



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program

Activities and Milestones



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Origin of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program

President George W. Bush created USA Freedom Corps to build on the countless acts of service, sacrifice, and generosity that followed September 11. When he announced USA Freedom Corps in his 2002 State of the Union address, he called on all Americans to serve a cause greater than themselves.

As a White House office, USA Freedom Corps is charged with building a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility in America. USA Freedom Corps promotes and expands volunteer service in America by partnering with national service programs, working to strengthen the nonprofit sector, recognizing volunteers, and helping to connect individuals with volunteer opportunities.

Citizen Corps, a vital component of USA Freedom Corps, was created to help coordinate volunteer activities to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

Citizen Corps partner programs build on the successful efforts in place in many communities around the country to prevent crime and respond to emergencies. Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) is one of five Citizen Corps partner programs. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) manages the VIPS Program in partnership with, and on behalf of, the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

VIPS Goals and Objectives

The VIPS Program provides support and resources for agencies interested in developing or enhancing a volunteer program and for citizens who wish to volunteer their time and skills with a community law enforcement agency. The program's ultimate goal is to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers.

The program's objectives are to:

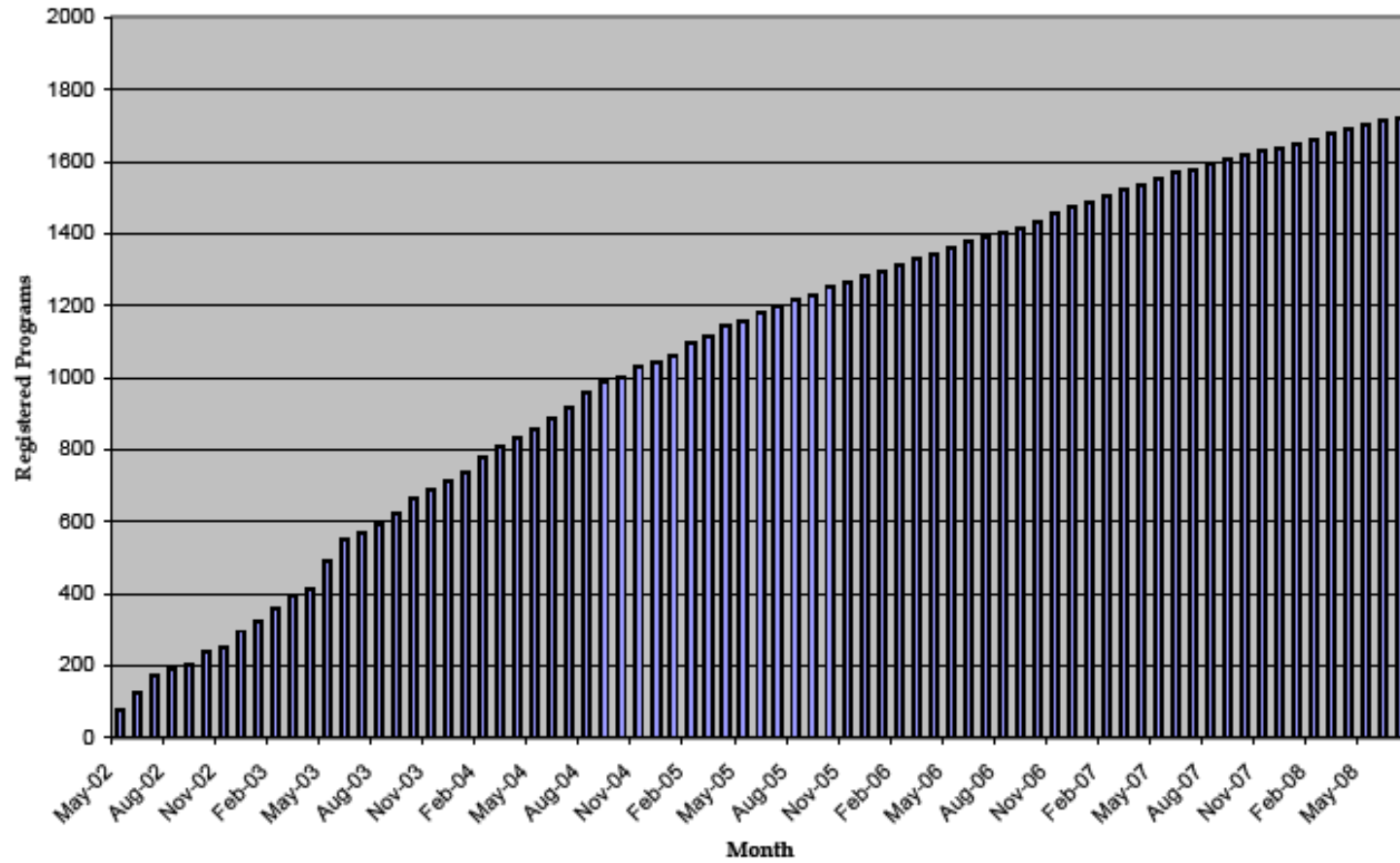
- compile information about the state of volunteerism in law enforcement;
- produce and create resource tools, education, and technical assistance to promote and support the growth of volunteerism;
- deliver materials and products to build the capacity of law enforcement agencies to utilize volunteers; and
- continually assess project activities and the state of volunteerism in law enforcement.

