



Addison Volunteer's in Policing Service (V.I.P.S.)

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President George W. Bush created USA Freedom Corps (US AFC) to build on the countless acts of service, sacrifice, and generosity that followed September 11. When he announced US AFC in his 2002 State of the Union address, he called on all Americans to serve a cause greater than themselves. [Citizen Corps](#) was created to help coordinate volunteer activities to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds. Citizen Corps partner programs build on the successful efforts in place in many communities around the country to prevent crime and respond to emergencies. Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) is one of five Citizen Corps partner programs. The [International Association of Chiefs of Police \(IACP\)](#) manages and implements the VIPS Program in partnership with, and on behalf of, the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps and the [Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice](#).



Why are volunteers important to Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement volunteer programs are not designed to replace sworn or civilian personnel. Rather, volunteers are used to supplement and enhance existing or envisioned functions to allow law enforcement professionals to do their job in the most effective manner. Volunteers can provide innumerable benefits to a law enforcement agency. They can help enhance public safety and services, maximize existing resources, and create valuable ties between law enforcement and members of the community. Investing in a volunteer program can help sworn and civilian employees fulfill their primary functions and provide services that may not otherwise be offered.



Inside Story Headline

Our Volunteers here at the Addison Police Department spends their own hours to help assist the residents of Addison. We extend our thanks to each and every one of our volunteers. The volunteers whether they are VIPS, CERTS, spend countless hours greeting people in the lobby of the police department to assisting our records department. In 2009 the greeters in the lobby have put in 1,686 hours since the beginning of the year. The CERT program has put in approximately 500 hours to our community thus far.

Thank you from the Addison Police Department.

Volunteers Hours-
VIPS/CERT

*"I am only one,
But still I am one. I
cannot do
everything, but still
I can do something;
and because I
cannot do
everything I will not
refuse to do the
something that I
can do"*
-Edward Everett



**VIPS Annual Training
Group Photograph**



Citizen Corp Program

After September 11, 2001, America witnessed a wellspring of selflessness and heroism. People in every corner of the country asked, "What can I do?" and "How can I help?" Citizen Corps was created to help all Americans answer these questions through public education and outreach, training, and volunteer service.

[Citizen Corps Councils](#) helps drive local citizen participation by coordinating Citizen Corps programs, developing community action plans, assessing possible threats and identifying local resources.

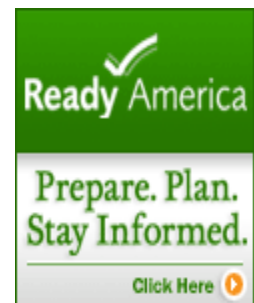
The [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) Program](#) educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community. The program is administered by DHS.



New Programs at the Addison Police Department

Premise Alert Program

On August 28th, 2009 the Premise Alert Program introduced by State Senator Edward Malony of Chicago was passed and signed into law. The program allows families to contact their local police or fire department and submit information about someone who may need special attention in an emergency. Under the law, if a 911 call center has the proper technology it must accept information on people with disabilities and share it with police, firefighters and paramedics. Participation is voluntary for residents. The Addison Police Department Telecommunications will have the ability to alert responding police, fire and medical personal about the family member's special needs. Please contact Officer Danielle Peterson at 630-693-7931



**No Act of
Kindness, no
matter how
small, is ever
wasted.**

-Aesop

Sheriffs Program for At Risk Residents (S.P.A.R.R.) a program designed by Dupage County Sheriff to provide the Sheriff's Office and surrounding towns in Dupage County with the at risk resident's relevant information prior to an emergency. The S.P.A.R.R. program is designed to increase public awareness to help us find those missing children or adults who may have wandered off or have become confused. For any additional information please contact the Dupage County Sheriff's Office at 630-407-2400.

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Upcoming events:

Need interested volunteers to assist in forming a volunteer newsletter committee, if anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer with the Addison Police Department or the committee please contact:

Officer Danielle Peterson @630-693-7931

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing it ever has”

-Margaret Mead

V.I.P.S

What’s New

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[VIPS Program with the Addison Police Department](#)

The Addison Police Department VIP Program, initially established in 1989 with the Explorers in Law Enforcement Program, expanded in 1993 to include several other units of volunteers. Currently, our VIP Program includes volunteers in the Explorer Program, Police Records Management Program, Police Department Lobby Greeter Program, SALT Program, Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, CERTs Program, and the School and Neighborhood Resource Center Programs.

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