

California Exposition & State Fair

Walk-Along Program Fact Sheet/Brochure

What is it?

The California State Fair Walk-Along program is an opportunity for community members to work hand-in-hand with the California Exposition & State Fair police officers at the California State Fair. Walk-Alongs serve as community liaisons helping to solidify the relationship between law enforcement and the public.

How does it work?

Walk-Alongs are paired with law enforcement teams and together they patrol the grounds during the California State Fair. This unique partnership supports and reinforces Cal Expo's zero tolerance policy regarding negative behavior and/or violence.

Who can join?

Anyone aged 18 years of age or older can apply to become a California State Fair Walk-Along. Ideal candidates are those who are physically capable of walking long distances (2 - 3 miles in a shift) in temperatures ranging from 80 degrees F to more than 100 degrees. Men and women are welcome, however, space is limited. Cal Expo reserves the right to screen all applicants. Applicants are subject to Megan's Law screenings. Those who are currently on criminal probation or parole or have been on parole in the past are not eligible to volunteer for the program.

When do volunteers participate?

Evenings and weekends during the annual California State Fair at Cal Expo in Sacramento. Walk-Alongs are expected to check-in at the Cal Expo upper Police Department office at 7:00 PM each evening they are scheduled. Volunteers are required to commit to at least one three hour shift each Fair season to remain active in the program.

How do I sign up?

First, fill out a Volunteer Application form. Applications may be picked up from the front counter of Cal Expo's Administration Building or the Cal Expo Police Department office (located east of the Cal Expo Main Gate on the inside) during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Second, sign up to attend a mandatory official Walk-Along orientation session. You will be notified when the session will be scheduled.

Who can I contact for more information?

Lieutenant Jean Schlenker, California Exposition & State Fair Police, 916-263-5756 or jeschlenker@calexpo.com.