



Chief Matt Gregory

I believe every good citizen should give back to their community in some way. The willingness to volunteer, to freely give your time and energy to a worthwhile cause is one

profound expressions of service. The Buckhannon Police Department VIPS Program is a unique opportunity to do just that. By assisting the Police Department with the many activities that we manage throughout the year, volunteers will be an invaluable resource for the City as well as all of the Buckhannon community. In addition to this, volunteers will forge new, lasting partnerships with their city police department while being a part of something that gives back to the place we all call home...

... the Buckhannon community.



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Volunteers can be an important part of any organization and are proven to be valuable assets to law enforcement agencies. Volunteers help to increase police responsiveness, service delivery, and information input, and they provide new program opportunities. In addition, volunteers can bring new skills and expertise to the job and prompt new enthusiasm. It is the policy of this police department to use qualified volunteers for specified tasks and duties that can create efficiencies for the department and improve services to the community. Volunteers are intended to supplement and support, rather than supplant, sworn officers and civilian personnel.

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BUCKHANNON POLICE DEPARTMENT



WHAT IS VIPS?

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE

ABOUT VIPS

VIPS (Volunteers In Police Service) are a group of ordinary citizens who care about their community and are dedicated and committed to exemplary community service.

Members are a highly trained and motivated force of volunteers assisting in the performance of non-hazardous police functions in the community.

Each member has successfully completed the Buckhannon Citizens Police Academy training, First Aid & CPR training, Community Emergency Response Team training, and various National Incident Management Systems training courses. Becoming a VIPS is an opportunity to interact with police officers and other public service personnel as well as serve your community.



DUTIES

The primary duty of a VIPS member is to support and assist the police department when called upon. Some volunteer duties are:

- Managing traffic and crowds for various planned events, parades, food distributions, and health related events
- Managing traffic for accidents and providing security for emergency scenes
- Searching/canvassing for lost/missing children/persons
- Assisting officers with investigations and administrative tasks
- Attending community events and promoting positive interaction between community members and law enforcement

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 18 years of age
- A resident of Upshur County
- Be of good moral character
- Have no criminal record
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position with regard to personal safety and the safety of the public
- Submit to and be cleared through a background investigation
- Must be willing to volunteer a minimum of eight (8) hours per month
- Have a valid driver's license and their own reliable transportation

**Required training is provided to members at no cost*

How wonderful is it that no one need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

- Anne Frank