

## How do I become a Citizen

### Volunteer?

Just call the **Taft Police Department** at **661-763-3101** and ask for our Volunteer Coordinator, or stop by and pick up an application from our Communications Center located at 320 Commerce Way. We may have a new academy starting soon, so call right away!

#### **The requirements to become a volunteer are:**

- Reside in the Taft area.
- At least 19 years of age
- No arrest records
- Successfully complete a Citizen Academy
- Pass a background check

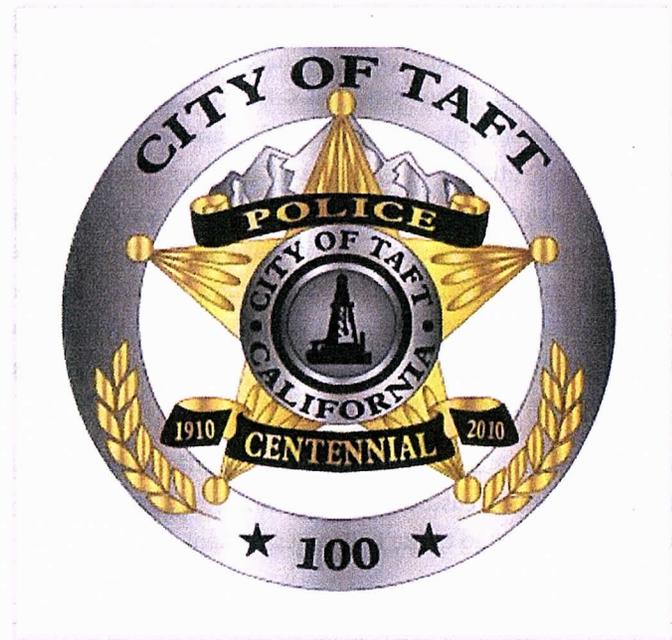
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We are very proud and excited about our Citizen Volunteer Program! As we are a small police agency, we have to balance the resources of the department-manpower, and finances- with the concerns and demands of the community. Of course one of the best ways to balance manpower and finances within any police agency is through a volunteer program.

The Citizen Volunteer Program is a crime prevention program exercising proactive law enforcement principles. The program is expressly comprised of volunteers having an interest in helping their local law enforcement agency. All members have attended a Citizen Volunteer Training Academy and attend monthly meetings.

Volunteer work is a challenging and rewarding experience and provides the volunteers with the opportunity to meet many other dedicated people who unselfishly serve the citizens of Taft, The Citizen Volunteer Program is comprised of adult citizens who are familiar with the local areas. Our volunteers are utilized to enhance vital crime prevention services and community awareness. Citizen Volunteers may perform vacation house checks, conduct business and residential security surveys, provide traffic control for special events, assist in programs initiated by the Taft Police Department such as Neighborhood Watch activities, Crime Prevention and Child Identification Programs. Volunteers also conduct other duties as assigned by the Chief of Police.

Citizen Volunteer members do not take any enforcement action, carry any weapons, or make custodial arrests. Any suspicious activity observed is immediately reported to the Police Department.

## Why should I volunteer?

If you have a few extra hours a week to spare, a willingness to get involved and a desire to make a difference in your community, then volunteering is for you! You may discover new talents, explore new career options or just enjoy the camaraderie!

Volunteering can be a very rewarding and educational experience! You will learn about the structure and activities of the department, a "behind-the-scenes" look at the Taft Police Department. You will work side by side with sworn officers in almost every aspect of law enforcement, from administration to investigation. As a volunteer, you can help to improve our city, give something back to the community, and make our city a better place to live, work and play.

Volunteer work in the department takes a very special kind of person. One who is motivated to serve the community and who understands the necessity for confidentiality; one who is patient and willing to be called upon in an emergency situation.

