



Volunteer



THE EYES AND EARS OF THE CLEARWATER
POLICE DEPARTMENT

May, 2004
Volume II, Edition 5
Chip Collins, Editor

26 Receive Presidential Award

Volunteers Recognized

The hundreds of hours the Clearwater Volunteers have devoted to the Police Department were recognized during the Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony last month. Created by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the



President's Volunteer Service Award is given to Volunteers who have completed 100 hours or more of service to the Clearwater Police Department. Chief Sid Klein and City Manager Bill Horne presented the Certificate and Service Pin to 26 members of the Volunteer program. The recipients of the awards were Brian Kalan, Marlene Bedford, Michael Bland, Joyce Martin, Yvette Sussman, Paul Ingham, Al Demitri, Mary Violette, Steve Gray, John McAllister, Rebecca Hunt, LeRoy Gordon, Glenn Garte, Richard Paulson, Mike Mannossos, Otto Schlaak, Chip Collins, Joe Siragusa, Robert Depew, Patricia Duncan, Terry Kekllas,



Presidential Service Pin - worn on uniform

Pete Mackerowski, Patricia McPhillips, Doris Krause, Joel Sussman and Jim Cook.

The 70 plus member Volunteer program has been praised by Police officials for not only saving the city money, but also in making a major impact in relieving sworn officers of the routine duties which take them away from the more serious functions of police work.

CONGRATULATIONS!

New Volunteer Class Trained



Volunteers in Class

The first class of Volunteer Training for 2004 began on May 24 with eight new recruits. Each of the new group underwent a background security

check and began the week-long training. The training includes review of City Ordinances, traffic control, radio procedures, city park rules and regulations and a briefing by veteran volunteers on what life of a volunteer involves. Veteran Volunteer Joel Sussman briefed the new group in detail on what types of duties the volunteers perform. The new team will graduate on June 7



**Joel Sussman
addresses Volunteer
Class**

during the monthly Volunteer meeting. Following graduation, the new members will be assimilated into the multitude of projects the Volunteers undertake.



How Are We Doing?	
<i>April Statistics</i>	
Total Volunteer Hours . . .	1,321 Hrs
Park, Beach & Homeland Security	269 Hrs
Administration & Meetings . . .	100 Hrs
Sand Key Patrol	273 Hrs
CID & In-house Admin	245 Hrs
Trail Patrol	23 Hrs
Training	54 Hrs.
Special Events/Special Ops . .	330 Hrs
Quick Response Team	27 Hrs
TOTAL PARK SITES PATROLLED .	231
TOTAL HOMELAND SECURITY .	478

Opportunities For Service

A new training program is set to begin late next month which will result in certification in rapid response to emergency situations. Conducted by the Clearwater Fire Department, the Certified Emergency Response Training (CERT) will prepare Volunteers to react to various types of emergency from auto



accidents to medical emergencies. The first class begins on June 29 at 6:30 P.M. and continues each week for the next eight weeks. Volunteers are encouraged to attend the project held at the Safety Village on Lakeview Road.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the hosting of the FL-PAC Conference at the Tradewinds Resort on St Petersburg Beach June 21-25. Law Enforcement officials from throughout the state will



attend. Contact Officer Schmidt to take part in either of these projects.

New Volunteer Structure Approved

The creation of five Volunteer Sergeant positions was approved by the Administration. A Sergeant will supervise the Park Patrol, Trail Patrol and Homeland Security Patrol in the District 2 & 3 Areas. Also, a sergeant for the Beach and Sand Key patrols will be created. The new structure was discussed at the January meeting, and the final approval was announced at the May Volunteer meeting. Applications for the new positions are now being accepted. A vacancy exists for the Captain's position in District 2 & 3 and applications for that post are also being accepted. Contact Officer Schmidt if you are interested in taking on the extra Volunteer duty.

