

## **BELDING POLICE DEPARTMENT** **CITIZEN'S PATROL**

Law Enforcement has an important role in controlling, reducing and preventing crime. The Belding Police Department is a visible expression of the community's desire for law and order. To achieve this goal the police department needs the involvement of dedicated citizens to reduce crime.

The City of Belding team currently consists of the Police Department and Reserves. Other volunteers are needed.

A Citizens Patrol is being organized and will be a high-visibility, non confrontational, volunteer group to help reduce and prevent crime in the City of Belding.

Primary tasks will be to provide crime deterrence through high visibility patrol, report in progress crimes and document suspicious persons and/or unsafe conditions within the assigned patrol area.

### **Persons choosing to participate in the Citizen Patrol must be:**

- At least 21 years old.
- Possess a Valid Michigan License and satisfactory driving record
- No felony convictions
- No misdemeanors convictions within two years of filing an application
- Possess competent written and verbal English skills
- Complete Citizen Patrol academy with a commitment to attend all classes.
- Attend a monthly meeting
- Perform a minimum of eight (8) hours service each month.

If you are able to meet the standards and are interested in the Citizens Patrol, please review the additional information, and fill out and submit an application to the Belding Police Department.

# **Belding Citizens Patrol**

## **What is Citizens Patrol?**

Citizens Patrol is a volunteer community program that teams up residents with the Belding Police Department. Citizens Patrol members become the “eyes and ears” of the police department, reporting suspicious activity and crimes in progress. Patrol Officers are then dispatched to the area to conduct an investigation. More than a neighborhood block watch, members actively “patrol” areas experiencing crime or fear of crime.

## **Goals**

1. To deter criminal activity in out neighborhoods, parks, and to reduce the amount of criminal activity in our community.
2. To increase resident involvement in cooperation with the Police Department.
3. To further the Police Department’s commitment to the community in accordance with our mission statement.

## **Mission Statement**

The Belding Police Department will provide to the community a safe environment for all residents and visitors of the City of Belding. To encourage a safe environment the Belding Police Department will strive for a proactive partnership with the volunteer citizen’s patrol to reduce the incidents of crime and improve the quality of life for the entire community.

## **Qualifications**

1. 21 years of age or older
2. Belding area resident
3. No criminal record
4. Submit to a background investigation
5. Commit to completing mandatory training
6. Be available to participate in the program
7. Must own or have access to a cell phone during patrol

## **Training**

Citizens Patrol members must complete a mandatory block of instruction provided by the Belding Police Department prior to patrol assignment. For their safety, Citizens Patrol members must understand that they are not vigilantes, and are strictly prohibited from becoming directly involved in situations that are normally associated with the duties of a Belding Police Officer.

**BELDING POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CITIZENS PATROL APPLICATION**

FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) : \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (EX. XXX-XX-XXXX): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS / EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS:

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NUMBER OF YEARS IN BELDING: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

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ARE YOU WILLING TO COMMIT TO A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) FOUR HOUR PATROL PER MONTH?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL TRAINING / SKILLS YOU HAVE WHICH WOULD ASSIST US IN SELECTING YOU AS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT:

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**PLEASE LIST THREE REFERENCES:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**“I HEREBY GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE BELDING POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK. I AM ALSO AWARE THAT BY DELIBERATELY OMITTING OR FALSIFYING THIS APPLICATION WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION / DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM.”**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE CITIZENS PATROL PROGRAM. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BELDING POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONTACTING YOU WHEN YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN PROCESSED. IF SELECTED, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN AND WHERE TO APPEAR FOR TRAINING.