Police can’t be in every corner but Neighborhood Observation Patrol can.

Become a NOP Volunteer

Be the “Eyes and Ears” for the police

If your neighborhood does not have a Spokane C.O.P.S. NOP group, contact the C.O.P.S. shop nearest you. They may want to sponsor your efforts to start a new NOP group. All NOP equipment and records are to be kept at the C.O.P.S. shop.

NEIGHBORHOOD C.O.P.S. SHOPS

C.O.P.S. East Central........................................625-3330
   2116 E. 1st Ave. 99202
C.O.P.S. Logan ..................................................625-3333
   802 E. Sharp Ave. 99202
C.O.P.S. Neva-Wood...........................................625-3353
   4705 N. Addison St. 99207
C.O.P.S. NEWTECH ...........................................354-7557
   4141 N. Regal St. 99207
C.O.P.S. North Central.....................................625-3348
   806 W. Knox Ave. 99205
C.O.P.S. Northeast..........................................625-3343
   5124 N. Market St. 99217
C.O.P.S. Northwest.........................................625-3336
   2215 W. Wellesley Ave. #D 99205
C.O.P.S. Southeast.........................................625-3326
   2809 E. 29th Ave. 99223
C.O.P.S. Southwest........................................755-2677
   1403 W. 3rd Ave. 99201
C.O.P.S. West .................................................625-3340
   1901 W. Boone Ave. 99201
MISSION STATEMENT

Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOP) is a volunteer program designed to aid a neighborhood in reporting suspicious and criminal activity.

The Neighborhood Observation Patrol are citizens who patrol areas, reporting suspicious or unlawful activity in their community to assist the police and help keep your neighborhood safer.

NOP volunteers are trained by the Spokane Police Department in areas of safety, patrol procedures, communications, first aid, and basic law enforcement policies and procedures. Volunteers use a vehicle equipped with cell phone, flashlight, binoculars, first aid kit, fire extinguisher and reflective vests. The vehicles also display reflective signs which identify them as NOP patrols.

BECOMING A NOP VOLUNTEER

★ Be at least 18 years of age.
★ Possess a valid driver license.
★ Complete C.O.P.S. application to become a C.O.P.S. volunteer.
★ Submit to a background check.
★ Attend a 2 hour training.
★ Complete 4 hours observation patrol.
★ Sign a Code of Ethics.

OBJECTIVES OF NOP

1. To achieve a substantial reduction of crime in the neighborhood by providing trained observers who collect information, provide a physical presence in the neighborhoods and report their findings to the appropriate authorities.

2. To pursue the development of an ongoing collaborative training and education program. Education programs will be designed to increase the ability and commitment of the community to assist in preserving the security and prevent crime in the neighborhoods.

3. To build and maintain the most effective communications and relations between the police department and the community by observation and reporting.

Standard equipment includes:
★ Clipboard and log sheet
★ Cell phone
★ C.O.P.S. ID Badge
★ Approved N.O.P. attire
★ Magnetic N.O.P. signs on vehicle

NOP VOLUNTEERS

NOP volunteers make no arrests, but rather become additional eyes and ears for the Police Department and their neighborhoods. NOP Patrols work in conjunction with the NRO (Neighborhood Resource Officer) for their C.O.P.S. shop. The NRO is the police officer that oversees their neighborhood, and gives the NOP volunteers problematic areas, businesses, houses, parking lots, etc., to observe. The NOP patrol then reports back information to the Police Department to assist the police in controlling crime in problem areas. NOP patrols are incredibly important in the reporting and documentation that police officers need to control crime. NOP teams have also helped in searches for missing persons, disaster assistance, and other community emergencies.

Crime prevention is not complete without concerned citizens organizing and working with law enforcement to patrol areas and look for problems to report. NOP crews assist the police department by patrolling hot spots, making observations, and working with Neighborhood Resource Officers to help focus on problems as they come up.