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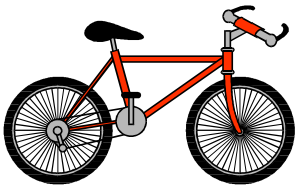


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Volunteers on Two Wheels

Bike Patrol A Reality!

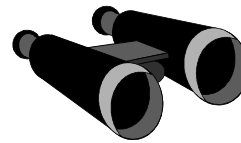


Joggers, hikers and skateboard enthusiasts will soon see new faces along Clearwater's bike trails.

The newest patrol involving the Volunteers is now rolling. Many hours of training prepared the seven new Volunteer bikers for the project. The teams will conduct patrols on the East Clearwater Bike trail and the city portion of the Pinellas Trail which runs north and south through the heart of the city. The members of the team are Michael Bland, Paul Ingham, both new members of the volunteer program, Brian Kalan, Pete Mackerowski, Joe Siragusa, Joel Sussman and Mary Violette. Congratulations on your new duties.



Left to Right: Paul Ingham, Brian Kalan, Joe Siragusa, Joel Sussman and Pete Mackerowski. (Not shown: Michael Bland and Mary Violette)



The Eyes and Ears

The motto of the Volunteer program is "*The Eyes and Ears of The Clearwater Police Department.*" Many times, during patrol duties and even while off-duty, our Volunteers prove that motto to be true. In what will be a regular feature in the *Volunteer*, those extraordinary incidents involving our volunteers will appear in the newsletter.

Early this month, Volunteer Mike Mannossos (V-11) noticed a car in his neighborhood on Casler Street that did not seem to belong there. He watched it for a day or two and when there was no activity around the vehicle he called the police department and reported the suspicious vehicle. It turned out to be stolen, resulting in the return of the vehicle to its rightful owner.

During his regular patrol duties, Volunteer Joel Sussman (V-18) noticed that a car was missing its decal on the license plate. He placed a Courtesy Warning on the vehicle and later, the car owner called Chief Sid Klein's office to commend Sussman for bringing the matter to her attention. The decal had been stolen from her license tag.

If you are involved in a situation beyond normal duties, please advise Officer Schmidt or send an e-mail to Chip Collins (chiptra@clearwaterpolice.com) with the details.



The Mad Hatter!

There have been some suggestions that our uniform cap with the stark "VOLUNTEER" label is not distinctive enough to identify for whom we are volunteering. A couple of designs have been offered. Officer Schmidt suggested that the Volunteers themselves have some input in the decision change the cap design.

Which of the options do you favor? Call Officer Schmidt with your opinions.



Our current design



Suggestion #1

Suggestion#2

Captains Swap Duties

Two of our Volunteer Captains have traded duty assignments. Captain Doris Krause is moving to the Beach Patrol and Captain Chris Payne is moving the Park and Homeland Security Patrol on the Mainland.

Team Commandments



The importance of teamwork within the Volunteer Group cannot be overemphasized. While each of us have our own personalities, biases and opinions, it is imperative that we create a solid front as the

member of the Clearwater Police Volunteer Program. Recently, Volunteer Captain Doris Krause distributed a list of "Team Commandments" to many of the members. They are listed below and we should each keep them in mind as we carry out our duties:

1. Help each other to be right, not wrong.
2. Look for ways to make new ideas work, not for the reasons they won't.
3. If in doubt, check it out. Don't make negative assumptions about each other.
4. Help each other win, and take pride in each other's victories.
5. Speak positively about each other and about your organization at every opportunity.
6. Maintain a positive mental attitude, no matter what the circumstances.
7. Act with initiative and courage, as if it all depends on you.
8. Do everything with enthusiasm; it's contagious.
9. Sacrifice for the good of the TEAM.
10. Don't lose faith.
11. **HAVE FUN!**

Happy Birthday!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Dionne	11
Burnie Ferrell	12
Terry Kekllas	22
Helen Kerwin	02
Mike Mannossos	30
Joel Sussman	15

HOW ARE WE DOING?
 Total August Volunteer Hours - 949
 Park, Beach Homeland Security Patrols - 318 Hours
 Administration-156 Hours, CID - 77 Hours
 Sand Key Patrol -202 Hours, Trail Patrol - 50 Hours
 New Volunteer Training - 48 hours, Specials Ops - 98 Hours
 563 Parks Patrolled
 537 Homeland Security Sites Visited