



Volunteer



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Eleven New Volunteers Graduate

First Class of 2004 Completes Training



Chief Klein addresses grads

After a week-long training class, the eleven Volunteer recruits received their certificates of completion at the June 7th Volunteer

meeting. During his talk to the graduating class, Chief Sid Klein praised the work of the volunteers and hinted that more activities are in the planning stage for the Volunteer program. While not getting too specific, Chief Klein said there are “things on the horizon,” implying that new volunteer vehicles and uniform enhancements may be part of the plan. He told the new members about the recent accreditation of the Police Department completed last month. He said following a rigorous process, the assessors found the department was in 100 per cent compliance with the accreditation criteria.

Specifically referring to the Volunteers, Chief Klein said at the debriefing, the assessors cited the Volunteer organization and noted that the program is larger than many police departments. Chief Klein attributed much of the growth to Officer Carol

Schmidt who has been coordinating the program for the past several years.

As budget constraints tighten, Chief Klein sees a broadening role for the Volunteer program in the future.



Officer Carol Schmidt

Volunteer trucks are seen throughout the city as they travel through the more than 100 parks checking on maintenance, park regulation compliance and to show police presence in public places. Volunteers also are active in Homeland Security surveillance, radar traffic surveys, seatbelt surveys, Beach patrols, Sand Key Patrol, Bike Trail patrol and the latest addition, the “QRT” (Quick Response Team), a team of Volunteers available for short notice activation for major auto accident traffic control or crime scene protection.

The new Volunteers joining the program are Mary Quirk, Nancy Barton, Peter Walters, Arthur Snodgrass, Anne Bronge, George Bancroft, Chris Kisner, Pedro Pabon, Ricky Irizarry, John DiSanza and Maria Komprath.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Opportunities for Volunteers

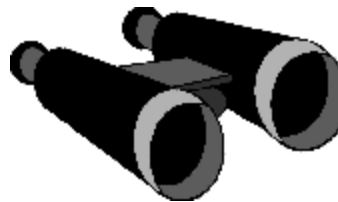


The Volunteers played a part in making the recent Police Convention in St. Petersburg Beach a success. Our presence was evident throughout the week-long meeting of top law enforcement officials from throughout the state.

At the half way point in the year, the Volunteer program is becoming more recognized by the community as we go about our duties.

The next major need for a number of volunteers will be for the July 4th activities at Coachman Park. This project is an all day activity ending with fireworks at about 9:00 P.M.. This project is one of the larger uses of a large number of volunteers each year. Details for Volunteer requirements will be forthcoming on the CPDVOLUNTEER network. For those of you who do not have Internet access, please call Officer Schmidt for details.

How Are We Doing? May Statistics	
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS . .	1,212
Park, Beach & Homeland Security	227 Hrs
Administration & Meetings	116 Hrs
Sand Key Patrol	235 Hrs
CID & In-house Admin	181 Hrs
Trail Patrol	19 Hrs
Training	16 Hrs
Special Events/Special Projects .	249 Hrs
Quick Response Team (2 Call-outs)	29 Hrs
New Volunteer Training Class . .	141 Hrs
TOTAL PARK SITES PATROLLED . .	329
TOTAL HOMELAND SECURITY SITES	462



Eyes and Ears

Statistical Successes!



Each month we reflect the raw statistics of the previous month's activities. The box in the next column deals with the numbers. Our Statistician, Joel Sussman keeps detailed records of what those numbers represent. Some of the activities last month included assisting with traffic at five accidents, seven general location and a bomb squad action; the QR Team assisted at a drowning and major auto crash; discovered a homeless camp along the East-West Trail; conducted radar surveys; reported a broken water main on US 19; assisted in the training of Com Center dispatchers as well as dozens of activities of the Sand Key patrol. Each of these activities released sworn officers to do more important tasks.

Volunteers Jim and Jan Leahy spotted a burglary in progress and called 911. Sheriff's deputies arrested the culprits and recovered the stolen property.

Volunteer Bob DePew observed a woman on the beach having trouble breathing and summoned paramedics who treated her for the problem. **Great work, Volunteers!**

