

Kingston Police Community Volunteers

Presentation to the
Kingston Police
Services Board
2024



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KPCV History

- **The group was formed on May 24th 1996 with approximately 15 volunteers**
- **Originally sponsored by Kingston Police and the Kiwanis Club of Kingston.**
- **Our purpose is to provide a pool of Community Volunteers who would be available to provide a number of non-confrontational duties to augment the Kingston Police.**
- **Now, May 24th 2024 (28 years later) we currently have approximately 70 volunteers.**

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Kingston Police Community Volunteers is to assist the Kingston Police in a variety of non-confrontational roles that will enhance policing service to the Kingston community. The KPCV shall also strive to ensure that these tasks are challenging and satisfying to its members.

Training

A one day basic training day takes place shortly after joining. This covers the new recruits on proper use of radios, paperwork as well as what to look for while out on patrols.

In the first 3 months our volunteers will be on probation and must patrol with an experienced volunteer who will add to their training.

Extra training days are set up to ensure all new volunteers are trained in extra tasks such as Radar Surveys, Child Id Clinics, CPTED Audits etc.

In addition, we have in house training at our monthly meeting here at the station.

Guest speakers attend these meetings to expand our knowledge of different departments within the KPF. (Ident, K-9, Traffic unit etc.)

Outside agencies provide additional training for Fire Extinguishers (KFR) and First Aid training (St John Ambulance).

KPCV Tasks

Patrol Neighbourhoods in Kingston

Vehicles

Bikes

Foot

Attend Special Events

Crowd Control

Eyes & Ears

Public Relations

Emergency Fan outs

**Assist Police with requested tasks. Example:
Missing person searches, fire scenes,
emergency street closures.**

KPCV Tasks

Searches

Missing Persons

Evidence

Property

Assist Police with Requested Tasks

Enhanced patrols in areas of higher frequency of break ins & vandalism

Road closures barricades

Pick up/Deliver Property

Prisoner meal pick up

Stolen Bicycle Pickup

Pick up found bikes (save officers time)

Community Involvement

- Special Olympics events (many)
- Pumpkin Patrol
- Food Bank Drives
- Child Car Seat Clinics
- Meals on Wheels food delivery 2x per month
- Pitch in Kingston (Spring Clean Up)
- Ride for Dad
- Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Queens Home Coming Weekend, St Patrick's Day & Move In Weekend
- KPF Community Fun Fair at the station
- Officer Blue Mascot (Various events)
- Foot Patrols in the downtown core

Historical Data (28 years worth)

- **Close to 500 citizens have joined the KPCV over the past 28 years. Some have gone on to be Law Enforcement Officers from one end of the country to the other. (Many with the KPF)**
- **Our volunteers are from all walks of life including retirees, working people, military, factory workers and corrections.**
- **The KPCV have assisted with spotting impaired drivers, B&E's in progress, finding stolen autos and searching for missing persons (both with happy and sad endings)**

Historical Data (28 years worth)

- Each year the KPCV log in approximately 6,000-7,000 person hours. Allowing for a smaller group in the beginning, 141,000 person hours over the past 28 years.
- Currently we assist with around 120 special events per year. Again, allowing for smaller group and less events that works out to about 3,000 events since we were formed.
- We had a couple of volunteers a few years back that specialized in finding stolen vehicles and in one year alone they recovered approximately 70 vehicles including a current year transport with trailer. The KPF estimated that we had recovered over one million dollars in stolen vehicles that year. One of these two volunteers has gone on to become an RCMP officer and is currently assigned to an auto thief ring unit out west.

KPCV Vehicles

- The KPCV are issued near end of life police vehicles which are taken out of service by the Kingston Police and then has new marking installed so that there is no confusion that these are not “Police” vehicles. The word VOLUNTEERS is very prominent on the sides of the vehicles.
- The roof lights are replaced to only show amber colours as well as white spotlights in the lightbar.
- The vehicle radios has been changed to only allow access to channel 2 (Volunteer channel)

KPCV Marked Units



KPCV Marked Unit #296



KPCV Mobile Command Post (Bus)



KPCV Specail Events Trailer



Bike Team



KPCV Bicycle's



Digital Radios

- All members are required to carry a 2-way digital radio while:
 - On Patrol
 - Attending Special Events
 - Or other approved KPCV activities as determined by the Executive board



KPSB Ride-a-long?

- If any of the Kingston Police Service Board members wish to see more of what we do, you are welcome to arrange a ride-a-long with our trained volunteers.

WARNING: Not all patrols are exciting!

??? Questions ???

