



Loch Raven Village Citizens On Patrol

What is the Citizens on Patrol program?

The Citizens on Patrol program (COP) is an effective crime prevention program in which an organized group of community members volunteer their time to patrol our neighborhood.

Is COP training available?

Training is available through the Baltimore County Community Outreach Officer and will be coordinated through the COP Chair. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Aside from the materials provided for the patrol (flashing light and magnetic signs), all one needs is a cell phone (or a yellow visibility vest if patrolling by bike.) Volunteers do not use any type of weapon.

What is the commitment and hours of patrol?

The time of patrolling is completely up to you - day or night. Volunteers can sign up for an hour a week, a month, whatever works for your schedule. Patrollers may patrol by car (magnetic COP signs available), by bicycle, or on foot.

What do COP volunteers do?

COP patrollers are observers **only**. They report criminal and suspicious activity, or needs for emergency assistance, to the police.

- If suspicious behavior or activity is observed, call 9-1-1 or the county non emergency number, 410-887-2222.
- Provide the best possible description of your observation, i.e. the Who, What, When, and Where.
- Patrollers do not get further involved and are not embarrassed by mistakes.
- COP patrollers are **not** vigilantes. They do **not** carry weapons, or confront persons engaged in criminal or suspicious activity.
- If a patroller contacts emergency services please also send a detailed email of the incident to the COP Chair.
- This is a voluntary activity and Loch Raven Village assumes no responsibility or liability associated with this activity.

For more information email: brown7@comcast.net or visit

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/community/cop.html>