



The next time you see one of the city's Yellow Cabs rolling through Birmingham city streets, realize they might be doing a little more than just heading to their next fare. They're probably helping keep your neighborhood safe.

The *Birmingham News* reported early Monday morning about [the new Taxis on Patrol initiative underway](#) courtesy of the city's police department and [Yellow Cab of Birmingham](#). It's not the first civic-minded initiative undertaken by the company as [it's also coordinated a Safe Ride Home initiative](#) popular during the holiday season in recent years.

A similar project started in Baltimore, MD in the 1970s. [Recent success in Denver, CO](#) has resulted in an increased amount of adoption across the country, including communities like [Broward County, FL](#); [Nassau County, NY](#); [Savannah, GA](#); and [Toledo, OH](#).

While our local effort is based on the Citizens on Patrol initiative, the recent announcement could also be seen as part of a larger effort underway by [the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Foundation \(TLPF\)](#) to see a broader adoption of [the Transportation On Patrol \(TOP\) educational program](#) nationwide - one that's been [underway since last April](#).

Photo: *Yellow Cab with T.O.P. badge in Baltimore, MD, April 2012.*