowd and parking control at special events
- Perform house checks for residents who are out of town
- Fingerprinting of children at schools or community events
- Patrolling of residential and commercial areas
- Hand out courtesy cards and distribute crime prevention flyers

Restrictions

- Have no law enforcement authority
- Do not carry any weapons or restraint devices
- Always report type of incident and your location before exiting the vehicle
- Never leave the vehicle to engage a suspicious person
- Always a minimum of 2 COP's in our marked vehicles while on patrol
- No specific times during the day or evening for patrol hours

Training

- Review the COP Manual and Departmental Standards Directives
- Operation of and procedures for hand-held radio communications.
- Visit the Communications Center
- Basic traffic control procedures and operation of an intersection
- Vehicle emergency lights, equipment and operation
- Basic first aid & blood-borne pathogens test (plus yearly refresher courses)
- Hourly patrol and activity report writing
- On-the-job training with a veteran member
- Score a minimum of 80% on a written test (after training)
- PowerDMS online programs