

CHAPTER 1

POLICY

1. DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORITY. The Senior Volunteer Program (SVP) is an official departmental program administered in cooperation with county and regional retired senior programs throughout the state. The Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has the final authority on all matters pertaining to the SVP.

2. POLICY.
 - a. Equal Opportunity. The Department's SVP shall be open to all eligible senior citizens and shall not discriminate against anyone because of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability.

 - b. Departmental Policies and Procedures. Volunteers and departmental employees associated with the SVP shall become familiar with, and conform to, the policies and procedures of this Department as they relate to the SVP. Volunteers who violate departmental rules, regulations, policies, or procedures shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from the SVP. In addition, the commission or omission of any act or acts that are contrary to the mission and objectives of the SVP and the Department shall be subject to disciplinary action (refer to Chapter 4, Conduct and Regulations).

3. OBJECTIVES. The objectives of the Department's SVP are:
 - a. To assist the CHP in providing enhanced public services to the community.

 - b. To provide an opportunity for senior citizens to make a definitive contribution toward improving public safety and service.

 - c. To instill among participating volunteers an understanding and appreciation of the justice system, human relations, and ethics in the field of law enforcement.