



The Simple, Secure, Smart and Affordable Solution for Managing Your Volunteers and Volunteer Unit.

Why VIMS?

VIMS removes all the headaches and guessing out of buying and managing software by providing our clients with a simple solution. By paying a small monthly fee, in most cases less than a dollar a day, you receive a single login link to your application that's ready to use, 24/7, from any computer connected to the internet, anywhere, anytime, no hassles. There is no need to worry about upgrades or technical support because that's all included in the small monthly fee. Further, there is no hardware to buy, no annual support contracts, no operating system upgrades or any long term contracts or costly start up fees of any kind. Unlike cell phone companies who lure you in with heavy discounts and promises of great service, if you sign a two year contract, VIMS puts you in control and allows you, the customer, to operate on a month to month basis from day one for as long as you want.

About VIMS

VIMS is the most feature rich, highly secure, software application designed specifically for Police, Sheriff's, First Responders and other Public Safety agencies utilizing volunteers, reserve & auxiliary officers that you can't buy! Instead of spending hundreds or thousand of dollars up front, VIMS is a subscription service. For a small monthly fee it can be accessed from anywhere, anytime; in most cases for less than a dollar a day, with no additional hardware or software required. Implementation is quick and easy with no start up cost or long term commitments required, you simply pay month to month and stop using the system anytime you wish to.

Who Makes VIMS?

VIMS, the Volunteer Integrated Management System, is a software subscription service developed 100% by the Public Safety Volunteer Institute, in response to the needs of VIPS, Reserve, Auxiliary, SAR, CERT and other volunteer coordinators who need a simple, cost effective yet all encompassing way to manage their programs. Founded in 2003 by Art Femister, a former sales and marketing professional with 22 years of experience in the Information Technology business and close to 20 years of combined volunteer service in law enforcement and the fire service, the Public Safety Volunteer Institute, www.psvi.org, provides training to volunteer coordinators. With feedback from over 700 clients, VIMS was born to provide an affordable solution to address their combined needs.

****Request a Live Demonstration****

To request a password to access our live demonstration system e-mail us at:

demorequest@myvims.com and tell us who you and your agency are please.

Free 30 day trials are also available for verified agencies to see if VIMS is right for you!



How much does VIMS cost?

VIMS Starts as low as \$19.00* a month total for 1 - 25 registered users and increases in price by \$5.00 a month for each additional 25 registered users up to maximum of \$80.00 a month for 500 registered users. For agencies with more than 500 users, please contact us for a custom pricing quote. Want a Discount? **Pay for 10, get 12. Pay for a year in advance and get two months free!**

*Please check our web site for current pricing

Is VIMS Secure ?

The redundant data center(s) where the VIMS application resides is staffed 24/7, all in the United States with daily back up's, armed security guards, biometric scanners for controlled access, triple redundant power, cooling and fire protection, 24/7 monitored state-of-the-art network firewalls with intrusion detection systems, unmarked servers for anonymity, encrypted SSL connections to all our client's sites, and that's just the physical layer of security that helps protect your VIMS site.

Each VIMS client has their own unique and separate sub-domain and database so your data is never mixed in with others in addition to individual logins and passwords for each user with multiple levels of access for administrators and rules based access further help safe guard your information.

What Our Clients Are Saying About VIMS!

Since using VIMS and the One Button Buddy feature we've been able to more than double our patrol presence on the streets"

"Good Bye Spreadsheets! VIMS has made my life so much easier. If I never see another Excel spreadsheet again it will be fine by me."

"Since using VIMS, I've gained back about 25% of my time and can now focus on improving and expanding my volunteer unit versus doing monthly and quarterly reports and tracking of training needs"

"Before using VIMS, we used Microsoft Access to track our hours and unit stats. Then the volunteer who programmed it for us left and no one knew how to update and change the system so we were left helpless."



Each VIMS system comes with the below standard modules:

Smart Grouping and Rules Based Access

Each VIMS client site is customized to meet their own unique needs for administrator control and grouping of individual units as it may apply. Below are several examples, ranging from the most basic to more advanced configurations of how this feature may apply to your organization but do not reflect all the capabilities of Smart Grouping. Please contact us to discuss your own unique needs to see how VIMS can help your organization.

Example One: The Smithtown Police Department has a Reserve Officer unit with one Coordinator in charge of them. The Reserve Officers are all part of one group with only one person, in this case, their coordinator, as the administrator who has access to all their information.

Example Two: Same as above with the addition of the agencies admin Lt. and Chief of Police also having administrator rights and access to information for the reserve unit.

Example Three: Same as example two with the addition of three separate reserve squads with three team leaders, each having administrator rights and access only to information for the reserves in their squad.

Example Four: Same as example three but now we add two additional groups, citizen volunteers and Explorers, each with their own coordinator who only have access to the individuals in their units however the admin Lt. and Chief can still view all the units.

Example Five: Same as example four but duplicated for large agencies who have multiple divisions, stations, contract cities, etc. In this case each station can operate as their own VIMS system within a larger VIMS system with top level viewing for executives.

Smart Grouping also prevents separate units events and request for shift partners postings from appearing on other units calendars to avoid unnecessary cluttering and confusion.

Hourly Reporting and Activities Performed Listings

Allows your personnel to Log their hours and activities performed per shift from any computer with real time viewing of those hours and task performed in both text and graphical format from any web connected computer and other devices. View reports in a number of different formats from Year to Date, Individuals Hours Logged to specific task performed and other formats. Customize your VIMS site to report on any list of activities you'd like such as citations issued, vacation & elder checks, traffic control, arrests, etc.

Training Manager

This fully integrated module allows you to enter all your training classes and set up each one to show when and how often it's required. The system will also alert you to past due dates to reduce your agency's liability and ensure compliance as required.

More modules on next page



List of standard modules, continued:

Scheduling Calendar for Events, Shifts and Shift Partner Request

Ability to post and schedule events and reserve resources via our feature rich integrated calendar and scheduling program. Administrators can choose to send the event request to all personnel via e-mail allowing them to automatically schedule themselves for the event while displaying that day in green on their personal VIMS calendar. Our exclusive "One Button Buddy" feature allows your personnel to post a request for a shift partner on the VIMS calendar and/or send an external e-mail to everyone in their group announcing the need. Then, with just the click of one button, fellow personnel can schedule themselves to work with that person during the requested date and time. VIMS also allows for the reserving of available resources to ensure they're available for your personnel when they arrive to perform their task and listing of specific positions to be performed at events.

Personnel Manager

Allows administrators to view, edit and search your personnel's pertinent information such as home address, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, emergency contact information, date of hire, etc. and any statistical data you chose to gather upon registration. Our Administrative Control Panel allows VIMS administrators to customize the users registration page to display the information they want to collect and create their own "self defined" questions such as "Do you have any medical training" or various certifications, qualifications, licenses, foreign languages spoken, etc. This powerful search tool provides you with the ability to quickly find personnel who may have the needed skills within your organization during an emergency or at other times.

Service Awards and Recognition Tracking

Track recognition and service awards due dates. *Automatically send a message to your volunteers when they reach certain milestones and/or on their birthdays. *Fall 2009

Forms Distribution

Make available standard forms online to easily communicate needs and information within your organization. Our integrated forms distribution tool allows forms to be filled in and sent to others in your agency.

Internal Messaging

Send and receive internal messages between you and your personnel and person to person and/or group via the internal messaging system. Great for those without e-mail.

Prospect Tracking

Track prospective new members with our Prospect Tracker module so you don't lose good candidates! * Scheduled for release in Fall 2009

Don't see what you want? We add new features monthly, let us know your needs!