



What You Can Expect From Your TIP Experience

1. You can expect **new experiences**
 - You don't have to travel around the world to get new experiences or to get your eyes opened. Just be a TIP volunteer.
 - As a TIP volunteer you will be called to help people of different cultures, different religions and different life styles.
 - You will see slices of life you don't see in living your everyday life.
 - And you will see it all — up close — not in your living room watching TV.
 - *“The family dynamics and all the different human social behaviors I come in contact with in TIP absolutely fascinate me. Each call is a study in sociology and opens my eyes and softens my heart to all the variations that are in my community.” TIP volunteer*
2. You can expect to **learn life skills** and have an opportunity to practice those skills.
 - When tragedy occurs in your workplace, family or neighborhood, you will have the confidence and ability to help.
3. You can expect **growth opportunities**
 - This is an organization run by volunteers. TIP volunteers are involved in speaking to community groups, briefing emergency responders, debriefing volunteers, fundraising . . .
 - If you want to stretch yourself and develop skills you haven't had an opportunity to develop you can do so in TIP.
4. You can expect **WOW experiences**
 - You will have quite a few WOW experiences. They will come when you come to monthly meetings and hear your peers talking about calls they have been on. You will marvel at how they encountered very complex situations and managed to work wonders.
 - You will also have WOW experiences when you see emergency responders step out of their formal roles and become very caring and compassionate human beings.
5. You can expect to be **proud**
 - You will be proud when you hear how TIP helps in major situations.
 - You will be proud when you hear police and fire chiefs describe TIP as the best organization ever and as an important partner with public safety agencies.
6. You can expect to **sacrifice**
 - Being a TIP volunteer involves sacrifice.
 - The sacrifice of time (500 hours annually).
 - The sacrifice of “picking up” the sadness and pain of others.
 - The sacrifice of being forced out of your comfort zone.
 - There is a “price of participation” in TIP. TIP volunteers are required to make a commitment.
 - To comply with the TIP volunteer contract.
7. You can expect to **make a difference**
 - You can expect to touch people's lives in a profound way. They will remember your presence (maybe not your name or your face) for a very long time.