



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Sheriff Citizens On Patrol (S.C.O.P.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Citizens On Patrol S.C.O.P. was established in 1996. The S.C.O.P Program allows citizens to voluntarily serve with the Sheriffs Office. They have been known as the "Eyes and Ears" of the Sheriffs Office. They perform a variety of functions in the sheriff's office, including, but not limited to traffic control, patrol in a S.C.O.P vehicle, boating and marine patrol, vacation house checks, filing, assisting at the Humboldt County Sheriffs Animal Shelter, special events and disaster assistance.

In calendar year 2013, the S.C.O.P. Program volunteers logged almost 36,923 miles patrolling various parts of Humboldt County. They provided 525 vacation house checks, 15,353 business checks, 2,161 parks and playground checks, 2,546 school checks and donated 9,076 hours. They also assisted at 19 special events and donated 680 hours of boating patrol.

The Humboldt County Sheriffs Citizen On Patrol trains and educates citizens about general law enforcement, specifically the Sheriffs Office. Some of the deputies currently working at the sheriff's office started their careers in the S.C.O.P program

S.C.O.P. Members are required to be at least 21 years of age, have a valid California Drivers License, pass a background check, and donate at least seventeen hours a month. Volunteers accepted will receive 32 hours of training in the S.C.O.P Academy.

Anyone interested in joining the S.C.O.P. program can contact S.C.O.P Captain Bernie Jorgensen at 268-2536.

Mike Downey

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