



VOLUNTEER



*THE EYES AND EARS
OF THE
CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT*

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**THIS IS THE SECOND EDITION OF VOLUNTEER,
THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OF THE CPD'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.**

NOTES FROM VOLUNTEER MEETING 6 pm March 4, 2003

Enter Officer Billy Farias*, in full terrorist garb. He hands several volunteers various objects: one, an innocent looking knapsack, another a beeper, yet another a cell phone. He explains how all these common items can be used as weapons.

Officer Farias demonstrated first hand how terrorists are limited only by their imaginations. A cell phone rings. We learn that could have been used to trigger a bomb.

"Can you imagine how much damage this backpack could cause if it were filled with nitroglycerine?" Officer Farias asked.

He shared advice on how to deal with various situations, and answered our many questions.

"Terrorists are limited only by their imagination," he said, "so look and

listen to what is going on around you as you go about your patrol and special event participation."

A special thank you, Billy, for all your information. Forewarned is forearmed.

Volunteer Coordinator Carol Schmidt, handed everyone lists of potential local targets for terrorism. We are urged to check them out as we make our patrol rounds.

** Officer Farias recently retired from a 25-year tour of distinguished service in the military and is an expert on acts of terrorism.*



OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

CPD Chief Sid Klein requests that we have our photo IDs retaken in our volunteer uniforms.

It is time to renew the doctors' permission forms declaring us fit to participate in the CPD Volunteer program. Please get your form signed and returned ASAP.

Weapons of Mass Destruction class is being planned for CPD Volunteers. Times and dates will be announced.

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COMING SOON

Two new vehicles will be added to our volunteer fleet, one to be kept at the Beach Sub.

Volunteer rocker panels have been ordered for our uniforms.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED

to help handle Spring Break on Clearwater Beach for the entire month of March. Lt. Mike Waters requests assistance with traffic and crowd control. The busiest hours are from 1100 to 1800, with the need being the greatest on weekends. Contact Officer Schmidt.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT, DON'T SIGN UP

Volunteers have been signing up for special events: stings, parades, traffic control, etc., then not participating. This causes shortages in staffing. **DO NOT** volunteer for an event unless you can guarantee your presence.

CROSSING GUARDS

Linda Burch is looking for people who can volunteer time as crossing guards to finish out this school year. Training will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS/POLICE AIDES

Volunteers working as Police Aides or in any other paid capacity are prohibited by law from volunteering for any outside work such as traffic, stings, patrol, driving Mules and Cushman equipment. See Officer Schmidt for details.

VOLUNTEER has its own mailbox near our sign-up sheets at the Main Station, another at the Beach Substation. Please use these boxes for **VOLUNTEER** news. Watch us grow!

THANK-YOU NOTES

We have received thank-yous from the officers with whom we worked during special events. These included concerts, child-safety seat check points, DUI check points, and stings.

Letters of appreciation are posted in Officer Schmidt's office. Well deserved, we play a very important part in making these events a success.

If you are interested in working drug and reverse stings, watch the Events Board in Officer Schmidt's office. Training will be provided for those interested in participating.

MARCH CALENDAR

13th VIN Number Etching, Japanese Gardens. Training 8 am. Event begins 9 am. See Officer Lisa Hebert for details.

27th Countryside. Set up Crime Prevention materials for Neighborhood Watch display. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Also Officer Hebert.

NOTE: Please keep a record of the events you participate in during the month, so they can be added to next month's VOLUNTEER.



Volunteers working together with the CPD.

VOLUNTEER is written to keep you informed of CPD's programs and events. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Main Station, 645 Pierce Street, and begin promptly at 6 pm. Plan on attending.