Program Resources

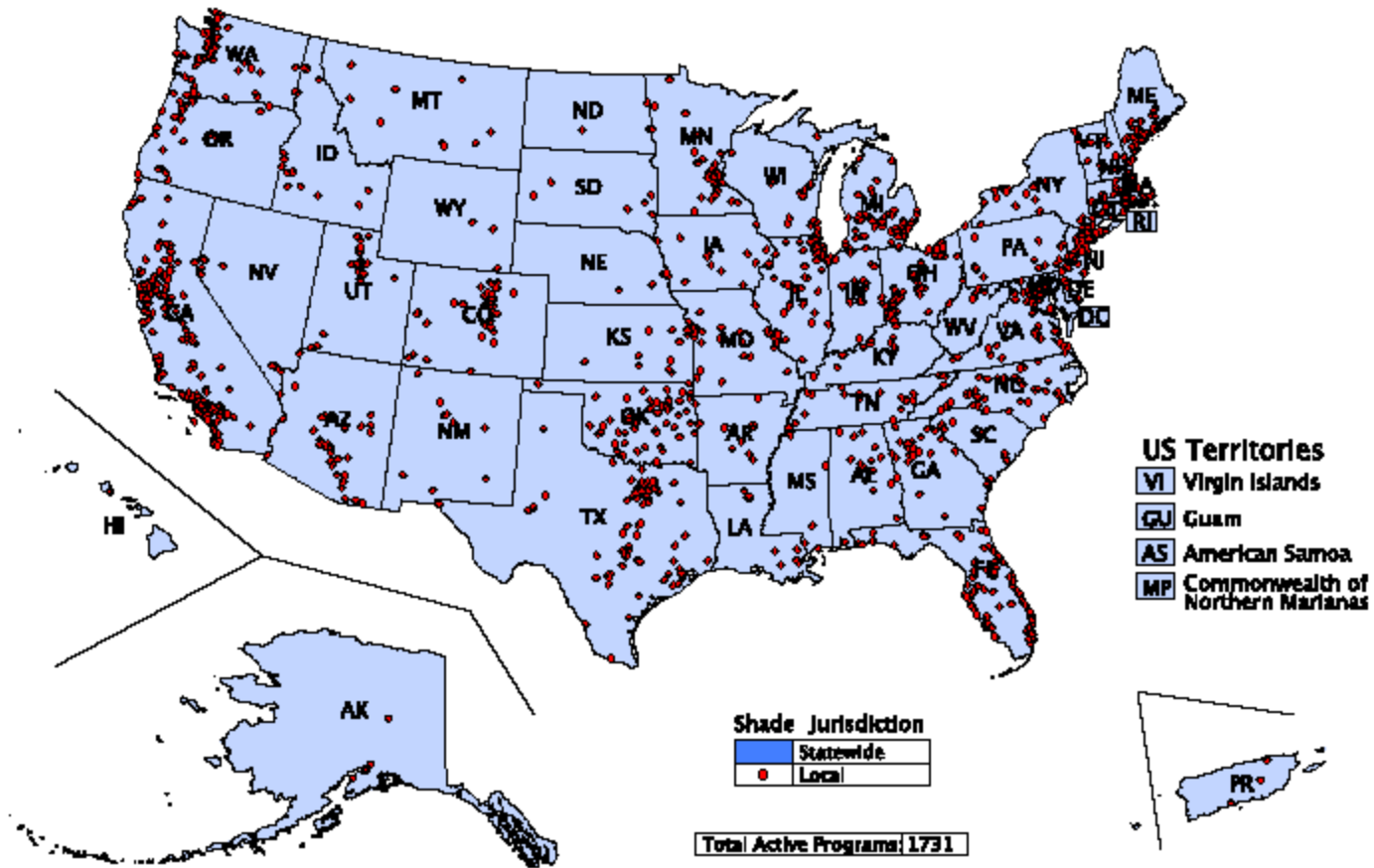
The Volunteers in Police Service Program offers:

- a searchable directory summarizing volunteer opportunities available in law enforcement agencies across the country.
- an online library of sample documents and forms, including policies and procedures, training materials, and screening forms.
- *Volunteer Programs: Enhancing Public Safety by Leveraging Resources*, a resource guide for law enforcement agencies interested in starting a volunteer program.
- *VIPS in Focus*, a publication series that builds on the resource guide, addressing specific elements and issues related to law enforcement volunteer programs.
- a model policy developed in collaboration with IACP's National Law Enforcement Policy Center.
- three training courses for volunteer managers.
- a technical assistance program to help local agencies determine their volunteer needs and design programs that will effectively meet those needs.
- a mentor program that pairs new law enforcement volunteer managers in need of support with experienced practitioners.
- educational videos.
- *VIPS Info*, a monthly electronic newsletter that provides news and events about the VIPS Program and law enforcement volunteer activities across the country.
- *VIPS in the News*, a bimonthly electronic newsletter recognizing law enforcement volunteer programs that have recently been in the news.
- VIPS to VIPS, a moderated online discussion group for law enforcement volunteer program leaders to share information and ideas.

