

POLICY FIFTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS

POL-50-1 PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the use of volunteers in the police department, ensuring safe, effective and supervised contributions to community service while maintaining public safety and legal compliance.

POL-50-2 SCOPE

This policy applies to all non-commissioned (i.e. non-reserve officer) volunteers assisting the police department in various capacities.

POL-50-3 VOLUNTEER ROLES AND RESTRICTIONS

Non-commissioned volunteers shall:

- Assist with special event parking as directed
- Not enforce criminal laws, except as related to special event parking duties
- Not engage in pursuit driving, detention, arrests, use of force, or use of deadly force
- Not carry firearms or other weapons
- Use of animals by volunteers is solely for tracking individuals during search and rescue operations, under the direction or authorized personnel

SUPERVISION

- All non-commissioned volunteers must be supervised by a sworn member of the police department or a designee from a volunteer organization operating under the direct supervision of a police department member
- Supervisors are responsible for ensuring volunteers adhere to this policy and perform duties within their assigned scope

POL-50-4 COMPLIANCE

Those who operate as a volunteer must be distinguishable from regular peace officers and any insignia must only be used when on-duty in an official capacity.

- Volunteers must comply with all Colfax Police Department policies, procedures and applicable laws. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in termination of volunteer status.