About Us

What began as an experimental program in 1996, the Volunteer Road Patrol has developed into a nationally recognized volunteer unit and a very essential element of the St. Petersburg Police Department. Road Patrol volunteers handle non-criminal, non-confrontational calls for service. This allows the patrol officers more time to investigate criminal activity.

How To Apply

Visit police.stpete.org for our online application.

For questions
Email us at
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Criteria To Volunteer

Road Patrol applicants must meet strict qualifications, prior to participation in the program.

- Be a U.S. citizen
- At least 19 years old
- Have a valid Florida Driver's License

And successfully complete the following steps:

- Interview and Ride-Along
- Application process
- Background investigation including fingerprinting
- Polygraph examination

Duties

Road Patrol duties include but are not limited to:

- Tagging and towing abandoned vehicles from city streets
- Issuing parking citations for disabled parking and other parking infractions throughout the city
- Handling found property investigations
- Directing traffic
- Special assignments

Uniforms are provided by the police department, giving the volunteers a more professional appearance and making you recognizable as a member of the St. Petersburg Police Department.

Academy

If selected, you must successfully complete a forty (40) hour training academy. Academy instruction includes, but is not limited to:

- Computer report and citation writing
- Defensive driving
- Traffic direction
- Police radio procedures
- · Abandoned vehicle and found property investigations
- Familiarization of applicable Florida **State Statutes and City Ordinances**

Members are asked to volunteer a minimum of eight (8) hours a month.