Registered Program Growth

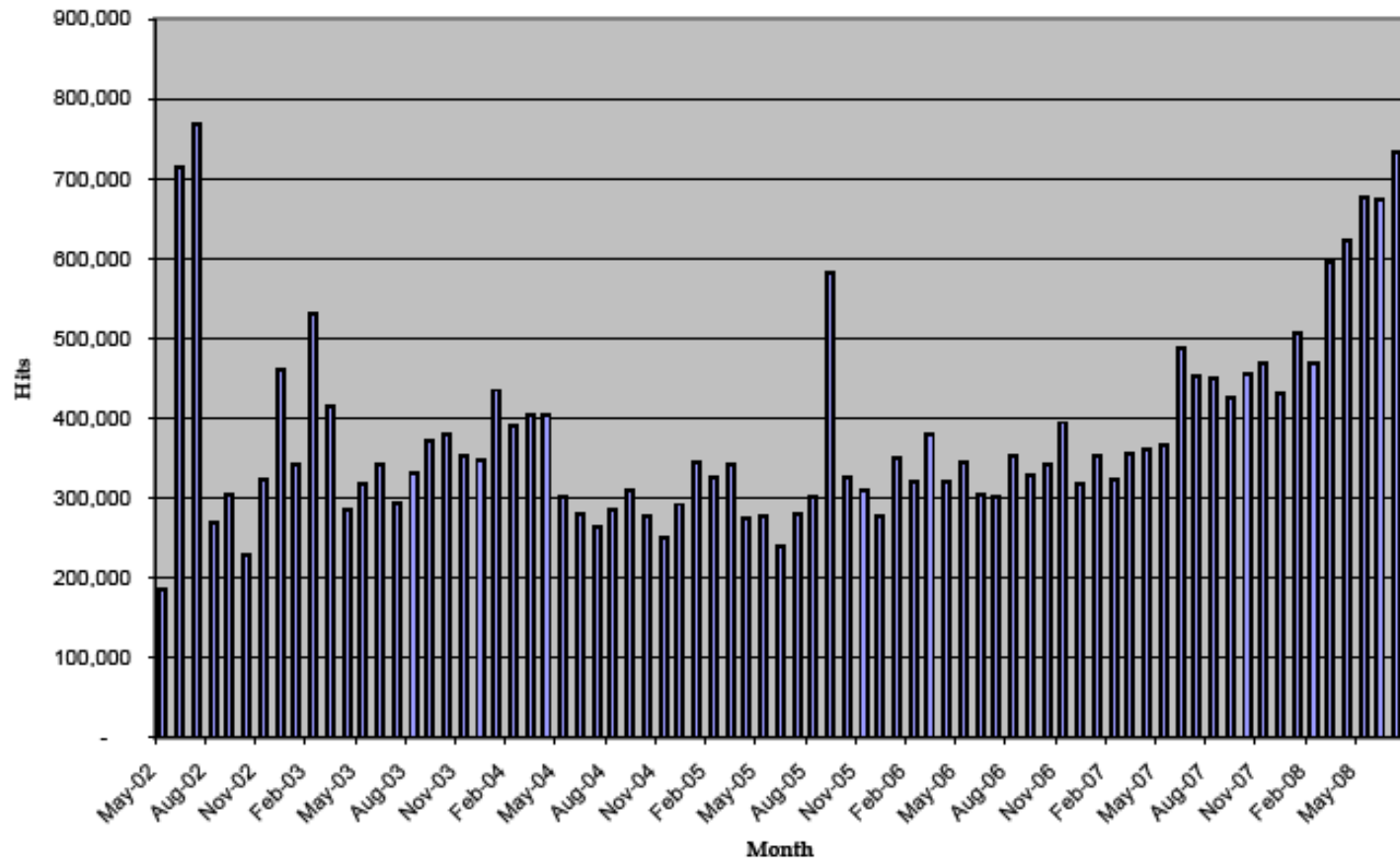


Volunteers in Police Service



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Web Site Hits



2002

Programs: 320
Volunteers: N/A
Web site hits: 3,259,736
Events: 1
Presentations: 1
Site visits: 0
Exhibits: 1

May

- Program launch
- Web site launch
- 74 programs registered
- 186,813 Web site hits

June

- 49 programs registered
- 714,015 Web site hits

July

- 47 programs registered
- 768,855 Web site hits

August

- 18 programs registered
- 270,569 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter

September

- 15 programs registered
- 304,531 Web site hits
- Advisory committee established
- Advisory committee meeting – Alexandria, Virginia

October

- 33 programs registered
- 228,743 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- Presentation and exhibit – International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Exposition, Minneapolis, Minnesota

November

- 15 programs registered
- 324,497 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter

December

- 44 programs registered
- 461,713 Web site hits

2003

Programs: 725
Volunteers: N/A
Web site hits: 4,307,981
Events: 1
Presentations: 30
Site visits: 28
Exhibits: 1

January

- 26 programs registered
- 341,533 Web site hits
- General program survey released
- National survey released
- Site visit – Redlands, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Riverside, California, Police Department
- Site visit – San Bernardino County, California, Sheriff's Department
- Site visit – Des Plaines, Illinois, Police Department
- Site visit – Wood Dale, Illinois, Police Department
- Presentation – Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Conference
- Presentation – New York State Citizen Corps Regional Training

