

## SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZEN PATROL

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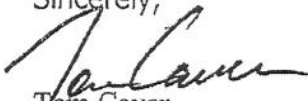
Dear New Resident:

Shepherd Park Plaza Citizens Patrol (SPPCP) was formed in August, 1991, and is made up of neighbors like yourself who have volunteered to either patrol the neighborhood ( in a car, walking, or on a bicycle) at scheduled times or be base station operators. Since the patrol started, crime had dropped by approximately 75%. One hour a week is the normally scheduled patrol time, but several patrol more than that. There are also quarterly meetings at the neighborhood Kroger store. The Patrol is completely financed by donations from Shepherd Park Plaza residents. As a patroller, you would be furnished with a radio and signs for your car if you are driving and a vest if you are a walker or biker. Shirts and jackets are provided so you are easily recognized as a Patroller.

A telephone help line, 713-682-5959, is answered by an answering machine. The help line may be called to put an address of "house watch" when away on vacation or for funerals, so that the patrol may pay special attention to your property while you are away. This help line is not an emergency number and 911 should still be called when police are needed. You may also call the constable dispatch at 713-755-7628.

Enclosed is an application should you be interested in patrolling. This application is also available online at [www.shepherdparkplaza.com](http://www.shepherdparkplaza.com). If your schedule does not allow one hour per week, there are options for you...such as "shared slots". Patrollers are really needed, and we would greatly appreciate your participation. Please call 713-686-1917 if you are interested or email me (cavercasa@comcast.net)

Sincerely,



Tom Caver  
Coordinator

**SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA SUBDIVISION  
CITIZENS PATROL  
MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNDERSIGNED AND THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA SUBDIVISION CITIZENS PATROL. THE RULES AND WAIVERS WILL APPLY WITHOUT EXCEPTION TO EACH MEMBER.

NO INVOLVEMENT IN ANY POLICE ACTIVITY, OTHER THAN OBSERVATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IS PERMITTED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY ORDERED OTHERWISE BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. ANY SITUATION REQUIRING POLICE ATTENTION WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE BASE STATION, THE POLICE, CONSTABLE OR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

NO WEAPON OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE WILL BE CARRIED BY ME IN ANY VEHICLE I AM IN WHILE I AM INVOLVED IN CITIZENS PATROL DUTIES.

I HAVE READ THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN PATROL TRAINING MANUAL. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE "CODE OF CONDUCT", "RULES AND PROCEDURES", AND GUIDELINES FOR BASE STATIONS AND PATROLLERS. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND GUIDELINES, AS AMENDED, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, WHILE ENGAGED IN CITIZEN PATROL DUTIES/ACTIVITIES.

THE CITY OF HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, IT'S OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB, INC., THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL ORGANIZERS AND OTHER MEMBERS ARE HELD HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSSES, LIABILITY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH ARISING FROM MY INVOLVEMENT IN CITIZENS PATROL ACTIVITIES, SCHEDULED OR UNSCHEDULED.

ALL EXPENSES INCURRED ARE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND NEITHER THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB, INC. NOR THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL IS OBLIGATED TO REIMBURSE SUCH EXPENSES.

THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL IS AN ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO MAINTAINING THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA SUBDIVISION. IT IS NOT CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT.

I AGREE TO USE SIGNAGE PROVIDED TO ME BY EITHER THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL OR THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFYING ME AS A CITIZEN PATROLLER WHEN ON PATROL.

I GIVE MY CONSENT TO THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS TO DETERMINE MY ACCEPTABILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL.

MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL MAY BE REVOKED WITHOUT CAUSE BY EITHER THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CIVIC CLUB, INC. OR THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL COORDINATOR.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZEN PATROL ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE CONDITIONS, RULES AND WAIVERS. I AM AWARE THAT FAILURE TO ABIDE BY ANY OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS WILL RESULT IN REVOKATION OF MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE SHEPHERD PARK PLAZA CITIZENS PATROL.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

