Become a Volunteer with PBSO

Friends of the Volunteers Inc.

A 501c3 non-profit established to benefit the volunteers and provide support for the volunteer program at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.
Contact 561-317-7624 for more information.

For more information on Volunteer Opportunities Contact the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Headquarters at (561) 433-2003

Volunteer Citizens Academy

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Volunteer Services

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw

NEEDS YOU To Volunteer at PBSO!

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Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Services

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office established the volunteer program in 1989. The program has grown to over 2,000 citizens serving as the "eyes and ears" throughout unincorporated Palm Beach County. Volunteers also serve in many administrative departments across the agency, from vehicle maintenance to the crime lab to assisting detectives.

We hope you will consider being a part of our award winning organization where you can utilize your own life skills and learn some new ones, while feeling the pride of being part of the PBSO family. Volunteering not only fosters a great feeling of accomplishment, it helps your community become a safer place.

The **Citizen Observer Patrol (COP)** is a volunteer unit of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The program is comprised of over 80 individual COP units from neighborhoods much like your own.

- Volunteers wear distinctive uniforms and drive specially marked vehicles
- Each COP vehicle is equipped with a radio and police scanner

Volunteer Emergency Response Team (VERT)

- 24/7 Call-out commitment
- Travel county wide
- Able to stand in all weather conditions for hours
- Direct traffic on major roadways
- Attend monthly meetings and training
- Be flexible

Bike Patrol

- Must be proficient at riding a 2 wheel bicycle
- Ride bike with cell phone and COP radio

Parking Enforcement Specialist (PES)

- Attend a state certified 2 day course
- 12 hour PES field training
- Capable of attending traffic court

Honor Guard

- Attend specialty functions
- Attend last minute requests
- Attend training and additional meetings

Special Events

- Work on various projects
- Enjoys communicating with people
- Available for weekend events
- Work with PBSO deputies

Rovers

- Patrol throughout the unincorporated areas of the county
- Assist motorist in distress
- Assist with traffic crashes
- Conduct directed patrols in identified crime areas

Traffic Monitoring

- Monitor speeds on roadways throughout the county
- Trained on the use of radar
- Attend monthly unit meetings
- Report excessive speed zones for future traffic enforcement

Crime Prevention Unit

- Established to assist crime prevention deputies with various programs such as; Business Partnership, Identity Theft and other activities.

Community Information Team

- Staff various safety and crime prevention events countywide to promote Crime Prevention by distributing and discussing crime prevention brochures and program information.

Victim Outreach Team

- Contact victims of robberies and burglaries offering either an "on phone business security evaluation" or having a certified Crime Prevention Deputy do a site review, or sending out related pertinent crime prevention brochures.

Media Unit

- Writing and computer skills.
- Photography skills.

Marine Unit

- Must complete a USCG class within 6 months of appointment
- Must have previous boating experience.
- Must be able to swim 50 yards and tread water for 5 min.
- Must be prepared to stay longer than required 3 hour tour.
- Must successfully complete crew member tasks within 6 months of appointment.
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs and get in and out of boat without assistance.

Dispatchers

- Dispatch from your home
- All equipment is provided
- Work one three-hour shift per week between 0700 - 2200
- Become a part of the action where you are involved with every call

Mounted Unit

- Patrol unincorporated areas on horseback
- Assist in special events
- Must be able to patrol on horseback a minimum of 3 hours a week
- Must be willing to participate in special events
- You and your horse must attend basic training

Airport Unit

- Patrol terminals, both in and out of uniform.

Administrative Volunteers

- Placed throughout the agency in almost every department to assist with clerical and specialized duties.

Volunteers Against Scams Team (VAST)

- The mission of the Volunteers Against Scams Team (VAST) is to assist the citizens of Palm Beach County who have been targeted as victims of financial crimes. VAST core objectives include preventing additional victimization and providing assistance in recovering from crimes involving identity theft, fraud and scams.