February

- 40 programs registered
- 530,405 Web site hits
- Site visit – San Diego, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Colorado Springs, Colorado, Police Department
- Site visit – Eugene, Oregon, Police Department
- Site visit – Lane County, Oregon, Sheriff's Department
- Site visit – Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department
- Presentation – Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Presentation – Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Grand Rapids, Michigan

March

- 33 programs registered
- 415,282 Web site hits
- Site visit – Paradise Valley, Arizona, Police Department
- Site visit – Phoenix, Arizona, Police Department
- Site visit – Louisville, Kentucky, Metropolitan Police Department
- Site visit – Lowell, Massachusetts, Police Department
- Site visit – San Antonio, Texas, Police Department

- Presentation – International Association of Chiefs of Police’s State Associations of Chiefs of Police Division Mid-Year Meeting, Rockville, Maryland
- Presentation – International Association of Chiefs of Police’s State and Provincial Police Division Mid-Year Meeting, Alexandria, Virginia

April

- 17 programs registered
- 286,619 Web site hits
- Site visit – Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary, Tallahassee
- Site visit – St. Petersburg, Florida, Police Department
- Site visit – Washington County, Minnesota, Sheriff’s Department
- Site visit – Nebraska State Patrol, Omaha
- Site visit – Knoxville, Tennessee, Police Department
- Presentation – Ohio Crime Prevention Association, Dublin, Ohio

May

- 80 programs registered
- 317,657 Web site hits
- Site visit – Fresno, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department
- Site visit – Las Vegas, Nevada, Metropolitan Police Department
- Presentation – National Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association Conference, Tunica, Mississippi
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Regional Meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Presentation – Oklahoma RCPI Curriculum Evaluation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

June

- 61 programs registered
- 342,040 Web site hits
- Advisory committee meeting – Alexandria, Virginia
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Region I, Mashantucket, Connecticut
- Presentations (2) – Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Annual Conference, Washington, DC
- Presentation – Points of Light Foundation, Baltimore, Maryland
- Presentation – New York State Leadership Conference, Albany, New York
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Mega City Conference, New York, New York
- Presentation – National Sheriffs’ Association Annual Conference – Nashville, Tennessee
- Presentation – Neighborhood Watch Advisory Committee Meeting, Alexandria, Virginia

July

- 14 programs registered
- 293,308 Web site hits
- Programs registered in all fifty states
- Site visit – Toronto Police Service, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Presentation – National Citizen Corps Conference, Washington, DC
- Presentation – National Criminal Justice Association, St. Petersburg, Florida
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Region VII Conference, Kansas City, Missouri

August

- 27 programs registered
- 330,481 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- Site visit – Billings, Montana, Police Department
- Site visit – Austin, Texas, Police Department

September

- 32 programs registered
- 372,458 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- Created *VIPS Info*
- Created VIPS to VIPS
- Site visit – Moca Police Commission, Moca, Puerto Rico
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Region V, Chicago, Illinois
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Meeting, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

October

- 41 programs registered
- 378,683 Web site hits
- Released *Volunteer Programs: Enhancing Public Safety by Leveraging Resources* resource guide
- *VIPS Info* released
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Region VI Meeting, Austin, Texas
- Presentation and exhibit – International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Exposition, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November

- 24 programs registered
- 352,411 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Site visit – Seattle, Washington, Police Department
- Presentation – International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners, Orlando, Florida
- Presentation – Virginia Public Safety Outreach Conference, Richmond, Virginia
- Presentation – Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Chelan, Washington

December

- 24 programs registered
- 347,104 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Affiliates Meeting, Emmitsburg, Maryland

2004

Programs: 1,060
Volunteers: 73,000
Web site hits: 3,897,497
Events: 8
Presentations: 31
Site visits: 17
Exhibits: 6

January

- 21 programs registered
- 435,227 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- Directory expanded to include programs outside the United States
- *VIPS Info* released
- Presentation – Tri-State RCPI Train the Trainers Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio

February

- 42 programs registered
- 391,172 Web site hits
- Online photo gallery redesigned
- *VIPS Info* released
- Site visit – Fresno, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Lowell, Massachusetts, Police Department
- Site visit – Billings, Montana, Police Department
- Presentation – Neighborhood Watch Advisory Committee Meeting, Washington, DC
- Presentation – Tri-State RCPI Train the Trainers Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio

March

- 31 programs registered
- 405,186 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Regional symposium, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Site visit – Charlotte-Mecklenburg, North Carolina, Police Department
- Presentation – Office of Community Oriented Policing Services VIPS Grantee Meeting, St. Petersburg, Florida
- Presentation – Oklahoma RCPI Train the Trainers Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Presentation – International Association of Chiefs of Police's State Associations of Chiefs of Police Division Mid-Year Meeting, Alexandria, Virginia

April

- 27 programs registered
- 405,269 Web site hits
- Volunteer model policy released in partnership with the National Law Enforcement Policy Center
- *VIPS Info* released
- Site visit – Douglas County, Nevada, Sheriff's Department
- Site visit – Reno, Nevada, Police Department
- Site visit – Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department
- Site visit – Park City, Utah, Police Department
- Presentation – Governor's Meth Summit, Kansas City, Missouri
- Presentation – Oklahoma RCPI Train the Trainers Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Presentation – National Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association Conference, Austin, Texas
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Regional Conference/Utah Conference on Service, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Presentation – Washington Crime Prevention Association, Pasco, Washington

