

Topanga Area Community Program

Topanga Area has established a number of programs that focus on achieving an informed relationship with our community and to provide quality service to our citizens. Below are descriptions of several of our community programs with phone numbers. We look forward to serving you and bringing the highest service possible.

- Topanga BOOSTERS
- L.E.E.P. (Law Enforcement Explorer Post 2100)
- P.A.L.S. (Police Activity League Supporters)
- T.A.V.P. (Topanga Area Volunteer Program)
- V.S.T. (Volunteer Surveillance Team)

Topanga BOOSTERS

The Topanga BOOSTERS is a volunteer support organization made up of business and community leaders. Its primary mission is to increase the effectiveness and morale of the officers and staff of the Topanga Police Station by raising money for community services, materials, and equipment not generally supplied by the City of Los Angeles.

There are many ways a business owner or a resident of the community can be part of the Topanga BOOSTERS.

SUPPORT LEVELS

Designations below are for annual membership contributions.

LAPD Good Neighbor	Any Amount
LAPD Supporter	\$60.00 per year
LAPD Blue	\$120.00 per year
LAPD Silver	\$250.00 per year
LAPD Gold	\$500.00 per year
LAPD Platinum	\$1,000.00 per year

CHARTER MEMBER: One Time Contribution of \$500

BOOSTERS is a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization. Tax ID# 36-4622976

If you would like to become a member of the Topanga BOOSTERS and support the brave officers that protect and serve our community, please contact the Topanga Community Relations Office at (818) 756-3180 or visit the Topanga BOOSTERS website at <http://www.topangaboosters.org>

L.E.E.P. (Law Enforcement Explorer Post 2100)

Explorer Activities

The Topanga Area Explorer Post 2100 is a group of dedicated young men and women who volunteer their time to police-related functions by assisting clerical and sworn personnel with filing, tours, field searches for evidence and crowd control. In addition, Explorers participate in educational trips such as visits to police agencies throughout California and the nation.

The Explorer program provides special training to young people that are interested in a law enforcement career and assists them in becoming better citizens in their community, while developing a positive relationship between the police and youth.

Explorer Recruits Must Meet The Following Requirements:

- Be at least 14 years of age and in the 9th grade; or 15 years (regardless of grade) through 20 years of age.
- Pass a background investigation.
- Have at least a “1.5” grade point average and maintain it through the 12th grade.
- Maintain good moral character.
- Be free of any disability that would jeopardize the Explorer or others in the program.
- Obtain a medical examination (to qualify for insurance).
- Attend and graduate from the 16-week Explorer Academy.
- Pass an oral examination.
- Write an autobiography.
- Register with Learning for Life, which does not discriminate, based on color, race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, or citizenship. The City of Los Angeles and the LAPD do not endorse any policy, which discriminates based on sexual orientation.
- Demonstrate a willingness to serve and participate in Explorer activities.

No city funds are provided for this extremely worthwhile and rewarding program. All funds are raised by the participants or through donations from the community.

For More information about the Topanga Area Explorer Post 2100 or to obtain an application, contact Officer Victor Eguez, Youth Service Officer or Officer Leslie Kincaid, Youth Service Officer at 818-756-3180.

P.A.L.S. (Police Activity League Supporters)

“SERVING OUR YOUTH”

The Police Activities League (PAL) is a youth crime prevention program that relies on educational, athletic, and other recreational activities to cement a bond between police officers and the youth in our community. It is based on the conviction that young people - if they are reached early enough -- can develop strong, positive attitudes toward police officers and the law. Studies have shown that if a young person respects a police officer on the ball field or in the gym, he or she will likely come to respect the laws that police officers enforce. Such respect is beneficial to the young person, the police officer, the neighborhood, and the business community.

The PAL Program promotes trust and understanding between young people and police officers by bringing youth under the supervision and constructive influence of dedicated law enforcement professionals. The program also enhances public awareness about the role of police officers, including the reinforcement of responsible values and attitudes taught by parents.

Topanga PAL gives disadvantaged youth (ages 7 to 17) the opportunity to participate in self-enhancement activities (recreational activities, athletic activities, and field trips). By partnering with the Boys and Girls Club, Topanga PAL has developed a “club within a club.” Topanga PAL develops its own activities in which children choose to participate. The activities are supervised by a police officer.

There are absolutely no City funds provided for this extremely worthwhile and rewarding programs ; all funds are raised by the Topanga Police Youth Board and other community members. If you would like to become involved by providing funds or time, please call the Topanga Community Relations Office at (818) 756-3180.

Topanga Area Volunteer Program

LAPD employees are proud to serve alongside over 3,000 volunteers who donate more than 20,000 hours of service each month. Volunteers represent a broad range of ages, from teenagers to senior citizens (approximately 300 volunteers are over the age of 70). Through their dedicated service, volunteers reflect the quality that is representative of the people of Los Angeles and the LAPD. In turn, the Department recognizes the valuable assistance that volunteers provide, and considers them as an integral part of the LAPD team.

Volunteer Programs

One of the most important aspects of the LAPD volunteer program is the diversity of responsibilities that volunteers undertake on a daily basis. Volunteers create and maintain a delicate balance in the Department by providing essential services in both sworn and civilian-related duties. In this way, volunteers serve as a bridge between officers and civilians as they represent their communities in all aspects of Department-related functions.

In the spirit of community policing, community members and officers join together to design volunteer opportunities at each station. The following list represents a sample of the variety of programs that are open to volunteer involvement. Actual volunteer programs may differ from station to station, depending upon the needs of the community.

- Neighborhood Surveillance Teams
- Video Surveillance
- Ham Watch (Radio Operators)
- Youth-At-Risk Programs
- Youth Centers
- Jeopardy Youth Programs
- Crisis Response Teams
- Graffiti Abatement
- Station Assistance
- Reception, Typing/Filing
- Various Clerical Duties
- Detective Assistance
- Community Service Centers
- Neighborhood Watch
- Front Desk Duties

V.S.T. (Volunteer Surveillance Team)

What is the Volunteer Surveillance Team (VST)?

VST is a group of community volunteers living in the LAPD Topanga Area that are specially trained and supervised by LAPD officers to observe and report criminal activity.

What type of training do the volunteers get?

Initially, new members are provided with a safety orientation and then accompany experienced VST members on several surveillance details to get first hand experience. A formal classroom session is conducted on observation skills, radio procedures and protocol, equipment needed, safety procedures, etc. Field training follows with the observation of simulated criminal

activities. New VST members are then assigned to work surveillance details with experienced team leaders where their surveillance and radio broadcast skills are further developed.

What are the requirements to join VST?

Applicants for VST must be 18 years of age or older, a resident of the area served by the Topanga Community Police Station, have a valid California driver's license or I.D., be in good physical condition, have good oral communication skills, submit to a background check and pass an oral interview.

Why become a VST member?

1. There is a need for residents to be involved in their community.
2. Your participation shows support for the LAPD Topanga Area officers.
3. Your involvement will help reduce criminal activity and improve the quality of life in your own community.
4. Assisting the LAPD is a personally rewarding experience.

How do I join?

Contact Police Officer Joseph Breyer at 818-756-3078

VST-Topanga Community Police Station

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