



# Volunteer



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## President Bush Honors CPD Volunteers

### President's USA Freedom Corps Targets Clearwater Police Volunteers



As the presidential campaign draws to a close. One of the President's priorities is to encourage citizens to volunteer in their communities. He created the USA Freedom Corps project to emphasize the importance of Volunteers. The White House selects a volunteer to recognize during his travels around the country. This time it was the Clearwater Police Volunteers that received the recognition. Choosing from several names submitted by Officer Carol Schmidt, the White House selected Volunteer Chip Collins to be the representative of the program to greet the President and First Lady. As Air Force One taxied into the heavily secured St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport, Collins was escorted by Secret Service Agents to



**Chip Collins selected to greet President**



**Air Force One Arrives**

the foot of the stairway as the President left the plane. Upon setting foot on the ground, the President met with Collins for a few minutes and expressed his thanks for the work of the Clearwater Police Department's Volunteers. Collins said, "It's a humbling experience to meet the Commander in Chief in person. The President and Mrs. Bush are really warm and friendly people." Following the brief conversation, the President and First Lady walked to the media area and shook hands with members of the press before boarding the presidential motorcade for his next appointment. The official recognition of the CPD Volunteers validates the work of the nearly 100 members of the program.

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**President Bush and First Lady greet press**

**Editor's Note: It is indeed an honor to represent you, the Volunteers, in receiving this once in a lifetime experience. Thank you.**

# Eyes and Ears

## Volunteers Help Nab Bank Robber



**T**wo of our Volunteers were in the right place at the right time a few weeks ago when they

heard an alert for a bank robbery in the Countryside area. As Captain Joel Sussman and Sergeant Pete Mackerowski were patrolling, the radio crackled with the description of the robber's getaway car. A nearby Officer spotted the vehicles and chased the suspect on foot through some woods near Lake Chatauqua. The volunteers wheeled the truck around and located the officer who had the suspect at gunpoint. The volunteers then set up a post at the main road to help guide backup officers and forensic technicians into the area. Congratulations men!



**Capt. Joel Sussman**



**Sgt. Pete Mackerowski**

## Hurricanes and VIP's Storm City



**T**he past two months have not only been a challenge for

Clearwater Police Officers, but the Volunteers as well. Within a time-frame of six weeks, four major hurricanes criss-crossed Florida causing record devastation across a large area of the state. While Clearwater for the most part was saved from the destructive winds, the police Volunteers assisted in handling traffic at 14 intersections where traffic lights were out, provided traffic assistance at flooded streets on three occasions and reported numerous storm-related damage during the six-week siege caused by hurricanes Charlie, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne.

Volunteers were also used twice during visits to Pinellas County by President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Chaney.



As the motorcades moved through Clearwater's jurisdiction, Officers and Volunteers manned each intersection along the route, stopping traffic as the dignitaries passed by. According to reports from security details manning the routes, the Clearwater volunteers stood tall dressed in their Class A uniforms. These duties were in addition to the regular patrol work accomplished by the Volunteers during the past two months

HOW ARE WE DOING? AUGUST-SEPTEMBER COMBINED STATS	
<b>TOTAL VOLUNTEERS HOURS . . . .</b>	<b>2,222</b>
Park, Beach & Homeland Security . . . .	424 Hrs
Administration & Meetings . . . . .	375 Hrs
Sand Key Patrol . . . . .	315 Hrs
CID & In-house Admin . . . . .	284 Hrs
Trail Patrol . . . . .	47 Hrs
Training . . . . .	314 Hrs
Special Events/Special Operations	192 Hrs
Quick Response Team/Hurricane .	271 Hrs
<b>TOTAL PARK SITES PATROLLED . .</b>	<b>633</b>
<b>TOTAL HOMELAND SECURITY SITES PATROLLED . . . . .</b>	<b>1,131</b>



**WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!**

**DETAILS IN NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**