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# ST. PETERBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Volunteer Road Patrol

MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY



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## What is the Volunteer Road Patrol?

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.

## What does the Road Patrol do?

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
- Monitoring speed in neighborhoods and school zones
- Special assignments including patrolling the Pinellas Trail.



## Why Should I Volunteer?

Volunteering allows you to give back to your community. You will gain valuable insight into the law and police procedures, while creating a rewarding partnership between our police department and members of our community.

Road Patrol applicants must meet strict qualifications, prior to participation in the program. To qualify for the Volunteer Road Patrol you must 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



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, as well as familiarization of applicable Florida State Statutes and City Ordinances. Members are asked to volunteer a minimum of eight (8) hours a month.