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WPD Looking for Volunteers for Accessible Parking Program

The Wichita Police Department's Accessible Parking Enforcement Program is looking for a few dedicated people, according to Lieutenant Darras Delamaide, the program's supervisor.

"Volunteers who work in the program patrol parking lots photographing violators who illegally park in marked handicapped spaces without a handicapped placard or license plate," said Delamaide. "Accessible parking enforcement volunteers also look for those who park on the adjacent lines blocking loading or unloading access for vehicles carrying those with a physical impairment. Those who volunteer for this project are performing an important civic duty. It's an important job and one that can be very rewarding."

Delamaide said those who would like to volunteer for the program must meet certain criteria.

"Among the requirements is that volunteers have a high school diploma or GED, be at least 21 years old, have a valid Class 'C' drivers license, provide their own

transportation and fuel, and pass a background check. In addition, volunteers must have a cell phone while volunteering, be able to attend court hearings, and have no history of mental instability or competency.”

Anyone who would like to volunteer to be a part of the Accessible Parking Enforcement Program should contact the Wichita Police Department Community Affairs Section at 316-268-4101 and ask for an application. The application can also be downloaded from the Wichita Police Department website at www.wichitapolice.com.

The fine for parking in a handicap space or in the protected zone around it is \$100.