

Resolution 2016-121

KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/ CITIZENS ON PATROL (COPS)

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office has an established volunteer program known as Citizens on Patrol (COPS) which is comprised of volunteer private citizens who reside in the local community and who are willing to offer their time and skills to assist law enforcement in performing duties and services which would otherwise not be available to the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office has an established program known as Community Service Officers (CSO) which is comprised of paid civilian employees who assist law enforcement in performing duties and services such as responding to cold calls to take reports, placing 48hr tags on abandoned vehicles, vin inspections; and

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Sheriff, or his subordinate designees, provide oversight, and assist with the instruction and training of COPS volunteers and CSO employees so as to inform and educate the volunteers on law enforcement operations, and to allow the volunteers to gain an understanding of the challenges facing law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the requisite training and a background check, the Kootenai County Sheriff appoints those volunteers and employees whom he believes are good candidates to assist in various law enforcement duties performed at the direction of law enforcement personnel; and,

WHEREAS, one of the duties which law enforcement personnel is authorized to perform is the removal of abandoned and/or junk vehicles from within the Sheriff's jurisdiction, as an "authorized officer" as defined by Idaho Code § 49-102(19); and,

WHEREAS, the utilization of trained COPS volunteers and CSO employees to perform duties assigned by the Sheriff, such as the removal of abandoned and/or junk vehicles, would free up sworn law enforcement personnel to perform more urgent duties and respond to more pressing and/or life threatening incidents which may arise during the course of their daily law enforcement activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners acknowledges that the participation of the COPS volunteers and CSO employees is an asset to Kootenai County and local communities and the COPS volunteers are no cost to the citizens and taxpayers of Kootenai County; and,

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners has determined that it would be in the best interest of the County and its citizens to authorize the COPS volunteers and CSO employees appointed by the Sheriff to perform the removal of abandoned and/or junk vehicles from within the Sheriff's jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the COPS volunteers and CSO employees appointed by the Kootenai County Sheriff are hereby authorized to perform the removal of abandoned and/or junk vehicles from within the jurisdiction of the Kootenai County Sheriff, at the direction of the Sheriff and/or his law enforcement designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff, and/or the Sheriff's sworn law enforcement designee, be responsible for the direct supervision of the COPS volunteers and CSO employees and the law enforcement functions performed thereby.

Upon a motion to adopt the text of the foregoing Resolution made by Commissioner Eberlein, seconded by Commissioner Green, the following vote was recorded:

Chairman Green:	Aye
Commissioner Eberlein:	Aye
Commissioner Stewart:	Excused

Upon said roll call, the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Kootenai County, Idaho on the 22nd day of November, 2016.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:
JIM BRANNON, CLERK

Daniel H. Green, Chairman

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Marc Eberlein, Commissioner

David Stewart, Commissioner