

VPNA Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. What is an Expanded Neighborhood Patrol program?

A. ENP is a program coordinated through the Dallas Police Dept. employing off-duty police officers to patrol our neighborhood.

Q. I thought my taxes paid for the police?

A. Unfortunately, the Dallas Police Department has a shortage of officers and they need to respond to the most urgent matters first, i.e. violent crime. Other neighborhoods have benefited from additional police presence.

Q. What are some of the benefits of joining the ENP Program?

A. Response time within seconds of your 911 calls when an ENP officer is on duty; ENP officers will become experts on our neighborhood able to recognize suspicious activity; data terminal on-board will allow ENP officers to check instantly for stolen vehicles or outstanding warrants; ENP patrols can check on your home when you are on vacation; receive crime alert emails/phone calls through our ENP network.

Q. How much is the annual fee to join?

A. The fee is \$250 a year, or \$125 for 6 months.

Q. What do the annual dues pay for?

A. Use of the patrol car, associated equipment and patrol officer wages.

Q. Can I pay by the month?

A. Since the financial management is voluntary by the VPNA board and neighbors, they are asking that dues payments be made semi-annually (6 months) or annually (1 year).

Q. Will VPNA pro-rate my payment?

A. No, the payment schedules are fixed: \$125 for 6 months (January-June and July-December) regardless of which month you join. Or you have the option of paying the total \$250 annual fee at the start of the year. (Occasionally, reduced rates are offered—check your monthly newsletter.)

Q. Can I pay by credit card?

A. No, not at this time. You can pay by cash or check made out to VPNA.

Q. How many hours will the Police patrol our neighborhood with the ENP Program?

A. VPNA patrol hours vary from 10-20 hours a week, depending on crime statistics and the number of ENP members. Hours can be increased as more people join the program.

Q. What other neighborhoods in Dallas are using the ENP program?

A. Greenland Hills, Cochran Heights, Hollywood/Santa Monica, Lower Greenville and Forest Hills are some of the neighborhoods using this program with great success.

Q. Do I need to join VPNA to participate?

A. Unlike many neighborhood associations, VPNA has no dues requirements--you are a member by living in the neighborhood. The association is supported through newsletter advertising, special events such as National Night Out, the Home Tour, or other ad hoc programs.