



## **VIPS Mission:**

Enhance public safety through citizen involvement in Wahkiakum County

## **VIPS Goals:**

Promote emergency preparedness; Promote crime prevention; Assist the Sheriff's Office as needed in other tasks.



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In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) is a Citizen Corps partner program in place in many communities around America, with the goal of assisting law enforcement officers in preventing crime and responding to emergencies.













## Current activities of VIPS include:

- Assist communities in developing Neighborhood Watch programs
- Assist in local emergencies
- Assist with crowd control during large events
- Provide parking patrol in downtown Cathlamet
- Provide the Sheriff's Office with extra sets of eyes and ears in the community
- Sponsor annual National Night Out events
- Promote community education on crime prevention and emergency preparedness