



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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SHERIFFS CITIZENS ON PATROL RECRUITMENT S.C.O.P.

The Humboldt County Sheriffs Office is currently recruiting for community members to join the Sheriff's Citizen On Patrol (S.C.O.P.). In 1996 the S.C.O.P. program held its first Citizens Academy. Those citizens were trained to assist the Sheriffs Office with its limited resources. These citizens provide an additional set of eyes and ears for deputies. S.C.O.P allows community members to learn about the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and its role, and to assist in those functions. S.C.O.P. has since expanded its role in the Sheriffs Office ever since that first academy. Today S.C.O.P performs various functions, including standard patrol where S.C.O.P members drive around in marked S.C.O.P patrol cars and utilize the Sheriffs radio system to report crimes to the Sheriffs Dispatch Center. Some of the other activities S.C.O.P performs are traffic and crowd control at traffic accidents, fire scenes, disaster assistance, parades and special events. They also perform vacation house checks, assist at the Sheriff's Animal Shelter, coordinate and teach at neighborhood watch meetings, and assist with the Sheriff's Boating and Waterways program, which includes the Sheriffs Office boats. There are many additional jobs including office jobs available to volunteers. S.C.O.P. is a great way to learn about the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, learn about Humboldt County and give back to the community while making it a safer place to live.

S.C.O.P. members are required to graduate from a 32- hour S.C.O.P. Academy, live in Humboldt County, be 21 years of age with a valid California Drivers License, pass a limited background check and donate an average of 16 hours per month. Anyone who is interested in joining S.C.O.P. should call S.C.O.P. Captain Bernie Jorgensen at 707-268-2536.

Mike Downey, Sheriff