

PROGRAM HISTORY

President George W. Bush created USA Freedom Corps (USAFC) to build on the countless acts of service,



sacrifice, and generosity that followed September 11. As a White House office, USAFC is charged with building a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility in America. Citizen Corps, a vital component of USAFC, was created to help coordinate volunteer activities to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond

to any emergency situation.



Citizen Corps partner programs build on the successful efforts in place in many communities around the country to prevent crime and respond to emergencies. VIPS is one of five Citizen Corps partner programs. The International Association of Chiefs of Police manages and implements the VIPS Program in partnership with, and on behalf of, the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The program's ultimate goal is to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers.



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IN ADDITION TO TRAINING, THE VIPS PROGRAM OFFERS A RANGE OF NO-COST RESOURCES.

Technical Assistance Program

- The VIPS Technical Assistance Program offers site-specific technical assistance to law enforcement agencies, providing them with tools and guidance to develop and maintain a successful volunteer program.

Mentor Program

- The VIPS Mentor Program pairs law enforcement volunteer coordinators in need of support with experienced volunteer coordinators to provide tools and guidance to develop and maintain a successful volunteer program.

Publications

- Resource guide: Volunteer Programs: Enhancing Public Safety by Leveraging Resources
- Publication series: VIPS in Focus
- E-Newsletters: VIPS Info, VIPS in the News
- Enhancing Public Safety through Citizen Involvement brochure
- Volunteering with Law Enforcement: A Citizen's Guide brochure

Videos

- Introducing Law Enforcement Volunteerism to the Community
- Introducing Volunteer Activities to Law Enforcement
- Volunteers in Police Service: The Executive Perspective
- Engaging Youth Through Volunteerism
- VIPS and Disaster Response

Web site

- www.policevolunteers.org

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BUILDING BLOCKS OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Law enforcement volunteer programs vary by agency but the principles in their foundation are universal. This introductory course teaches attendees how to implement a volunteer program within a law enforcement agency. Participants will come away with a greater understanding of the importance of program infrastructure, recruitment, selection and management, training, recognition, and assessment. These building blocks will resonate with agencies just starting out with volunteers.

Who Should Attend

Law enforcement volunteer coordinator or agency representative tasked with the development and implementation of a volunteer program.

ADVANCING AN EXISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

After establishing a law enforcement volunteer program, many coordinators find themselves asking, "What's next?" This training works to answer that question by providing information about volunteer management issues, advocacy and sustainability, innovative ideas, personnel issues, engaging youth, public health crises, recognition, and funding. By expanding the vision of a program coordinator, the volunteer program will have the potential to grow and succeed.

Who Should Attend

Law enforcement volunteer coordinator or agency representative who is responsible for managing a volunteer program.

VIPS AND DISASTER RESPONSE

Responding to a disaster can strain a law enforcement agency's limited resources. Recent disasters have shown that law enforcement volunteers can play a valuable role in supplementing disaster preparation, response, and recovery efforts. This introductory training provides information about integrating volunteers into a law enforcement agency's plan for natural disasters, public health crises, and other emergencies. Participants will come away with specific information about disaster preparedness, the role of volunteers during disasters, CERT, and pandemic response.

Who Should Attend

Law enforcement volunteer coordinator or agency representative who is responsible for managing a volunteer program.



COST AND REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee to attend any training. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Attendees traveling more than 50 miles may be eligible to receive a \$150 stipend to offset travel related costs. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis (limit two per department). Register at www.policevolunteers.org/events/.

