



*Binglewood Civic Club*

**BINGLEWOOD CIVIC CLUB, INC.**

**FAQs About the Deputy Constable Contract Patrol Program**

***What is the Deputy Constable Contract Patrol Program?***

**It's a program whereby a community/ neighborhood, etc. pays for its own Deputy Constable to patrol the neighborhood for 40 hours per week at days and times selected by the community.**

***What happens when our Deputy is not on patrol?***

**The Constable on Patrol Program provides 24/7 support. Citizens within the contract neighborhood can call a special number and get direct help from a nearby Precinct Five Constable any time of the day or night.**

***What is the average response time?***

**Three to five minutes.**

***How much does it cost?***

**The contract period begins on October 1st and costs \$85,000 per year for the entire neighborhood. Binglewood residents are being asked to contribute at least \$250 per household. The more homes that pay, the more costs will go down for all.**

***Don't I already pay for Constables to patrol in my taxes?***

**No. Your taxes pay for deputies to patrol the county parks, serve civil and criminal warrants and work undercover. The Patrol Division receives 30% of its funding**

**from Harris County and 20% from the City of Houston. The rest of the money must be raised by tickets, warrants, etc.**

***I live in Precinct One--not Precinct Five--so will my section be patrolled as well?***

**Yes, all of Binglewood will be patrolled including those Sections located in Precinct One which are east of Hollister and west of Peppermill.**

***Will the constable program payments be kept separate from Civic Club dues?***

**Yes. The Deputy Constable on Patrol program funds will be maintained in a separate bank account. *Civic Club dues WILL NOT be used to fund this program.***

***Who will administer the program?***

**Binglewood Civic Club, Inc. since it is a Texas corporation and would be the responsible party under the contract with Precinct 5.**

***If enough funds are collected to allow Binglewood to contract with Precinct 5, when can we expect to see a constable patrolling our neighborhood?***

**As early as October 1, 2022. The contract period is for one year and extends through September 2023.**



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***What if I pay and my neighbor doesn't?***

**We recognize that some of our neighbors may not be able to afford to contribute fully at this time. Therefore, it will not matter, UNLESS an entire Section or several blocks pay nothing. Precinct Five will not include these blocks or sections in the "geocoding" process that identifies which addresses within a neighborhood subscribe to the program. These blocks or sections will need to continue to rely on HPD dispatch services.**

***How long will we have the program?***

**The program is renewable each year. Hopefully, as the neighborhood benefits from crime reduction, residents be willing to continue to participate. If it does not benefit us, then we will not renew.**

***Will I get my money back if we do not raise enough funds to pay for the program?***

**Yes. If sufficient funds are not collected in advance of October, Binglewood Civic Club, Inc. will return your checks, uncashed, and all PayPal payments will be reimbursed.**

***Will the Constable patrol be allowed to issue tickets?***

**Yes. A Deputy Constable patrolling Binglewood will be allowed to issue traffic citations which will also help limit violations such as running Stop Signs and speeding.**

***Can I pay monthly instead?***

**Yes. We will accept monthly payments through PayPal for six (6) months or \$41.67/month.**