



## Camarillo Citizen Patrol

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Camarillo Police Department have long experienced strong partnerships with citizen volunteers from the community. The contributions made by trained Citizen Patrol members have been an integral part of the support system needed to achieve law enforcement's mission of public safety.

The Camarillo Police Department welcomes Camarillo citizens to submit applications for volunteer positions as they become available.



## Program Description

The Camarillo Citizen Patrol Program is a community based crime prevention program, exercising pro-active law enforcement principles. It is designed to provide supplemental patrols, discovery and reporting of suspicious persons, events and activities. Participants in the program may be utilized to enhance crime prevention services and community awareness of crime prevention programs available through the Camarillo Police Department.

### Citizen Patrol Members may assist with the following:

- ✓ *Traffic control during community based activities such as parades and other special events.*
- ✓ *Perform security house checks for city residents away on vacation.*
- ✓ *Assist with disaster relief efforts in the event of a citywide emergency or critical incident.*
- ✓ *Perform the "Kid Print" & "Adult at Risk" fingerprint and photo identification program*

Citizen Patrol members work in teams of 2 or more and are prohibited from taking any enforcement action, carrying weapons of any kind or making arrests.



## Background of the Citizen Patrol

The program was formally organized on March 15, 1976, and is believed to be the oldest continual program of its type still in existence in the United States today. The Camarillo Citizen Patrol has evolved to become a city-funded program that includes patrol vehicles, uniforms, and equipment for members.

Members have received training in radio procedures, recognizing suspicious persons, vehicles, and activities, first aid, traffic control, surveillance procedures, and searching for lost or missing children and adults.





For further information on this program, please complete & return the card below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F

## SELECTION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

Potential members of the Camarillo Citizen Patrol Program must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 21 years of age.
- Possess a valid CA Driver's License.
- Resident of Camarillo or its outlying unincorporated areas.
- Not be convicted of any criminal offense.
- Must be in good health and of great moral character.
- Abide by the law enforcement code of ethics.
- Read, write, and speak English fluently enough to communicate clearly with members of the public and with law officers through portable radios as utilized in the program.
- Attend Monthly Meetings
- Must agree to volunteer 16 hours a month or 48 hours quarterly

Potential members are required to complete a questionnaire to determine eligibility and suitability for membership in the program. Those persons who are eligible for membership are invited to sit for a review of their application with the Citizen Patrol Advisor and members of the Citizen Patrol Board to determine further suitability for the program. A background check of the applicant's driving record and criminal history will be conducted by Sheriff's Personnel to determine eligibility for participation in the program.

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Mail or drop off completed interest card to:  
**Camarillo Police Department**  
**C/O Volunteer Coordinator**  
**SST II Todd Eskridge**  
**3701 E. Las Posas Road**  
**Camarillo, CA 93010**

Questions:  
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or Call (805)388-5129

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