May

- 23 programs registered
- 301,292 Web site hits
- Redesigned Web site home page
- Released *Introducing Law Enforcement Volunteerism to the Community* video
- Released *Introducing Volunteer Activities to Law Enforcement* video
- *VIPS Info* released
- Regional symposium, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Regional symposium, Providence, Rhode Island
- Presentation – International Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Information Management Section Conference, Sacramento, California
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Region IX Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Presentation – International Police Mountain Bike Association, San Antonio, Texas

June

- 31 programs registered
- 280,434 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Advisory committee meeting, Dallas, Texas
- VIPS Regional Symposium – Portland, Oregon
- VIPS Regional Symposium – Dallas, Texas
- Site visit – Garland, Texas, Police Department

- Presentation – Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Annual Conference, Washington, DC
- Presentation – Illinois Crime Prevention Association, Galena, Illinois
- Presentation – Indiana Citizen Corps Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Presentation – Bureau of Justice Assistance Regional Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri
- Exhibit – National Sheriffs' Association Conference, Seattle, Washington

July

- 28 programs registered
- 264,830 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Presentation – National Citizen Corps Conference, Denver, Colorado
- Presentation – Medical Reserve Corps Conference, Baltimore, Maryland
- Exhibit – National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
- Exhibit – Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Savannah, Georgia

August

- 40 programs registered
- 285,082 Web site hits
- Technical Assistance Program established
- *VIPS Info* released
- Site visit – Tempe, Arizona, Police Department
- Site visit – Spokane County, Washington, Sheriff's Office

September

- 32 programs registered
- 309,092 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Site visit – Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, Police Department
- Site visit – University of Wisconsin - Madison Police Department
- Presentation – Bureau of Justice Assistance Regional Conference, Denver, Colorado
- Presentation and pilot training – National Crime Prevention Council Regional Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Presentation and exhibit – Bureau of Justice Assistance Law Enforcement and Youth Partnerships for Crime Prevention Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

October

- 14 programs registered
- 276,438 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Site visit – Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary, Tallahassee
- Site visit – Douglas County, Nevada, Sheriff's Department
- Site visit – Laconia, New Hampshire, Police Department
- Presentation – Bureau of Justice Assistance Regional Meeting, Tampa, Florida
- Presentation – Crime Prevention Association of Michigan Conference, Traverse City, Michigan
- Presentation – Minnesota Crime Prevention Association Conference, St. Cloud, Minnesota
- Presentation – National Crime Prevention Council Western Regional Conference, Seattle, Washington

November

- 27 programs registered
- 251,235 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* e-newsletter launched
- Site visit – Vail, Colorado, Police Department
- Presentation and Exhibit – International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Exposition, Los Angeles, California

December

- 15 programs registered
- 292,240 Web site hits
- Launched online Calendar of Events
- Pilot Development Program launched
- *VIPS Info* released
- Advisory committee meeting – San Diego, California
- Presentation – Alabama Citizen Corps Conference, Point Clear, Alabama
- Presentation – Community Emergency Response Team Conference, Emmitsburg, Maryland
- Presentation – Pennsylvania Council on Crime and Delinquency, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Exhibit – New Mexico Chiefs of Police Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico

2005

Programs: 1,290
Volunteers: 83,000
Web site hits: 3,881,474
Events: 27
Presentations: 24
Site visits: 12
Exhibits: 10

January

- 15 programs registered
- 345,055 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* publication series launched
- First issue of *VIPS in Focus*, “Advancing Crime Prevention Efforts: Aligning Neighborhood Watch and Volunteers in Police Service” released
- Executive seminar – New Orleans, Louisiana
- Executive seminar – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February

- 37 registered programs
- 324,795 Web site hits
- General survey released
- Released *Volunteers in Police Service: The Executive Perspective* video
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “College and University Police Departments: Engaging Volunteers in Higher Education Settings” released
- Upgraded online resource library to include a search function
- Executive seminar – San Francisco, California
- Executive seminar – St. Louis, Missouri
- Site visit and presentation – Newport, Oregon, Police Department

March

- 17 programs registered
- 341,664 Web site hits
- Launched VIPS Basic training
- Volunteer Concepts and Issues Paper published in partnership with the National Law Enforcement Policy Center
- *VIPS Info* released
- Executive seminar – Denver, Colorado
- Basic training – Atlanta, Georgia

- Basic training – New Orleans, Louisiana

April

- 29 programs registered
- 273,533 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Volunteer management focus group – Alexandria, Virginia
- Site visit – Delray Beach, Florida, Police Department
- Site visit – Moscow Mills, Missouri, Police Department
- Site visit – California University of Pennsylvania Police Department
- Presentation – Corporation for National Community Service’s Homeland Security Conference, Washington, DC
- Presentation – Neighborhood Watch Advisory Committee Meeting, Washington, DC
- Presentation – Idaho Citizen Corps Conference, Boise, Idaho
- Presentation – Maryland National Resources Police Awards, Ocean City, Maryland
- Presentation – Pennsylvania Crime Prevention Officers Association Conference, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- Basic training – Boise, Idaho
- Basic training – Kansas City, Missouri
- Basic training – St. Louis, Missouri

