



# Volunteer



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## Training Intensifies!

### Volunteer Skills Sharpened



With each passing month, the skills of many of the Volunteers continue to

be improved. The first in a series of training classes was held Saturday, September 13 at Clearwater Beach. Sgt. Tom Miller conducted two sessions to train the eleven Volunteers in the operation of the "Mules" and the ATV on Sand Key. Sgt. Miller first advised the class on vehicle care and operation and then set up driving courses for the two types of the beach vehicles. Each Volunteer had to



Left to Right: Joel Sussman, Mike Bland, Cathy Horak, Joe Siragusa, Sgt Tom Miller



L to R: Mary Violette & Joel Sussman view ATV with Sgt Miller

both forward and backwards. Following the instructions and practical exercises, Sgt. Miller declared the Volunteers authorized to operate the 4-wheel "Mules" and the ATV on Clearwater Beach.

Qualifying on the vehicles were Shane Arnold, Michael Bland, Chip Collins, Al Demitri, Ray Goldbach, Cathy Horak, Bill

Hughes, Paul Ingham, Joe Siragusa, Joel Sussman and Mary Violette.



Then on Monday, September 22, thirteen Volunteers gathered in the lineup room to qualify in CPR Administration. Clearwater Fire Rescue Chief Gordon Yaudes and Lt. Wendy Cason walked the volunteers through the "ABC's" of CPR; Airway, Breathing and Circulation. Chief Yaudes stressed that to save a victim of a heart attack, first responders have to insure that the victim gets treatment within the "Golden Hour" for best chance of survival. Each Volunteer was required to perform CPR on adult, child and infant practice dummies to



Chief Gordon Yaudes observes Bill Galloway practicing CPR

qualify. In addition, instruction was given on how to help choking victims by using the Heimlich maneuver. Those members qualifying were Patricia Callahan, Chip Collins, Bill Galloway, Ray Goldbach, Cathy Horak, Brian Kalan, Pete Mackerowski, Jay Martin, Patricia McPhillips, Joe Siragusa, Michael Smith, Joel Sussman and Mary Violette.



Lt. Wendy Cason instructs Cathy Horak in infant CPR





## The Eyes and Ears

The new Bicycle Patrol got a major publicity boost from the St. Petersburg Times on Saturday, October 4. The occasion was the kick-off of the East-West Trail Patrol team for

the city. Volunteer Joel Sussman (V-18) was mentioned in the first sentence of the article



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which described the Clearwater Police Volunteer Trail Patrol activities. A joint effort of the Parks and Police Department, the kick-off featured our Volunteer bike patrol, the park volunteers, and an exhibit of the police mobile command post bus. The East-West Bike Trail runs from the Long Center east to McMullen-Booth Road. Eventually the trail will proceed west to Clearwater Beach.



Our patrol members will answer questions, hand out information brochures and help maintain the peaceful flow of traffic along the trail. An appeal has been issued by the city

for additional volunteers to join the Trail Patrol and that invitation extends to existing Police Volunteers. In addition to Sussman, Volunteers, Pete Mackerowski, Mary Violette, Mike Bland, Paul Ingham and Brian Kalan took part in the event.



**HOW ARE WE DOING?**

Total September Volunteer hours - 924

Park, Beach Homeland Security hours - 266

Sand Key Patrol - 167; Administration - 45

CID - 141; Trail Patrol - 65; Training - 61

Special Ops - 242

Parks Patrolled - 375; Homeland Security - 580



## A Closer Look

Volunteer opportunities abound in late October and into November. At the monthly Volunteer meeting on October 7, Officer Carol Schmidt reminded the members that our impact on the department and the city is becoming more positive and outlined upcoming events needing volunteer participation:

- October 16-19 - Jazz Festival needs traffic, security and public relations patrols.
- October 17 - Senior Citizens Center Crime Prevention Program.
- October 28 - Fingerprint instructions at 6:00 P.M.
- November 1 - Assist Fire Department at Celebration Station in fingerprinting children.
- November 4 -Begin 8-week Sign Language training. (Once a week for 2-hours)

Officer Schmidt also announced that an intensive Homeland Security course is being planned.

Volunteer Captain Doris Krause also announced that before the recently trained ATV and mule operators can be released to patrol the beach, a one on one orientation patrol must be completed.

Contact Capt. Krause to schedule a training session at 536-5219.

**Happy Birthday!**