For more information about becoming a civilian volunteer, contact:
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**Yuma County Sheriff's Office Civilian Volunteer Program**

The Civilian Volunteer Program is one aspect of the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office League of Volunteers (S.O.L.V.). These volunteers perform a number of important tasks vital to the overall mission of the Sheriff’s Office. They dedicate their time, talents and energy to making a difference in our community.

**Non-Law Enforcement Support**
Most of the Sheriff’s Office volunteers wear uniforms; however, they are not certified peace officers and their uniforms clearly identify them as Sheriff’s Office volunteers.

The volunteers often work closely with deputies, assuming duties and responsibilities that do not require a certified peace officer, for example:
- Traffic control at accident scenes, crime scenes, and special events.
- Crime scene security.
- Security and/or crowd control at special events.
- Handicapped parking enforcement.
- Security checks of homes of absent owners.
- Senior welfare checks (RUOK? Program).
- Missing persons searches.
- Traffic speed studies in designated areas.
- Photograph/document graffiti damage.

By assuming these non-law enforcement responsibilities, the volunteers permit the deputies to respond to urgent calls for service.

**Administrative Support**
Volunteers also provide administrative support in different sections or areas of the Sheriff’s Office. Examples of tasks performed include:
- Providing customer service at substations.
- Interviewing participants for the Are You OK? Program.
- Auditing pawn tickets for the Criminal Investigations Bureau.
- Delinquent tax notifications.
- Verification of taxable personal property.
- “Kiddie Prints” Child ID Program.

**Membership Information**
If you are interested in joining the Sheriff’s Office Civilian Volunteer Program, you will need to complete an application. Once the application is received, the volunteer coordinator will process the application which will include a background check.

**Volunteer Academy:** All new volunteers are required to complete the YCSO Volunteer Academy where training is provided in the tasks and jobs that they will be performing. During the academy, volunteers will also be provided with information regarding the duties of the Sheriff and the mission of the Sheriff’s Office.

**Uniforms & Equipment:** Upon completion of the background check and acceptance into the SOLV, new volunteers will be provided with an I.D. card, badge (if applicable), and a uniform. All other equipment, i.e., handcuffs, flashlights, additional uniforms, etc., will be the responsibility of the volunteer and must meet requirements set forth by the YCSO.