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Holiday Gathering A Success

End of Year Celebration



Winding down a busy year, some 25 Volunteer members and family gathered at Oriental Super Buffet for a

relaxing evening. Joining the group was Deputy Chief Dewey Williams who praised the Volunteers for the work during the year and said he was looking forward to another year of



Deputy Chief Williams with Volunteer McPhillips

outstanding work by the Volunteers. He also praised Officer Carol Schmidt for her work in coordinating the multitude of activities involving the volunteers and their training. After dinner the participants exchanged gifts and the group presented Officer Schmidt with a giant Teddy Bear to go with a similar bear she



Officer Schmidt at party

received from the group last year. She thanked the volunteers for their effort this year and sent the

following e-mail message to the volunteers as the New Year approached:



“Another year has passed and a new one approaching. The Volunteer Program has advanced to levels above other agencies in many ways. Your contributions have been what has brought us to where we are today. The professionalism and dedication that you all have shown have been brought to my attention on numerous occasions. I want to thank you all for another year. Through the agreements and disagreements we are still going strong. Stand tall, pat yourself on the back, take a bow, and keep the pride of belonging to the finest volunteer program in the land. That of the Clearwater Police Volunteers. The year 2005 will be even better. Thank you all and see you next year.”

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2005**





Ask The Expert

New Feature Begins

A new column has been suggested by Sgt. Pete Mackerowski aimed primarily for new volunteers, but will refresh veteran volunteers as well. *Ask The Expert* will take questions submitted by you members and will attempt to answer them in the next news letter. Questions are welcome. Just e-mail them to : CPDVOLUNTEERINFO@AOL.COM.

Here's a sample:

Question: I am on patrol and notice a suspicious person loitering in a parking lot watching people going to cars. What should I do?

Answer: *Call the Communications Center right away and give detailed information via radio. This way others will also hear the call and an officer will be dispatched to the area to check the person. Continue to watch the subject. If you have a cell phone you can call the communication center if the conversation is going to be lengthy. Otherwise go to Group 10 for the west and beach districts and to Group 14 for the east district and talk.*

He has been an active member of the Volunteer Program since it was organized in 1999 and last year won an award for the most hours served by a volunteer (2,247). It is expected that he will have equaled or surpassed that mark this year. Captain Cook works in every area of the police department from records to traffic to equipment maintenance and is a fixture at the Citizen Police Academy classes helping out wherever he can. Captain Cook is visible in the Volunteer truck at all hours of the day and night from patrolling parks to responding to traffic accidents to help traffic control.

How Are We Doing?	
November Stats	
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS	.. 1,258
Park, Beach & Homeland Security	. 257 Hrs.
Administration & Meetings 117 Hrs.
Sand Key Patrol 226 Hrs.
CID & In-house Meetings 226 Hrs.
Bike Trail Patrol 2 Hrs.
Training 171 Hrs.
Special Events/Special Operations	233 Hrs.
Quick Response Team 26 Hrs.

Cook Featured On Internet



Captain Jimmy Cook

Volunteer Captain Jimmy Cook is featured on the Profile page of the Volunteers In Police Service (V.I.P.S.) Web

Page. The profile can be viewed by going to www.policevolunteers.org, click "For Volunteers" and then click "Volunteer Profiles." Captain Cook is the first person listed in the series of profiles.

CHRISTMAS CHEER A SUCCESS

The annual police department Christmas Cheer Project provides toys and gifts for the needy. During the year, "Santa's Workshop" is busy collecting and rehabilitating bicycles and as the Christmas season approached, the presents were delivered to the thrilled children who were named to receive the gifts. A number of our Volunteers became Santa's Helpers and helped refurbish some of the bicycles. Cameras were on scene as the project was underway and here is a sample of how the event became so successful.



Sgt. Gregory Stewart supervising the project