May

- 14 programs registered
- 277,473 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “Bridging the Digital Divide: Meeting Departmental Technical Needs by Recruiting Skilled Volunteers” released
- “Volunteering With Law Enforcement: A Citizen Guide” brochure released
- Site visit – Denver, Colorado, Police Department
- Site visit – Lakewood, Colorado, Police Department
- Basic training – Denver, Colorado
- Basic training – Boston, Massachusetts
- Basic training – Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Basic training – Cleveland, Ohio
- Basic training – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Basic training – San Antonio, Texas

June

- 21 programs registered
- 240,586 Web site hits

- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Article in *Police Chief Magazine*
- Presentation – Police Athletic League Annual Conference, Palm Springs, California
- Presentation – Illinois Citizen Corps Conference, Springfield, Illinois
- Presentation – Texas Citizen Corps Conference, Houston, Texas
- Exhibit – National Sheriffs’ Association Annual Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
- Exhibit – Police Security Expo, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- Basic training – San Francisco, California
- Basic training – Tampa, Florida
- Basic training – Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Basic training – Seattle, Washington

July

- 19 programs registered
- 279,633 Web site hits
- Redesigned program brochure released
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “Building Relationships: Using Volunteers to Address the Needs of Multicultural Communities” released
- Site visit – Providence, Rhode Island, Police Department
- Presentation – Western Regional Citizen Corps Conference, Bozeman, Montana
- Presentation and exhibit – Pennsylvania Chiefs Association Conference, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
- Presentation and exhibit – Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Convention, Waco, Texas
- Exhibit – Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, Owensboro, Kentucky
- Exhibit – Montana Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Bozeman, Montana

August

- 17 programs registered
- 302,130 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- CD-ROM “Supporting Law Enforcement Volunteer Efforts: Resources to Enhance Public Safety” released
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “IACP/SAIC Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs Award: 2004 Winners” released
- Site visit – Bath, Maine, Police Department
- Site visit – Newport, North Carolina, Police Department

- Presentation – Western Regional State and Local Government Preparedness and Coordination Conference, San Francisco, California
- Presentation – Points of Light Annual Conference, Washington, DC
- Presentation – Maine VIPS Best Practices Conference, Augusta, Maine
- Presentation – Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association Annual Conference, La Crosse, Wisconsin

September

- 16 programs registered
- 582,820 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “Bridging the Size Gap: Volunteers as a Force Multiplier” released
- Advisory committee meeting – Atlanta, Georgia
- Workshop – Engaging Law Enforcement and Citizen Corps Leaders: Partnerships, Preparedness and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia
- Law enforcement volunteerism and youth focus group, Miami, Florida
- Presentation and exhibit – International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Exhibition, Miami, Florida
- Exhibit – Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police Convention, Little Rock, Arkansas

October

- 23 programs registered
- 325,751 Web site hits
- Launched HTML versions of *VIPS Info* and *VIPS in the News*
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Site visit – Modesto, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Rochester, New York, Police Department
- Presentation – Law Enforcement Volunteers of California Conference, Vacaville, California
- Presentation – National Crime Prevention Council’s National Conference on Preventing Crime, Washington, DC
- Presentation – Tennessee Citizen Corps Summit, Memphis, Tennessee
- Presentation and Exhibit – Bureau of Justice Assistance Law Enforcement and Youth Partnerships for Crime Prevention Conference, Washington, DC

November

- 10 programs registered
- 309,529 Web site hits
- Two VIPS volunteers selected as Presidential Greeters
- Citizen Involvement in Sex Offender Management project launched
- VIPS Advanced training launched

- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “Law Enforcement and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT): How Agencies are Utilizing Volunteers to Address Community Preparedness Goals” released
- Presentation – Alabama Citizen Corps Conference, Florence, Alabama
- Exhibit – Bureau of Justice Assistance Regional Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Basic training – Keystone, Colorado (Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance Conference)
- Advanced training – Alexandria, Virginia

December

- 17 programs registered
- 278,505 Web site hits
- VIPS to VIPS online archive launched
- Mentor Program launched
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “IACP/SAIC Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs Award: 2005 Winners” released
- Site visit – Albemarle County, Virginia, Police Department
- Presentation – National TRIAD Conference, Tunica, Mississippi
- Presentation – Nevada Sheriff’s and Chiefs Association Conference, Mesquite, Nevada
- Basic training – Phoenix, Arizona

2006

Programs: 1,480
Volunteers: 92,000
Web site hits: 4,055,906
Events: 28
Presentations: 16
Site visits: 6
Exhibits: 7

January

- 15 programs registered
- 350,839 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “National Service Programs: Law Enforcement and AmeriCorps Partnerships” released
- Exhibit – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Conference, Washington, DC
- Basic training – Savannah, Georgia
- Basic training – Austin, Texas

February

- 19 programs registered
- 319,452 Web site hits
- General survey released
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “Mutually Beneficial Partnerships: Internship Programs” released
- Exhibit – Bureau of Justice Assistance Regional Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
- Basic training – Meridian, Idaho
- Basic training – Memphis, Tennessee
- Advanced training – Atlanta, Georgia

March

- 17 programs registered
- 379,575 Web site hits
- Web site user survey launched
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “Volunteers as Volunteer Program Leaders: A Program Management Model” released
- Policy forum – State Citizen Corps representatives, Alexandria, Virginia
- Site visit – Helena, Alabama, Police Department

