

# Freeport Police Department

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## **“Volunteers in Police Service” (VIPS)**

The Freeport Police Department welcomes all eligible citizens to participate in its volunteer programs, and encourages its members to enlist the assistance of citizens as volunteers. The goal of the department volunteer programs is to reduce and/or prevent criminal activity affecting the citizens of Freeport by increasing the interaction of citizens and police officers on an organized level. Volunteers will also assist employees in various programs as they are available within the department.

### Eligibility Requirements

All volunteers must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Complete a volunteer application.
3. Satisfactorily pass a personal background check and have no felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude.
4. Be fingerprinted and photographed.
5. Possess good moral character, a positive attitude, and be in good physical condition.
6. Pass an oral interview with the Volunteer Coordinator.
7. Possess a valid Illinois driver’s license if authorized to operate City-owned vehicles.

Volunteers will be assigned to non-law enforcement capacities within any division or district excluding the Street Crimes Unit and the Internal Affairs Section.

Duties may include, but are not limited to:

#### **Community Service Volunteers**

Citizen Observer Patrol  
Disabled Parking Patrol  
Downtown Walking Patrol  
Vacation Home Checks  
Citizen Speed Watch Program

#### **Staff Support Volunteers**

Clerical/Records Support  
Radio Room Attendant  
Front Lobby Attendants  
Chaplain Program

Due to the nature of police work, volunteers may be called upon to testify as witnesses in court on any matter in which they have knowledge as a result of their association with the Freeport Police Department.

For additional information or questions please contact Lt. James Drehoble at the Freeport Police Department 815-235-8222 Ext. 205 or email to [jdrehoble@freeportpd.com](mailto:jdrehoble@freeportpd.com)

Mission Statement: To provide and maintain a safe living and working environment for the citizens of Freeport through the reduction of crime and the protection of citizens through effective and efficient law enforcement