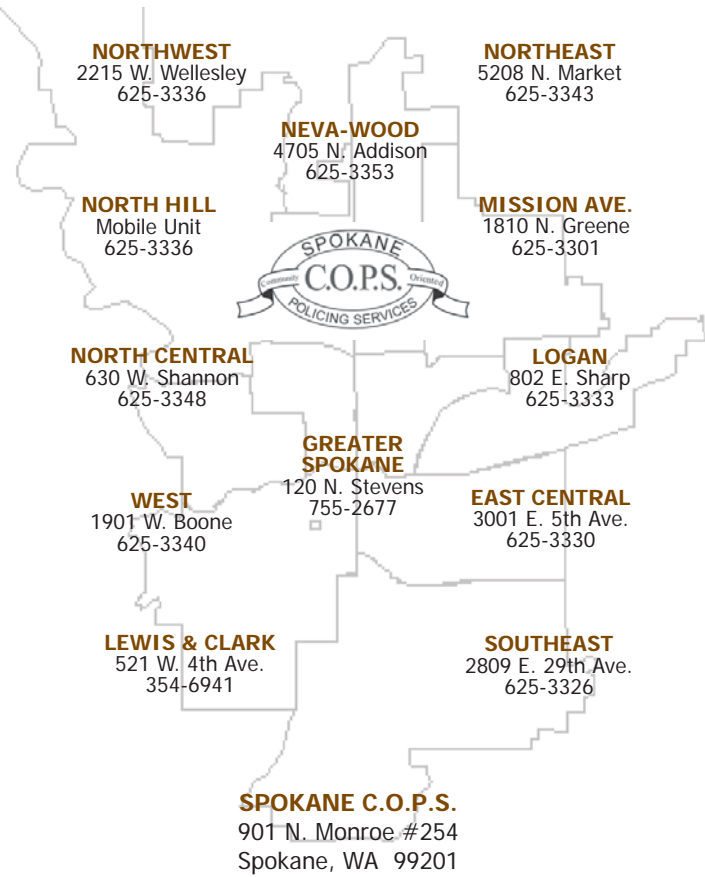




NEIGHBORHOOD OBSERVATION PATROL

C.O.P.S. SUBSTATIONS



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CRIME CHECK.....456-2233

N.O.P. MISSION STATEMENT

Neighborhood Observation Patrol is a volunteer program designed to aid a neighborhood in reporting suspicious and criminal activity.

OBJECTIVES OF N.O.P.

1. To achieve a substantial reduction of crime in the neighborhood by providing trained observers, who collect information and provide a physical presence in the neighborhoods, and report their findings to the Spokane Police Department.
2. To pursue the development of an ongoing collaborative training and education program. Education programs will be designed to increase the ability and commitment of the community to assist in preserving the security and prevent crime in the neighborhoods.
3. To build and maintain effective communications and community relations between the police department and the community by observation and reporting.

BECOMING A VOLUNTEER

Citizens who want to become N.O.P. volunteers are required to fill out a Spokane C.O.P.S. volunteer application, submit to a background check and attend a 2-hour N.O.P. training. Once completed, they may join other N.O.P. volunteers in patrolling their neighborhoods. Volunteers must sign a Code of Ethics and have a vested interest in the neighborhood.



N.O.P. volunteers are the “eyes and ears” for supporting the Spokane Police Department. They are trained witnesses. They are trained to document what they see and alert proper authorities such as Crime Check, Animal Control, Code Enforcement, etc.



N.O.P. Units use their own vehicles and patrol with no less than 2 persons per vehicle.

Standard equipment includes:

- ★ Clipboard and log sheet
- ★ Police scanner
- ★ Cell phone
- ★ N.O.P. hats, shirts and jackets
- ★ Magnetic N.O.P. signs on vehicle



If your neighborhood does not have N.O.P., contact the C.O.P.S. substation nearest you. They may sponsor your efforts to start a new N.O.P. group. All N.O.P. equipment and records are to be kept at the C.O.P.S. substation.