



**Mc Gruff makes his rounds at kids finger printing, parades and other VIP events**



The Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program was formed in 1998 by then Lieutenant William Griffith. The VIPs were formed to support the Police Department with the many special activities and community events that were being performed by police officers. VIPs assisting or taking over these events allows officers to perform other duties.

Our VIPs are a community spirited, hardworking diverse group of people. The VIPs have been awarded numerous unit citations for their extensive number of volunteer hours. VIPs average 35 or more events per year. The VIPs as a group volunteer over 3000 hours per year. The VIPs have volunteered over 29,600 hours since 2006 and are an essential part of the Winchester Police Department. The functions they perform include fingerprinting children, crime prevention, community service, security, handicap parking enforcement, crowd control, direct traffic, citizen patrols, assist with the Citizen Police Academy and assisting the police department when needed.



The program is coordinated by Detective William Griffith. For further information you may contact Detective William Griffith at 540-545-7591 or email [William.Griffith@winchesterva.gov](mailto:William.Griffith@winchesterva.gov).

# WINCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



# VIP

## VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING



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# VIPs IN ACTION

## Kids Finger Printing



## Drunk Goggle Challenge



## Crowd Control



# VIPs IN ACTION

## Handicap Parking Enforcement



## Citizen Patrol



## Community Service



# Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy which was formed in 1997 provides Winchester citizens with an inside look at local law enforcement operations and challenges. The purpose of the Academy is to develop positive relations between the police and community through education. Participants will learn about various aspects of the department. Most of the instructors are police officers who are state certified law enforcement instructors and will speak on their area of expertise. Some classes will be taught by civilian employees and members from the City Commonwealth Attorney Office.

Participants will learn about the following topics:

Community Policing, Criminal Investigations, Patrol Division/functions, Tour the Police Department, Officer Requirements/Testing, Dispatch/E-911 Communications, Police Training/Field Training, Defensive Tactics, Vehicle Stops, DUI Demo, Neighborhood Watch, Juvenile Offenders/School Resource, Accident Investigation, Gang Activity, Narcotics & Drugs, K-9 Demo, Laws of Arrest, Search & Seizure, Criminal Law, Court Procedures, Victim Witness Program, Tour of Adult & Juvenile Detention Center, Crimes Against Children, Domestic Violence, Volunteers in Policing, Radar Operation, Officer Survival, SWAT, Firearms Demo, Fingerprinting, Crime Scene Processing & Polygraph Analysis.

Graduates are eligible (but not required) to apply to become a member of the Volunteers in Policing Program.

Citizen Academy Applications are available for download at [www.winchesterpolice.org/citizen-police-academy](http://www.winchesterpolice.org/citizen-police-academy), email Detective Griffith at [William.griffith@winchesterva.gov](mailto:William.griffith@winchesterva.gov) or call 540-545-7591