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VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES ACADEMY

SEAL BEACH, Ca. – The Seal Beach Police Department will be hosting a Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS) Academy.

- Are you retired and would like to spend some time giving back to your community?
- Are you a younger person who is looking for some work experience?
- Do you have a few hours a week to help the Seal Beach Police Department?
- Are you a parent with some time to give after you drop your kids off at school?

The Seal Beach Police Department will host its Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS) Academy commencing on Thursday, September 7, 2023, and concluding on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Academy classes will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Seal Beach Police Department (911 Seal Beach Boulevard, Seal Beach). Attendance at every session is mandatory to successfully graduate.

Academy Schedule

- September 7th
- September 14th
- September 21st
- September 28th
- October 5th

Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS) participate in various functions at the Police Department; they include Volunteer patrols, records, property, fleet services, special events, and more. Volunteers are an important part of our department and have been serving with distinction since 1997.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this exciting volunteer program can go to go the Seal Beach Police Department website at <https://sealbeachpd.com/vips/> for more information and to obtain an application, or call (562) 799-4100 ext. 1160 or stop into 911 Seal Beach Boulevard and ask for an application. An application can also be obtained by emailing Support Services Captain Nick Nicholas at nnicholas@sealbeachca.gov.

All applicants will undergo a VIPS supervisor's oral board panel and application review with the Support Services Captain. All applicants will be subject to a criminal background check and fingerprinting.

Academy attendees will be issued a training manual. The focus of the academy training is on the various aspects of the VIPS program and how to perform the duties and assignments. The training will include an orientation, introduction to the training manual, history of the program, mission statement, and limitations of the VIPS position. The attendees will be provided instruction on foot and vehicle patrol procedures, vacation checks, crossing guard duties, fleet services, DUI checkpoints, and radio procedures. The attendees will tour different parts of the police department, including the pier substation. Additionally, attendees will learn about the Good Samaritan Act, the Mature Driving certification, the Annual Events Calendar, "Frequently Asked Questions", and the hours/attendance requirements.

Upon graduation, probationary VIPS team members will be issued uniform pants and grey polo shirt. Academy graduates will then have to complete 200 hours of on-the-job training under the guidance of a mentor. After completion of an additional 100 hours of service, for a total of 300 hours, probationary VIPS members earn their white uniform shirt and badge.

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