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Volunteers to Impact Spring Break

Annual Onslaught Tests Volunteer Skills



The month of March and the first two weeks of April will place a heavy load on the Volunteer program as thousands of Spring Break revelers flock to Clearwater Beach. Not only will the white sandy beaches be jammed with college and high school students enjoying their break from studies, the police department will be in overload dealing with the traffic to and from the beach.

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The Volunteer patrols will be concentrated on the beach during the month and a half of Spring Break. In addition, the Volunteers will be handling pedestrian traffic at the Pier 60 Parking Lot. Keeping the pedestrians and the clog of autos apart will be the main assignment at the pedestrian cross walk.

While the next few weeks will be busy, the month of February was also packed with Volunteer

opportunities. On February 10, Volunteers helped direct traffic and greeted attendees at “Project Sentinel” held at Clearwater High School. This meeting was open to the public and dealt with the continuing Anti-terrorism information seminars conducted by the Police Department.

Also, several volunteers are being trained as Certified Child Seat Technicians. The training course requires a 40-hour commitment from the volunteers, but those who attend will be able to safely install child seats.



HOW ARE WE DOING? January 2004

Total Volunteer Hours	912
Park, Beach Homeland Security Patrol	222 Hrs
Administration	210 Hrs
Sand Key Patrol	143 Hrs
CID & In-house Admin	193 Hrs
Trail Patrol	12 Hrs
Training	35 Hrs
Special Events/Special Operations	97 Hrs
TOTAL PARK SITES VISITED	383
TOTAL HOMELAND SECURITY SITES . . .	694

Wheel Chair Friendly Fishing Boat Launched



Congressman C.W. Bill Young (left) at barge dedication ceremonies

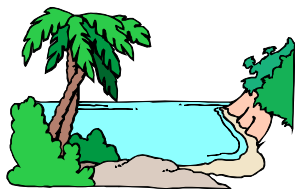
Sand Key Beach Volunteers recently took part in the christening of a custom-built motorized barge dedicated to

wheelchair bound veterans.

The 24-foot fishing boat is specially equipped to allow disabled veterans to enjoy activities around the Bay area. Congressman C.W. Bill Young and his wife Beverly christened the barge bearing the name *Miss Beverly* in honor of Mrs. Young's activities in support of disabled veterans.

Police volunteers who attended the ceremonies were unexpectedly called to assist with the embarking of an especially heavy motorized wheel chair. Once aboard, the guests were taken on a cruise around the bay. The *Miss Beverly* will be permanently berthed at MacDill Air Force Base.

Volunteers attending the ceremony were: Captain Glenn Garte, Henri Kent, Dick Paulson, Bob Richardson, Al Dimitri, Mary Violette, Pat McPhillips, Pete Mackerowski, John O'Hare and Otto Schlaak.



Longtime Volunteer Dies



Funeral Services were held in January for longtime Volunteer "Bud" Hertz. He was one of the original volunteers in the early days of the program.

Sympathies are extended to his family and friends.



Ghost Rider is on the Road



Clearwater Police patrol car number G130 has been turned over to the volunteers to conduct a

new prevention activity for the department's Traffic Division. Car 130, bristling with radio antennas, radar and video equipment is being phased out of daily patrol duties, but it is not being retired. The Volunteers are being asked to drive the car to predesignated traffic problem areas and parked for two hours at a time. The presence of a police car seems to magically make drivers pay more attention to speed limits, stop signs and other traffic controls. Named "*Ghost Rider*," the tired old patrol car is still performing a needed service without tying up an Officer.

Happy Birthday!