

## Member requirements and duties

**Member requirements:** A desire to provide volunteer service to the St. Joseph Police Department. Possess a valid Michigan Driver's License, age fifty-five or older, citizen of the United States, and successfully meet the department's qualifications and completion of a background investigation.

**Duties:** Monitor parking areas reserved for handicap persons, city pay to park facilities and write citations for violations as needed. Observe and report suspected criminal activity, conduct vacation home checks, issue fire lane warnings, report any hazardous conditions, patrol school playgrounds, parks, and nature areas to assist in assuring safety of children and citizens. Provide traffic protection or direction as needed when directed by police and crowd control during city events.. Attend monthly meetings and work one day a week..



St. Joseph Police Department Retired Volunteers .



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## Retired Senior Volunteer Program



**Bruce Capes founder of**

The St. Joseph Retired Senior Volunteer Program was started in 2000 with the help of Chief John Nolan of the St. Joseph Police Department and Bruce Capes a citizen of St. Joseph interested in helping his community.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program

started in San Diego California and has spread across the country . The St. Joseph program was patterned after the Wyoming, Michigan program and in it's inception had four members. The program currently has fourteen members, which includes a program coordinator.

Volunteers perform routine non-confrontational tasks. Volunteers work in pairs, morning or afternoons, five days a week and are sworn to enforce the parking ordinances.

Volunteers have several regular duties, including handicapped parking enforcement, vacation home checks, passing out parking permits, acting as school crossing guards, delivering subpoenas, crowd control during city events, gathering old cell phones and helping with Neighborhood Watch programs.

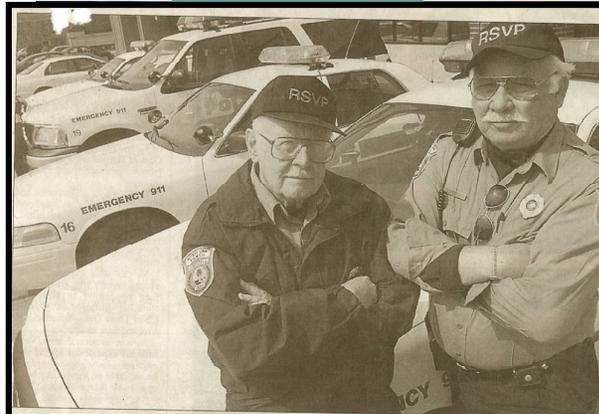
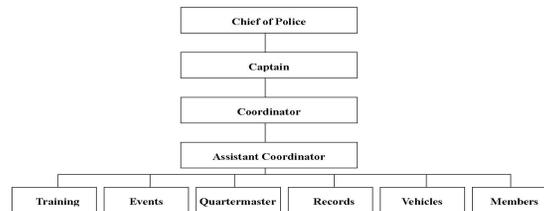
A new member will go through several weeks of on-the-job training concluding with a ride-along with a city police officer .

Uniforms are provided by the city to members and they must be worn at all times when on duty.

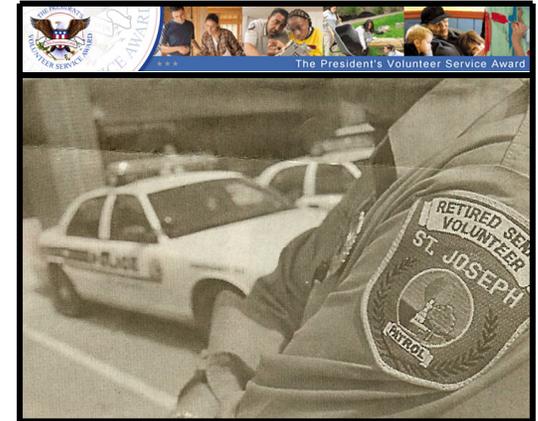
The police department provides two vehicles for use by the Retired Volunteers having graphics and yellow light bars on them.

The program is run through the St. Joseph Police Department with the Police Chief as the director. The Police Captain works in conjunction with the program coordinator in running day to day operations.

St. Joseph Police Retired Senior Volunteers Table of Organization



**Members of the St. Joseph Retired Senior Volunteer Program in 2004.**



# Become A Member

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