

VOLUNTEERS IN PROTECTION (VIP)

Volunteers In Protection, also known as VIPs, are one of the most visible parts of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. The VIP program offers the citizens of the Yavapai County community, a way to not only help the Sheriff's Office in their own neighborhoods, but also provide an opportunity to view many aspects of the Criminal Justice system.

Many VIPs bring the experience of varied careers and management skills, developed over a lifetime, to provide valuable support to the various sections within the Sheriff's Office. Depending on the area of interest and training (provided by the Sheriff's Office), members may assist patrol deputies on field related calls, complete clerical duties for the various administrative sections, or work on cold cases for criminal investigations.

VIPs attend a 6 week evening academy with a few required Saturdays. Patrol VIPs also become weapons certified and drive marked patrol cars while on duty. Total commitment for the academy is 133 hours which includes the 40 hr. handgun course.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with what makes Yavapai County a great place to live please visit www.ycsoaz.gov to learn more about all of the opportunities the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has to offer.

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

Yavapai County Search & Rescue teams are professional members, that derive from several specialty units ready to assist the Yavapai County Sheriff in response to urban & wilderness emergencies as well as crime scene assistance. At any hour of the day SAR volunteers are called upon to utilize their skills to assist the Sheriff in accomplishing the mission.

There are a multitude of opportunities to appeal to one's interests in becoming involved. Tracking, 4x4, quads, swift water, rope rescue, equestrian, k9 handling, are just some of the specialties.

If you find yourself wanting to become more engaged with your community and you like to help others, search and rescue may be the opportunity you are looking for. Please go to www.ycsoaz.gov to learn more about the search and rescue groups.

YAVAPAI COUNTY SHERIFF EXPLORER POST 7906

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Explorer post 7906 is a program for youth 14 (8th grade) to 21 years' old who wish to get a firsthand and hands on look at a career in law enforcement. The program dates back to 1978 when the youth were called Cadets. In 1989 the Yavapai County Sheriff's office partnered with the Boy Scouts of America, learning for Life Explorer program. The program provides a working relationship with the youth to give the tools to gain a career in law enforcement.

The requirements to become an Explorer:

Age – Minimum of 14 or 8th grade up to 21 years old.

Gender – Available to all youth, both male and female, attending 8th grade, high school, or college. If out of school, applicant must have a high school diploma or GED.

Grade point average must be equivalent to a "C" or higher.

Uniforms and Equipment – Upon acceptance into the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office EXPLORER POST, all Explorers will complete a 30-day probationary period. Upon completion of the probationary

period, Explorers will be provided with an Explorer Post uniform. All other equipment will be the responsibility of the Explorer and must meet requirements set forth by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office.