

“Traffic Watch” and Radar Use

A radar is available for Citizen Patrol use. Members will be shown how to use the radar and how to safely set-up the orange cones and signs for safety. Members will operate the radar in areas of high visibility as a reminder to the public to drive safely. Members must position their vehicle, cones and signs only on wide shoulders and as far as reasonably possible from the white fog line. If a member cannot position these items at least 2-feet outside the fog line, then members should find a safer location with a wider shoulder. Always watch the traffic and your partner. Whenever possible, stand outside of your vehicle with the radar to increase visibility. If it’s raining or cold, then it’s permissible to remain in the vehicle.



Hazards and Traffic Details

Members may assist the community with parking or directing traffic flow during special events. Your visibility and safety is always the primary concern. NEVER turn away from moving cars. Always wear your safety vest or fluorescent shirt or jacket. It’s also advisable to set up flares use the orange “cone” flashlights when necessary. If you encounter a stalled car or other traffic hazard, position the Citizen Patrol car in safe manner with the warning lights on. “Stop/Slow” signs and cone flashlights may be available for sign-out, otherwise some are kept in the Citizen Patrol car. *Remember that the number one cause of officer deaths is not through violence; it’s through traffic related accidents.*