- Presentation – International Association of Chiefs of Police State Association of Chiefs of Police Division’s Mid-Year Meeting, Alexandria, Virginia
- Advanced training – Phoenix, Arizona

April

- 14 programs registered
- 320,341 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Site visit – Redlands, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Eugene, Oregon, Police Department
- Basic training – Omaha, Nebraska
- Basic training – Jackson Hole, Wyoming

May

- 17 programs registered
- 343,725 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “Building a Volunteer Program: Lessons from the Field” released
- Presentation – California Citizen Corps Law Enforcement Stakeholders Meeting, Sacramento, California
- Presentation – National Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association Conference, South Bend, Indiana
- Presentation – North Carolina Citizen Corps Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- Basic training – Indianapolis, Indiana
- Basic training – Reno, Nevada
- Basic training – Portland, Oregon
- Basic training – Salt Lake City, Utah
- Advanced training – Cleveland, Ohio

June

- 16 programs registered
- 304,863 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Presentation – Texas Citizen Corps Conference, Fort Worth, Texas
- Exhibit – National Sheriffs’ Association Conference, Orlando, Florida
- Basic training – Anchorage, Alaska
- Basic training – Chicago, Illinois
- Advanced training – Tampa, Florida

- Advanced training – Minneapolis, Minnesota

July

- 10 registered programs
- 300,933 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- *Engaging Youth Through Volunteerism* DVD released
- *VIPS Info* released
- Presentation – Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Annual Conference, Washington, DC
- Exhibit – National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference, Flagstaff, Arizona
- Basic training – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Basic training – Burlington, Vermont

August

- 16 programs registered
- 353,572 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “Reducing the Pain: How Law Enforcement Utilizes Volunteers in Victim Services” released
- Site visit – Concord, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Lodi, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Sacramento County, California, Sheriff’s Department
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Region I/II Conference, New York, New York
- Presentation – Fire Corps Advisory Committee Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee
- Advanced training – Boise, Idaho
- Advanced training – Alexandria, Virginia

September

- 8 programs registered
- 327,699 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- Renamed training courses “Building Blocks of a Law Enforcement Volunteer Program” and “Advancing and Existing Law Enforcement Volunteer Program”
- Training program brochure released
- *VIPS Info* released
- Advisory committee meeting – Alexandria, Virginia
- Presentation – Emergency Management Conference, Sacramento, California
- Presentation – California Crime Prevention Officer’s Association Conference, San Mateo, California
- Presentation – Maryland Citizen Corps Meeting, Reisterstown, Maryland

October

- 19 programs registered
- 341,490 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Presentation and exhibit – Bureau of Justice Assistance Law Enforcement and Youth Partnerships for Crime Prevention Conference, Washington, DC
- Presentation and exhibit – International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Exhibition, Boston, Massachusetts
- Exhibit – AARP Conference, Anaheim, California
- Advanced training – Davis, California (Law Enforcement Volunteers of California Annual Conference)

November

- 23 programs registered
- 394,705 Web site hits
- New photo gallery launched
- *VIPS and Disaster Response* course launched
- *VIPS Info* released
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Region IV Conference, Orlando, Florida
- Presentation – Massachusetts Auxiliary/Reserve Police Best Practices Conference, Framingham, Massachusetts
- Advanced training – Chicago, Illinois
- Disaster training – Alexandria, Virginia

December

- 22 programs registered
- 318,712 Web site hits
- Launched a new online directory including local program login capabilities and a zip code search
- New edition of the “Volunteering with Law Enforcement: A Citizen’s Guide” brochure released
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- *VIPS in Focus* “IACP/SAIC Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Program Awards: 2006 Winners” released
- Presentation – Alabama Citizen Corps Conference, Point Clear, Alabama
- Basic training – Sayreville, New Jersey
- Advanced training – Alexandria, Virginia

2007

Programs: 1,644
Volunteers: 120,000
Web site hits: 4,931,071
Events: 20
Presentations: 7
Site visits: 4
Exhibits: 8

January

- 8 programs registered
- 353,116 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Presentation – Florida VIPS Regional Conference, Delray Beach, Florida
- Basic training – Baltimore, Maryland
- Disaster training – Atlanta, Georgia

February

- 19 programs registered
- 323,450 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Advanced training – Dallas, Texas

March

- 19 programs registered
- 356,390 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Presentation – San Diego Regional Law Enforcement Volunteer Expo, San Diego, California
- Basic training – Raleigh, North Carolina
- Disaster training – San Diego, California

April

- 10 programs registered
- 361,564 Web site hits
- Three VIPS volunteers recognized by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Site visit – Denver, Colorado, Police Department
- Basic training – Peabody, Massachusetts
- Basic training – Buffalo, New York

- Disaster training – Chicago, Illinois
- Disaster training – Peabody, Massachusetts

May

- 21 programs registered
- 367,189 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Participated in the National Watch Group Summit, Lexington, Kentucky
- Advanced training – Salt Lake City, Utah
- Disaster training – Denver, Colorado

June

- 16 programs registered
- 486,820 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- *Five Years of the National VIPS Program* video released
- Redesigned Web site launched
- *Directory of Local VIPS Programs* released
- Presentation – Citizen Corps Region X Conference, Portland, Oregon
- Exhibit – National Sheriffs' Association Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Advanced training – Raleigh, North Carolina

