The greatest asset of any community is its people. A barometer of that value is the willingness of the people to become volunteers.

How do I become a Citizen Patrol volunteer?

- ***Visit our website and download an application.***
- ***Gather your community group volunteers.***
- ***Contact your area police sub-station or Public Affairs to schedule training.***

HOUSTON POLICE STATIONS

Airport–Bush	281-230-6800
Airport-Hobby	713-845-6800
Central	713-247-4400
Clear Lake	281-218-3800
Eastside	713-928-4600
Gessner	713-773-7900
Kingwood	281-913-4500
Midwest	832-394-1202
North	281-405-5300
Northeast	713-635-0200
Northwest	713-744-0900
South Central	832-394-0200
Southeast	713-731-5000
Southwest	713-314-3900
Westside	281-584-4700

Emergency 9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency 713-884-3131
Houston Fire Department 713-884-3143

Houston Police Department
PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Community Services Unit
1200 Travis, Suite 2100
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Citizen Patrol

The Houston Police Department is committed to using volunteers to enhance the delivery of police service through the Department's Police Volunteer Initiatives Program. An important component of the Police Volunteer Initiatives Program is Citizen Patrol.

The Houston Police Department is concerned about crime in your neighborhood. Many Citizen Patrol groups are now operating in communities throughout the city in an effort to bring together the citizens and the police for a common goal. That goal is to improve the quality of life for area residents by preventing, reducing, or eliminating crime.

Citizen Patrol groups are designed to provide a means for citizens to organize into patrol groups for the purpose of reducing crime in their community. The value of police-citizen cooperation is well illustrated by the success of Citizen Patrol programs nationwide.

Goals of Citizen Patrol

- To provide an effective method of addressing neighborhood crimes and neighborhood decline.
- To promote a friendly and safer neighborhood environment while respecting the privacy and rights of all citizens.
- To encourage awareness and provide improved communication among neighbors.
- To upgrade the quality of life and property values in the area.

Minimum Qualifications and Standards for Police Volunteers—Citizen Patrol

- 18 years of age or older
- Valid Texas Driver License
- Pass Police Department background check
- Must be trained by the Houston Police Department

Neighborhood Citizen Patrol Qualifications

- Designate a coordinator
- Recommendation of at least 8 people participating in program
- Commitment from the group to patrol a minimum of 30 hours per month
- Submit a monthly report detailing the group's activity
- Submit a clearly marked map outlining the area to be patrolled