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VIPs: Volunteers in Police Service

THE COLONY, Texas — You may see them driving around town in the old Ford Crown Victoria police cars with the blue lettering “Citizen Patrol” on the side. These local residents are part of the new VIP program started at The Colony Police Department this year.

They live here, they play here, and now they volunteer here. VIPs assist the police department with community events, traffic control, neighborhood patrols and non-emergency type calls. There are 33 active VIPs currently volunteering within The Colony Police Department.

Chief David Coulon started the program in January 2016, and the first trained volunteers started helping out the department in early May. VIPs play a major role in community outreach and public relations programs. They are an extra set of eyes and ears for the officers out on patrol. VIPs do not respond to emergency calls or make traffic stops.

Volunteers are subject to a complete background check. VIPs who take the extra step to be certified to drive the Citizen Patrol Vehicle are required to complete the following training:

- 60 hours in-car training
- Written Exam
- Driving Test
- Defensive Driving Course
- Radio and Computer training
- Scenario Response Drill

TCPD hopes to expand this program and make it an even more valuable part of the department, and allow residents to contribute volunteer hours to continue making The Colony a safe place to live and work.

For more information about the Volunteers In Police Service program, contact Officer Brian Lee at 972-624-3972 or email blee@thecolonytx.gov.

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