



City of La Verne

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La Verne Seniors Help to Keep La Verne Safe with the RSVP Program

LA VERNE, CA – [The La Verne Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol \(RSVP\) program](#) was founded in 1991 and uses the skills and experience of senior citizens in the community to supplement the efforts of the La Verne Police Department (LVPD). The RSVP program recognizes the valuable resources that seniors bring to the table and provides a way for them to contribute to their community in retirement.

"We are proud of our seniors and their commitment to giving back to La Verne through volunteer service. The RSVP program is a great asset to the Police Department and our community," said Mayor Tim Hepburn. "These volunteers bring a wealth of experience and dedication to their work, and we are grateful to have them as part of our public safety team."

The main function of the RSVP program is to assist LVPD officers and staff. RSVP members do not take enforcement action, carry weapons or make arrests, but their actions do free up police officers to do their jobs more efficiently by patrolling the City, conducting vacation house checks and interacting with the public. RSVPs also facilitate the [You Are Not Alone \(YANA\) program](#) and assist staff at the LVPD station by conducting Live Scan checks, leading station tours, answering phones and providing additional capacity to facilitate various events, such as the July 4th Parade, National Night Out and the Public Safety Open House.

Joining the RSVP program requires a commitment to serving the community. The application process includes a written application, in-person interview and comprehensive background check. Once an applicant has been accepted, they must complete a training process designed to help them gain proficiency in areas such as state penal codes, vehicle codes, radio communication and LVPD policies. The training process equips RSVP members with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively and safely perform their duties.

LVPD is committed to supporting RSVP members throughout the training process and beyond to help them serve their neighbors. RSVP applications can be obtained at the [Police Department, 2061 Third Street](#), or on the [LVPD website](#). For more information about the RSVP program, contact Police Services Coordinator Jim Crook at (909) 596-1913.

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