

Dreamland Villa Sheriff's Posse

Dreamland Villa Sheriff's Posse is made up of citizen volunteers who are sanctioned and trained by the Maricopa Sheriff's Office. We are funded only by the generosity of Dreamland Villa residents whom we solicit once a year for funds to keep the operation going. We personally receive no funds, purchasing our own uniforms and equipment. The hours of training we go through each year is provided by the MCSO and our own senior staff. Yet, we put in thousands of hours each year patrolling the streets of Dreamland Villa because each of us has a sense of giving back to the community. We are asked occasionally to provide assistance to local law enforcement, directing traffic at accident scenes, providing security at a crime scene, and such duties that we are trained and equipped for. We are in constant communication with the MCSO dispatch center with the radio's in our vehicles and portable radios, that we purchased and share, through your generosity. As stated we are a volunteer force and come from many backgrounds and careers. Some of us haven't retired yet, and some come from outside the Villa to help our community stay as safe as possible. The hours that we are available to patrol are varied in days and times. We wish we could have a car on the road 24/7 but we are very understaffed. We have hundreds of houses that we are asked to check as often as possible while the residents are away, as well as act as a deterrent to those who might be "up to no good". As we have no arrest or stopping authority, we act as the eyes and ears of the MCSO Deputies.

And here we approach the reason for this communication. Do you have a few hours each week to lend your talents to the Posse? After receiving your basic posse training, you can help in keeping your community safer. The initial training consists of: Law and Legal, Directing Traffic, and Radio Use. Many of us have continued taking courses to be of more value to the Sheriff's Office and Dreamland Villa, but are under no obligation to do so. Both men and women are encouraged to become Posse members. If you're interested in being a part of our group, and would like more information, you can stop any posse member as we patrol, or go to the Dreamland Villa office and pick up a brochure. You can also set up a meeting with one of our senior staff to answer any questions. You can also go to the MCSO Posse website at <http://www.mcsoposse.org/> for more information and an application.

Don't forget to wave or say hi when you see us on the street or drive past your home. We love this community and enjoy meeting its residents.