



# About the Constable Patrol



A major concern for WAMM, Audubon Place, and Westmoreland is crime and safety. Home invasions, burglaries, assaults and theft are on the rise in Montrose.

Adjacent neighborhoods who have joined together to augment the services of HPD with contracted **concierge** private safety patrols through the Constable Patrol service have reported **faster response times and a drop in reported incidents.**

In 2017, 150 households in WAMM, Audubon Place, and Westmoreland committed to implement, for the first time, a Constable Patrol for the areas in our three Civic Associations. We could not maintain the program for a whole year due to insufficient enrollment but are moving forward to reinstate the patrol on March 1, 2018.

Here are benefits, facts and frequently asked questions about Constable Patrol.

## Benefits & Facts

- Constable Patrol is highly encouraged by Houston city and county law enforcement agencies.
- Highly visible yard sign identifies you to constables and helps deter burglars.
- Neighboring associations have reported quicker response times and reduced incidents of criminal activity.
- Patrols provide a regular presence during daytime hours when residents tend to be away and crimes occur.

- Patrols can ticket and tow
- Mental Warrant Service for (Alzheimer or Dementia folks)
- Provide K-9 patrols
- Monitor for gang activity
- Provide vacation checks
- Answer alarm alerts within minutes
- WAMM, Audubon Place, and Westmoreland pay 80% and Harris County pays 20% of annual Constable Patrol costs.
- Participation in the program cannot be sustained without significant neighborhood support.
- For more information, visit <http://pct1constable.net/divisions/patrol/contract-patrol/>

## FAQ

*How will I know if it is doing any good?*

Monthly Contract Stats are available on the web site: <http://pct1constable.net>

*Why should I pay extra for a private service when my taxes are already paying for HPD?*

Constable Patrol is an added layer of protection. Its officers become familiar with the people and areas they patrol.

They recognize those who are not from the neighborhood and are alert for suspicious behavior.

**HPD is spread thin and cannot give individual neighborhoods adequate attention, thus response**

**times are slow.** Houston is rapidly growing denser and HPD has a growing ratio of citizens to officers. Constable Patrol helps augment the protection with fast response times.

HPD prioritizes its response based on severity and urgency. Constable Patrol responds to calls as they come in.

*How much will it cost?*

The annual fee per household is **\$550** based on the participation of minimum of 150 households, paid in full or in two installments of **\$275 each.** Subscriptions above 150 residents will reduce the annual fee for each household.

Funds are kept in a separate account and will be returned if the minimum of 150 subscribers is not reached by January 31, 2018.

*How do I sign up?*

Sign the form below and mail together with your check to:

WAMM Civic  
ATTN: Constable Patrol  
PO Box 66674  
Houston, TX, 77266-6674.

**Payment by check is preferred but you can also pay by credit card.** Go to:

[www.wammcivic.org](http://www.wammcivic.org) and select the **Pay Constable Dues** link in the left menu.

First Name:	Last Name:
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