July

- 10 programs registered
- 451,971 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Site visit – Tempe, Arizona, Police Department
- Site visit – Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Sacramento, California
- Exhibit – Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Training Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
- Exhibit – Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference, Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Basic training – Lansing, Michigan

August

- 14 programs registered
- 449,630 Web site hits
- VIPS volunteer selected as Presidential Greeter
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Site visit – Federal Way, Washington, Police Department

- Exhibit – Community Capacity and Development Office National Conference, Detroit, Michigan
- Advanced training – Seattle, Washington
- Disaster training – Boise, Idaho

September

- 12 programs registered
- 426,536 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Released *VIPS and Disaster Response* video
- Updated CD-ROM released
- Article in *Police Chief Magazine*
- Exhibit – New England Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Old Saybrook, Connecticut
- Basic training – Las Vegas, Nevada

October

- 12 programs registered
- 455,634 Web site hits
- New program *Welcome Kit* released
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Site visit – Clarke County, Virginia, Sheriff's Office
- Presentation – Florida Crime Prevention Association Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- Presentation – Crime Prevention Coalition of America's State Leaders Forum, Atlanta, Georgia
- Presentation and exhibit – National Crime Prevention Council's National Conference on Preventing Crime, Atlanta, Georgia
- Exhibit – International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Exhibition, New Orleans, Louisiana

November

- 12 programs registered
- 468,793 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus "Dealing with Loss: Handling the Death of a Volunteer"* released
- Basic training – Salt Lake City, Utah
- Disaster training – Phoenix, Arizona
- Disaster training – Dallas, Texas

December

- 6 programs registered
- 429,978 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- *VIPS in Focus* "IACP/SAIC Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs Award: 2007 Winners" released
- Presentation and exhibit – Bureau of Justice Assistance Law Enforcement and Youth Partnerships for Crime Prevention Conference, Washington, DC
- Basic training – Charleston, South Carolina

2008

As of July 31, 2008

Programs: 1,731
Volunteers: 139,000
Web site hits: 4,277,638
Events: 12
Presentations: 6
Site visits: 11
Exhibits: 11

January

- 12 programs registered
- 507,928 Web site hits
- Citizen Involvement in School Safety project launched
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* "Volunteers and Disaster Response: How Volunteers Can Fill Key Roles During and After a Disaster" released
- Exhibit – Florida Association of Chiefs of Police Mid-Winter Conference, St. Augustine, Florida
- Disaster training – Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

February

- 14 programs registered
- 468,047 Web site hits
- "Send to a friend" feature launched on the Web site
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- *VIPS in Focus* "Volunteers and Police Officers Team up to Prevent Crime" released
- Presentation – Florida Citizen Police Academy Association Conference, St. Augustine, Florida
- Presentation – Louisiana Citizen Corps Conference, Alexandria, Louisiana

March

- 15 programs registered
- 595,763 Web site hits
- Social networking linkages added to the Web site
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in Focus* "Citizen Police Academies: Introducing Law Enforcement to the Community" released
- Site visit – Front Royal, Virginia, Police Department
- Presentation – North Carolina Citizen Corps Conference, Sunset Beach, North Carolina

- Presentation – Virginia Crime Prevention Association Neighborhood Watch Conference, Fairfax, Virginia
- Exhibit – California Police Chiefs Association Conference, Fresno, California
- Exhibit – Youth Crime Watch of America Conference, Miami, Florida
- Exhibit – BJA Regional Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
- Exhibit – Texas Police Chiefs Association Conference, Austin, Texas
- Advanced training – Louisville, Kentucky
- Advanced training – New Orleans, Louisiana

April

- 17 programs registered
- 621,733 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Policy forum – State Association of Chiefs of Police representatives, Alexandria, Virginia
- Site visit – Clearwater, Florida, Police Department
- Site visit – Herndon, Virginia, Police Department
- Site visit – Leesburg, Virginia, Police Department
- Presentation and exhibit – National Citizen’s Police Academy Association Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Advanced training – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May

- 12 programs registered
- 676,378 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Policy forum – State Sheriffs’ Association representatives, Alexandria, Virginia
- Site visit – Sacramento, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Vacaville, California, Police Department
- Exhibit – Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police, Biloxi, Mississippi
- Basic training – Jacksonville, Florida
- Basic training – Santa Fe, New Mexico

June

- 10 programs registered
- 674,475 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- *VIPS in the News* released
- Policy forum – State Crime Prevention Association representatives, Alexandria, Virginia
- Presentation and exhibit – Texas Citizen Corps Conference, San Antonio, Texas

- Exhibit – National Sheriffs’ Association Annual Conference and Exposition, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Exhibit – Police Security Expo, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- Advanced training – Sayreville, New Jersey
- Advanced training – San Antonio, Texas

July

- 7 programs registered
- 732,314 Web site hits
- *VIPS Info* released
- Site visit – Anaheim, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Long Beach, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Pasadena, California, Police Department
- Site visit – Toledo, Ohio, Police Department
- Site visit – Leesburg, Virginia, Police Department
- Exhibit – National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference, Ft. Collins, Colorado
- Basic training – Portsmouth, New Hampshire