



Houston Heights Constable Patrol

The Heights Constable Patrol is defined by the outlined area in the following map. It is time to subscribe for the next six month period (July 1, 2011 through Dec 31, 2011). The program is currently active with three constables patrolling 40 hours each per week.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Houston Heights Association has hired the constables from Precinct I through the Contract Deputy Program. This patrol program's main objectives are crime prevention and providing immediate police services to citizens. The Constables on patrol are Harris County deputies, who are in uniform, armed and driving distinctively marked law enforcement vehicles. They can arrest people, work with you to file reports, write tickets, and respond to Houston Police dispatch. In addition to the benefits of a law enforcement presence on our streets subscribing property owners are eligible for special services such as vacation watches, free home security inspections, and direct access to the Precinct I dispatcher. The coverage paid for by subscribing property owners includes eight hours of patrol time five days per week per each constable.

HOW DOES THIS PROGRAM HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

- * Highly visible constable vehicles patrolling the neighborhood act as a deterrent to criminals who are more likely to seek out other less patrolled areas.
- * Dedicated deputies become familiar with the neighborhood; they are able to identify "out of the ordinary" situations such as suspicious persons or vehicles that someone not familiar with the area might not recognize.

- * A deputy's response time to calls within the assigned contract area will average two to five minutes. This response time can be faster than Houston Police Department's response time when the deputy is already in the neighborhood and in non-emergency situations when HPD's response time can be much slower because they must respond to high priority problems across the entire city, and the constables are focused on our local area.
- * With free home inspections for providers, homes are more likely to be secure and less appealing to criminals.

WHY PAY TO SUBSCRIBE?

In addition to funding additional law enforcement to reduce crime in our neighborhood, the program offers paid subscribers direct phone contact with the Precinct I dispatcher for quick response time to calls for help or for reports of suspicious activities. Subscribers can call the Precinct I dispatcher even when a deputy is not on patrol. Paid subscription also allows the privileges of vacation watch services and special watches for unusual circumstances, as well as home security inspections. Residents with home alarm systems may also designate the constable as the first responder to an activated alarm. This web page shows stats from the constable patrols <http://houstonheights.org/security.htm>.

WHO CAN SUBSCRIBE?

All residents including renters, property owners, and business owners in a patrol area are eligible and strongly encouraged to participate in the patrol program. You do not have to be a member of the Houston Heights Association, Sunset Heights Civic Club or East Sunset Heights Association to be a paid subscriber in the patrol program.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost is \$155. The 6 month period is July 1, 2011 through Dec 31, 2011. We need 725 subscribers to pay for the service for the 6 month period. The deadline is June 1, 2011 for us to reach our goal. 725 subscribers will allow us to continue the program at its current level with 3 patrolling constables. The higher the participant rate, the lower the cost per subscriber, so spread the word to your neighbors encouraging them to participate. The number of constables is also dictated by the participation rate.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THIS PROGRAM?

The entire neighborhood benefits from the street patrolling which raises the level of security in our neighborhood. All services provided by the Constable Patrol — street patrolling, special watches, vacation watches, personal help, home security inspections, etc., are paid for by the paid subscribers. Consequently, only paid subscribers can call upon the deputies for special services other than the street patrolling — vacation watch services, special watches, home security inspections and direct access to the Precinct 1 dispatcher.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL HOUSTON HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION:

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Or:

info@houstonheights.org

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Go on the Heights Association website and pay by credit card <http://houstonheights.org/cpppaypal.htm>

Or pay by check, cut out the form below and mail it to the address specified.

Make Checks payable to HHA Constable Patrol for \$130 (prorated amount)

Mail to HHA Constable Patrol, P.O Box 70735, Houston, TX 77270-0735

Name: _____

Service Address

(required): _____

Phone number

(required): _____

Email: _____

Billing Address (if different): _____