

# Senior Volunteer Program

## Senior Volunteer Patrol (SVP)

The Senior Volunteer Program began in 1995 with a graduating class of 18 volunteers. Since then, the Senior Volunteer Patrol (SVP) has grown to 38 volunteers and is a great asset to the Police Department. Since 2000 the SVP has provided over 100,000 hours of volunteer support for a savings to the city of over \$2.9 million.

## The SVP program enhances police presence and helps Coronado stay safe and reduces crime by:

- Performing Vacation House Checks - volunteers will check the perimeter of your home each day you are away
- Enforcing 72 hour violations - identifying and removing abandoned vehicles from city streets
- Enforcing disabled parking laws and municipal code violations
- Assists Investigations, Evidence and Administrative Units
- Patrolling the streets, alleys and beach, as well as walking the business districts
- Providing traffic control at police and fire scenes
- Supporting special events such as 4th of July, Holiday and Homecoming Parades; Public Safety Open House; Motors on Main Street; Shop with a Cop; 10k and half marathons...
- Radar speed monitoring
- Other support functions such as Rotary Flag Escort, Station Tours...

## SVP Member Requirements

The Coronado Police Department is always looking for energetic seniors to become a part of this team while developing new friendships and enhancing your knowledge of the community and law enforcement activities. Your participation in the SVP program can continue the rich tradition of supporting the police department activities and contributing back to your community. To qualify for the program, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 50 years of age
- Possess a valid Driver's License and pass the SVP driver evaluation
- Pass a background check
- Successfully complete training academy
- Provide a minimum of 120 hrs of support/year
- Attend mandatory monthly meetings
- Be physical able to perform all patrol duties

Note: No prior police experience is required

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