



# WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## ABOUT VIPS

VIPS was created to assist in the services provided by the Weber County Sheriff's Office. VIPS are highly trained individuals who act as an extra set of eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Office performing Mobile Patrols shifts. They report suspicious activity that they see to patrol personnel on duty. They also help with other community oriented policing functions such as setting up radar trailers, abandoned vehicle enforcement, parking violation enforcement, and assisting in community events throughout the county. Volunteers are required to be on shift 8 or more hours every month to maintain their volunteer status. Volunteers always patrol in a designated vehicle that is equipped with a radio and assigned by the Weber County Sheriff's Office. VIPS always patrol with another trained volunteer in uniform.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

To become a member of the Weber County Sheriff's Office VIPS team, you must go through an application, interview and background check process. First, an application must be submitted. Second, a criminal background and drivers' history check will be performed. You will also be required to pass a drug test and have your fingerprints taken. Third, if the application and background check process is successful, an interview with the volunteer coordinator and WCSO Lieutenant will be conducted. Finally, upon completion of all the above, a final interview with the Weber County Sheriff or his designee will be conducted.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- VIPS can expect to do the following duties routinely:
- To observe and report crimes or suspicious activities to Officers while on Patrol Shifts
  - To attend meetings and trainings
  - To deter and prevent crime
  - To provide a sense of observation for businesses and citizens
  - To patrol city neighborhoods, parks, churches, business districts, parking lots etc.

### TRAINING INVOLVED

- You can expect an initial 4 hours of training prior to the start of your volunteer position. Plus, you will receive ongoing training on a monthly basis. Some of the training includes (but is not limited to):
- Police Citizen Academy
  - Defensive Driving
  - First Aid, CPR, AED
  - Patrol Officer Ride-a-longs
  - VIPS Ride-a-longs
  - Observation and Reporting
  - Communications
  - Policies and Procedures
  - Specific task related training

### QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 21 years of age
- Must be a resident of, or a business owner in, a WCSO contract city (Farr West, Hooper, Huntsville, Marriott-Slaterville, Plain City, Uintah, Washington Terrace, West Haven) or Unincorporated Weber County
- Good moral character, with no convictions, as determined by a background check and drug test.
- Good driving record.

### TO APPLY, VISIT:

[http://www.webercountyutah.gov/sheriff/publicinterest/pdf/volunteer\\_application\\_sheriff.pdf](http://www.webercountyutah.gov/sheriff/publicinterest/pdf/volunteer_application_sheriff.pdf)

For questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinators at (801)778-6634 or email at

