

Are you...

... servant oriented and interested in helping your neighbors and making the Leander community safer?

... willing to donate 16 hours of your time to crime prevention efforts supported by this program?

... a team player who understands that reducing crime is a community partnership?

Do you...

... have good written and verbal communications skills?

... deal well with stressful situations?

... enjoy interacting with the community?

... respect the rights of all individuals?

... consider volunteering a serious commitment?

If so...

... you may be a community member we are looking for. We need people enthusiastic about crime prevention and will carry out their duties and responsibilities in a safe and responsible manner.



The Citizens on Patrol Services (COPS) citizen patrol program is a partnership between the Leander Police Department and the Leander community. As such, members of the Leander COPS represent the Leander Police Department and the City of Leander. Because of this intimate link, and because of their highly visible presence, COPS are some of the most conspicuous representatives of our department and crime prevention in our community. As a result, high expectations and standards are set for professional conduct and representation. Members chosen to participate in the program are expected to represent the department and the City of Leander with distinction and pride in everything they do. The COPS mission is to help prevent crime, but also serve the Leander community.



C.O.P.S.

Citizens On Patrol Services

The Leander Volunteer Citizen Patrol Program



A Police and Community Partnership

Citizens On Patrol Volunteers:

- Provide neighborhood, park and business patrols and act as extra eyes and ears for the police department.
- Report suspicious persons, vehicles, and circumstances.
- Deter criminal activity through high visibility.
- Educate and support local neighborhood watch groups, and promote community events and crime prevention efforts.
- Report traffic collisions and hazards, and assist police with traffic control.
- Perform a variety of tasks that allow sworn uniformed personnel to return to more police specific and demanding duties.
- Enhance the quality of life in Leander by furthering police and community partnerships.

Basic Member Qualifications:

Persons participating in the Citizens On Patrol program must:

- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age
- Must be a full time resident of Williamson or Travis County, Texas (Leander residents are preferred.)
- Have a valid Texas driver's license or be active military with a valid out of state driver's license, and maintain a satisfactory driving record.
- Have no felony convictions. Misdemeanors are subject to review.
- Have no outstanding warrants for arrest.
- Must have successfully completed the Leander Police Department Basic Citizens Police Academy.
- Must have successfully completed, or be enrolled in the next available Leander Police Department Advanced Citizen's Police Academy (within 1 year of appointment). Selected Citizen Patrol members will have priority to participate in the Advanced Citizen Police Academy.
- Must have access to and be able to use a computer.
- Agree to perform the required sixteen (16) hours per month, with at least

eight (8) of those hours being patrol duties. Members of the Citizen Patrol are encouraged to participate in other details and special events throughout the City of Leander in addition to the 8 hours of Patrol.

- Agree to comply with Leander Citizen Patrol Policies & Procedures and directives.
- Pass a thorough background investigation and interview.
- Be willing to submit to a polygraph or drug test at the discretion of the Leander Police Department.
- Be able to stand for four (4) hours, lift 30 lbs. and be willing to disclose any medical conditions that would prevent the member from fulfilling the requirements of membership.
- Complete the next (COPS) citizen's patrol academy upon acceptance.

If you are interested in serving as a COPS volunteer and would like to obtain more information or receive an application packet, contact the **Leander Police Department Community Services Unit** at:

512-528-2800

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