

Policy & Procedure # 5

**COPP PROVINCIAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Policies and Procedures
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The Citizens on Patrol Program desires to assist youth in becoming involved in improving safety in their communities. The creation of the COPP youth program for youth ages 16 and 17 will be undertaken to meet this aim.

Criteria:

1. Youth 16 or 17 years of age may apply to become a COPP member, and be accepted into the program if they meet program requirements as well as the following:
 - a. Applicants require the written consent of their parent or guardian.
 - b. Applicants require the endorsement of their local law enforcement agency.
 - c. If the youth wishes to participate in the program to fulfill the volunteer requirement for a high school course credit, they must have the agreement of an official from the high school they currently attend.
2. When patrolling, youth will be accompanied by a qualified COPP member who has provided a clear Vulnerable Sector Search to the group coordinator. A Child Abuse Registry Check is also required if the youth is patrolling with an adult that is not their parent, grandparent or legal guardian. The Provincial Coordinator will make arrangements for that check to be completed by the member.
3. The qualified member must be willing to assume responsibility for the safety and conduct of the youth volunteer, while on patrol.
4. When accompanied by a qualified COPP member, youth may patrol in pairs.
5. Youth volunteers may be involved in routine patrolling and community activities.