

District Functions: Program, Membership, Finance, *Unit Service*

Commissioners perform the unit service function for the district

The Commissioner Concept

- The commissioner is the liaison between the local council and Scouting units.
- The commissioner's mission is to work directly with unit leaders and help them be successful in using Scouting programs to influence the lives of youth



The Commissioner's methods include

- Maintaining regular **contact** with unit leaders,
- Being a **friend** that unit leaders know and can rely on for encouragement and advice,
- **Counseling** leaders on where to find assistance,
- Providing leaders with **ideas** and alternative solutions,
- **Observing** weaknesses, successes, and strengths in programs and passing on to district,
- **Engaging** other district resources to help troubled units and to learn from successful units.



Commissioner roles include:

- **Unit commissioner:** assigned to a small number of units (ideally 3 or less), knows unit leaders, helps them directly
- **Roundtable commissioner:** with their staff, conducts a monthly meeting to assist unit leaders with program ideas, resources, and planning
- **Assistant district commissioners:** recruit, support, and coordinate communications with 5 or so unit commissioners to find unit needs and relay to district
- **District commissioner:** Part of district key 3. Responsible for recruiting and training of district commissioner staff; runs a monthly coordination, training, and motivation meeting for commissioners; keeps district committee informed of unit condition



Friend ➡ Representative ➡ Teacher ➡ Counselor ➡ Unit "doctor"