



## WELCOME NEW BLOCK CLUB MEMBERS

The Heritage Apartments and the Brickerhaven sub-division are the newest Block Club neighborhoods. The Draper City Police Department has collaborated with each Block Club to open lines of communications, set expectations for unique challenges, and plan regular community meetings.

The Police Department is excited to partner with these Block Clubs to enhance the neighborhood safety and engage in community-oriented policing activities throughout the year.

Welcome aboard!

## HAPPY 3 YEAR ANNIVERSARY TO THE VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE

The Draper City Police Department’s Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) are celebrating their third year. The VIPS program is a group of 10 trained Draper City residents who volunteer to be an extra set of eyes and ears for the Draper City Police Department. VIPS conduct foot, bike, and mobile patrols in the Corner Canyon trail system, the hard surface trails throughout the City, such as the Jordan River Parkway and Porter Rockwell trail, as well as businesses and neighborhoods. VIPS help with community-oriented policing functions such as National Night Out, Block Club events, Draper Days, and Draper Dog Walker Watch program.



As crime spiked during the COVID years, the VIPS help the Police Department with a Vehicle Burglary Prevention Blitz. This campaign required VIPS to go door-to-door in high density housing units where high incidents of vehicle burglaries were occurring and make contact with the residents. They briefly educated the residents about the trending crime and distributed crime prevention tips to all the households. VIPS are responsible for setting up speed radar trailers in the City and report graffiti for timely removal. They answered the call to assist in locating a missing child; fortunately, the child was located shortly after the request was sent.



VIPS work in teams of two or more, and do not perform law enforcement duties. They are non-confrontational, and their role is to report suspicious activity to the shift supervisor. Our VIPS work together as a team, they are a diverse group of individuals and each have a unique and varied background. The VIPS mobile re-design was a collaborative effort by all members of the group.

It’s been a wonderful three years and we look forward to many more years of our Volunteers In Police Service program evolving to meet the needs of our residents and businesses.

