

## Edgecliff Village

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If you are interested in participating in the ECOP Program or would like additional information, contact ECOP Captain.

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*"A Great Place to Live"*



Edgecliff Village **CITIZENS ON PATROL** is a group of volunteer residents who have been trained in the rudiments of being extra eyes and ears for the Tarrant County Sheriff's law enforcement in Edgecliff Village. **ECOP** is not a vigilante force working outside the normal procedures of law enforcement. **ECOP** is not a program designed for participants to take any personal risks to prevent crime. **ECOP** drive around the Village and report on suspicious behavior or unsafe conditions to the Tarrant County Sheriff. **ECOP** mobilizes citizens to participate in a community-based crime prevention initiative in cooperation with the Tarrant County Sheriff. All interested citizens are invited to join in the effort to make Edgecliff Village a safe and great place to live.

# THE CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM

## What . . . . .

The Citizens on Patrol Program is an effort to bring interested citizens of Edgecliff Village (18 years or older) together to become more aware of the problems with criminal activity facing their community and provide information to aid the Sheriff's Department's law enforcement efforts. The Program is also designed to educate interested individuals about problems unique to their neighborhood and to assist in developing a community patrol group. The desired effect of the Program will be a tremendous increase in the understanding and cooperation between the citizens and Sheriff's Deputies of Edgecliff Village and Tarrant County.

The ECOP Program is comprised of citizens interested in actively patrolling Edgecliff Village for the purpose of observing and reporting suspicious, criminal, and/or potentially dangerous activity.

The ECOP training consists of a session of instruction from a Sheriff's Deputy and a four-hour ride-along with a patrol officer. It is also suggested that a new ECOP ride along with an experienced ECOP until he or she feels comfortable.

## When . . . . .

An ECOP may patrol (usually in 1 1/2 to 2 hour increments) any time it fits into his or her schedule - day or evening. It is recommended that evening patrols be conducted in pairs.

## Purpose . . . . .

The purpose of the Program is to assist the Sheriff's Department in helping to reduce crime by:

- ✓ Actively patrolling neighborhoods and being visible

- ✓ Observing and recording suspicious persons, vehicles and/or activities: (a few listed below)
  - A person sneaking around
  - A person not known to the neighborhood
  - A person asking for temporary work or looking for someone unknown to the residents
  - A person going from house to house, knocking on doors for no apparent reason (solicitation is prohibited in Edgecliff Village)
  - A person carrying unwrapped items; TVs, computers, stereos, etc.
  - A vehicle slowly cruising the neighborhood or parked in an unusual spot
  - A vehicle that has an unreadable, dirty, covered, or no license plate
  - An unfamiliar vehicle that is backed into a neighbor's driveway, garage, or front door, and vehicle occupants appear to be loading property
- ✓ Reporting suspicious or criminal activity to the Sheriff's Department
- ✓ Increasing communication between Edgecliff Village and the Sheriff's Department
- ✓ Increasing direct interaction between citizens and officers
- ✓ Educating citizens about the daily activities of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department.

## Uniforms . . . . .

The approved uniform for ECOP members is a yellow shirt with ECOP written in large black letters across the back of the shirt and EV logo on the front left. A matching yellow windbreaker and cap are also provided by Edgecliff Village. All uniform items are required to be worn at all times while patrolling.

## Firearms and Weapons . . . . .

ECOP members will not possess any manner of firearm, prohibited or illegal weapon on their person or in their vehicle while patrolling or while involved in any ECOP Activity. The prohibition to carry firearms also applies to ECOP members who have a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

## Miscellaneous Patrol Activities . . . . .

While patrolling their neighborhoods ECOP's will have the opportunity to observe and identify other matters which are not necessarily related to criminal activity but which can be reported to assist the safety and appearance of their neighborhood in many other ways.

These include but are not limited to, the following

- ✓ code violations
- ✓ fire hazards
- ✓ abandoned property
- ✓ illegal dumping
- ✓ malfunctioning or missing traffic control devices or warning signs.

## Reports . . . . .

ECOP members are expected to:

- ✓ submit complete and accurate reports in a timely fashion
- ✓ Address and treat others courteously and professionally
- ✓ Conduct themselves at all times in a manner that reflects positively on the ECOP program, Edgecliff Village, and the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department.

