



## VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPs) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### **PROGRAM HISTORY**

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) manages and implements the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs) Program in partnership with and on behalf of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice and the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps. The program's goal is to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers.

### **PURPOSE OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The VIPs Program provides educational programs for representatives of established law enforcement organizations. Both the executive seminar and training serve as an introduction to the national VIPs Program and law enforcement volunteer programs. The sessions provide an overview of the products and resources available and provide tools to enhance your agency's capacity to utilize volunteers.

### **EXECUTIVE SEMINAR**

The executive seminar is designed to assist law enforcement executives interested in the development of a volunteer program. The purpose of the seminar is to introduce VIPs and law enforcement volunteer resources and efforts to executives interested in establishing a volunteer program. The focus will be on the planning, implementation and development of a volunteer program.

The VIPs Program is able to provide:

- One VIPs staff member to coordinate and facilitate the day;
- One trainer to facilitate the seminar; and
- Resource guides for attendees.

### **TRAINING**

The VIPs training is designed to provide volunteer coordinators or agency representatives responsible for the implementation of a volunteer program with an understanding of both the theories and practices related to developing a law enforcement volunteer program. The purpose of the training is to introduce VIPs and the law enforcement volunteer resources that are offered by the program and provide attendees with the knowledge and skills necessary to implement a law enforcement volunteer program.

The VIPs Program is able to provide:

- One VIPs staff member to help coordinate and facilitate the day;
- One trainer to facilitate the training;
- Resource guides for all attendees; and
- Training participant guides for all attendees.

If your organization is interested in hosting either of the above educational programs, please contact Erin Vermilye at [vermilye@theiacp.org](mailto:vermilye@theiacp.org) or 800-THE-IACP ext. 826.