



COMMUNITY PATROL SERVICE

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8 STEPS TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY ON PATROL SERVICE (COPS) GROUP

The Community On Patrol Service (COPS) program concept is a well-established international model deployed in many different forms, based on local needs and requirements. Within the United States alone there are many hundreds of programs. Most are initiated and structured under local law enforcement agencies as a way to supplement and extend their abilities, while some are independently created by communities or civilian entities.

Community Patrol Service (CPS) is more than happy to assist you in working through the steps to consider establishing a COPS program for your own community.

1. Establish a **Management Group** of key participants who will spearhead the effort, and who will keep the process moving forward effectively. This group will also be key in establishing your policies, procedures, training concepts and so on.
2. Establish **Political Support** from key individuals within your community. These individuals will be able to assist you in liaising with law enforcement and governmental entities, and they may be able to assist you in developing funding sources.
3. Establish **Law Enforcement** support from your community law enforcement agency or agencies. This includes Police / Sheriff / District Attorney / and any other entities within your local area. Developing strong, collaborative, and mutually supportive relationships with these agencies is important to the long-term success of your program.
4. Define your COPS program **Policies and Procedures**. These will help to define how the program will operate, and what the goals and objectives of the COPS program are. These will also help you to quantify your results over time.
5. Engage local **Business and Non-Profit** groups to support and promote the COPS program. Effective outreach will be essential in attracting and retaining volunteers to make the program successful. Overall community support is a key to success.
6. Secure **Patrol Volunteers** to deploy patrols on behalf of the COPS program. This is often the hardest and most challenging objective of the program. Finding quality individuals who deploy consistently and who remain long-term is an on-going need for most programs.

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7. Deliver **Patrol Volunteer Training** for new volunteers and establish policies and procedures for continuing training for existing volunteers.
8. Deploy your first **Patrols** and monitor each patrol's activities.

Sincerely,

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