

Our Goal: The Citizen On Patrol Service (Cops)

The Palos Park C.O.P.S. (Citizens on Patrol Service) help the police department in a number of ways, and they make a difference in our community.

Their work is designed to simply be an extra sets of eyes and ears for the police. Working in concert with police, the dozen or so men and women of the group patrol the village at all different hours, as their schedules allow. Most use their cars, although C.O.P.S. members also walk as they make their observations.

Together, they donate about a thousand hours of service a year to Palos. C.O.P.S. members do not apprehend anyone or get involved beyond simple observation and reporting of what they see and hear.

Applicants are screened, trained and paired with veteran C.O.P.S. members. There is no iron-clad commitment, and those who find that patrolling is not for them may leave at any time.

Those interested in joining are advised to attend a C.O.P.S. meeting, set for 7 p.m. the last Friday of each month at the Kaptur Administrative Center, 8999 West 123rd Street.

Our residents are the backbone of collaborative work with PPPD and helps make our neighborhoods safer. The Citizens on Patrol Service is based on the principle that neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime.

C O P S meetings work toward building relationships and safer communities, providing information and addressing concerns as best as we can together – while making personal contacts and connections with neighborhood residents, community groups and businesses.

Fighting crime isn't a job Palos Park Police can do alone - it takes all of us working together to make Palos Park a safe community. Palos Park is very fortunate to have a large network of involved residents who care deeply about their neighborhoods and are willing to work to make them even better.

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Palos Park Police Department Citizens on Patrol Service (COPS) Win the 2009 Cook County Crime Stoppers Crime Prevention Award.

Palos Park Police Commissioner Dan Polk is pleased to announce that the Village of Palos Park COPS group, which has existed just less than ten years, has won the 2009 Crime Stoppers Award. The COPS group led by Tom Crowhurst of Palos Park defines the tremendous impact a volunteer resident group can have on proactive crime prevention.

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The COPS will received their award at the Cook County Crime Stoppers Annual Awards dinner on Thursday September 10, 2009

Polk said, "We are elated that the Cook County Crime Stoppers has recognized the community spirit exhibited by the men and women of the C.O.P.S. program. They are an enhancement to our ability to serve the public and avoid potential problems before they occur, by simply having more eyes and ears watching over Palos Park."

Citizens on Patrol Service / Police Cadets college tuition program.

Each year, the Palos Park Police Department and Citizens on Patrol Service (COPS) work together to help the Police Cadets with their college tuition.

The scholarship fund is for current Palos Park Police Department Cadets who are pursuing a degree in criminal justice. This year at "Taste of Palos" the COPS sold sweet corn with all proceeds going toward the Police Cadet Scholarship Fund. This year's scholarship recipient is Cadet