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## **Jeep Patrol/VIPS (Volunteers in Police Services)**

The Utah County Sheriff's Office is a Proud Sponsor of the VIPS. (*Volunteers in Police Service, is a nationally recognized program which is committed to developing a spirit of cooperation and partnership with the community*).

The Utah County Sheriff Jeep Patrol/VIPS recruits, trains, and retains talented volunteers.

### **Purpose:**

The Jeep Patrol is pledged to the recruitment, orientation, and retention of talented volunteers who are encouraged to develop their skills in a work environment which fosters their participation in meaningful community safety and security programs and to respond to emergency response situations.

### **Objectives:**

The programs offered are continually evaluated on their ability to accomplish the following:

Provide additional resources for the Sheriff's Office, without significant cost increases.

Promote community awareness and acceptance of the VIPS program as a viable and important community relations tool and service organization.

Provide an increased level of community involvement in public safety related matters.

Maintain the high standard and quality of life in our community.

### **Applicant requirements:**

1. Shall be at least 21 years of age.
2. Live, work, own property in Utah County and have an interest in the Utah County Public Safety.
3. Complete a Jeep Patrol application--which is the basis for a Police background investigation.
4. Pass a Police background check.
5. Complete our training course and field training program.
6. Recommend volunteer hours for riders are 8 per month.
7. Abide by the by-laws of the Utah County Sheriff Jeep Patrol.

## **Program Description:**

The Utah County Sheriff Jeep Patrol and VIPS members are all volunteers and are sworn to uphold the law and help law enforcement personnel. The reward for participating in the Jeep Patrol/VIPS program is personal satisfaction derived from helping those in need as well as the camaraderie with others in the Jeep Patrol and within the Sheriff's Office.

The Jeep Patrol volunteers work out in the community in VIPS vehicles or their own volunteer vehicles alongside sworn officers. Volunteers are not utilized to replace sworn or other paid positions within the Sheriff's Office, but rather to enhance the overall efficiency of the agency to assist the public and to reduce and solve crime. Attendance at regular monthly meetings is mandatory in order to help keep the group organized, trained, and focused on their roles.

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assist patrol division as needed
- Direct traffic at accident scenes
- Removal of debris in roadway
- Wait for wrecker on impounds and accidents
- Shuttle paperwork, keys, equipment, etc...
- Assist on lost or missing children and the elderly
- Recovery of found property, (bikes or other types on request)
- VIN (vehicle identification number) verification checks
- Vacation checks and extra patrol of designated areas
- Field Emergency Triage and Food Preparation
- Fund raising for program
- Taking of minor calls for service with citizens
- Motorist-assist calls
- Stalled vehicles
- Shuttles of stranded motorists
- Welfare checks on elderly citizens
- Other Duties as assigned by the Sheriff's Office