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CITIZEN ACADEMY



May 27th will begin the orientation of the next Citizen Academy. Classes will be held Every Tuesday and Thursday for 4 weeks from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

We have 12 potential new students who will be learning the structure and organization of our agency and pick up skills in radio communication, CPR, defensive driving and bike patrol. Most of our Citizen Academy graduates will become volunteers in our Citizens on Patrol, and office staff.

As the Volunteer Coordinator, I am looking for new ways to engage and intrigue our students. If you are an officer or supervisor who has specialized training and believe our students can benefit from your skills and experiences, then I need your help.



Our potential students come from various backgrounds. The pool includes 10 of 12 who are under 30 years old, and our youngest student being 18 years old. Eight of those students are female. All but 2 of these students live in Sanford..

If you would like to be part of the Sanford Police Team as a volunteer please do not hesitate to call the Volunteer Coordinator at 321-696-4419 or email at dorivalw@sanfordfl.org

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION DINNER



On April 30th the Sanford Police Department hosted an appreciation dinner for our dedicated volunteers. Chaplains, Citizens on Patrol, Explorers and our office volunteers all gathered with their loved ones to enjoy an Italian dinner.

Our volunteers dedicate hundreds of hours a month in preventing crime, educating our community, patrolling our neighborhoods, providing support to our officers, and ultimately being an extension of our agency to enhance the livability in the City of Sanford.

So far in 2008 volunteers have donated close to 1800 hours. That is 225 days in 4 months! The hourly dollar value of volunteer time is estimated at \$19.51. That means that our volunteers have saved the City of Sanford **\$33,664.50**

If you are an employee, or community member and see a Sanford Police volunteer, their uniform might say volunteer, Chaplain or Explorer, please take the moment to say hello and thank you!

This event was made possible thanks to generous contributions from the following sponsors: Thank you Olive Garden for the generous donation of salad and bread sticks. Thank you Target for the generous gift card which we used to purchase ingredients for the lasagna and soft drinks. The homemade lasagna was made by Wendy Dorival's mother Ernestina Dorival. Of course our dinner was topped off with cake, which was generously donated by Publix off Rinehart Road.



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CRIME PREVENTION WORKS

Crime prevention works. It is cheaper, safer, and healthier for communities to prevent crime than to have to treat its victims, deal with its perpetrators, and lose civic health and productivity. But the responsibility of crime prevention doesn't fall on one person – it's everyone's business. Law enforcement agencies, however, often are the focal point in community crime prevention. This can be beneficial to prevention efforts because these law enforcement officers

- Know what crime is happening, where it is happening, and by whom
- Have the expertise to stop crime before it happens
- Can bring community members, police departments, and government officials together

But to make prevention work, law enforcement officers need help from citizens in the community. We are all stakeholders in improving the livability in our neighborhoods, and can not be successful if we do not participate in our community prevention efforts. Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer.

What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is:

- ◆ Learning about the people and activity patterns on your block, and how to recognize suspicious individuals, vehicles, and out-of-place behavior.
- ◆ Making the commitment with your neighbors to report suspicious activities to the police.
- ◆ Making your home as secure as possible against intruders.
- ◆ Marking and photographing all your valuables to reduce the likelihood of theft and to increase the chances of having stolen property returned to you.
- ◆ Establishing an ongoing communication network to discuss ways of mutually working together for the betterment of your block, your neighborhood, and the community.



These components form the basis of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Individually, each aspect will help to make your block safer. By implementing all five you will achieve maximum protection and security against neighborhood crime.

Share this information with your neighbors. Remember, the more familiar you are with each other and crime prevention techniques, the safer your block will be.

One of the most important aspects of Neighborhood Watch is getting to know your neighbors. Whether it is better to do so at a block meeting or one-one-one is up to you, but it is important that you share information about the composition of your households and activities. By doing so you make it easier for your block members to recognize and respond to any suspicious activities in your area. If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch in your community please call Officer Littles at 407.320.5561.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplains provide comfort and support to many people who experience crisis related to a traumatic event. Did you know that The Sanford Police Department has a chaplain available to all residents, day or night, everyday of the year, to help you or your loved ones through times of crisis?

These dedicated chaplains are available to any person, regardless of their denomination or faith. Their primary goal is to provide support and comfort following loss or injury related to a traumatic event. Chaplains are also available to be an "ear" to discuss some of life's problem.

We appreciate the fine work of these dedicated men and women of the clergy.



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

COP Academy Assistant

COP Academy is starting May 27th, and the volunteer coordinator will need help from now till the end of June preparing and assisting during the training sessions. The ideal candidate will be available every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Duties will include preparing course material, assisting with instruction, and help with facilitating the courses.

REMINDERS



- Volunteer meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. (for all volunteers).
Next meeting May 21st .
- Volunteer Chaplain meetings are every 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:30 P.M.
Next meeting May 15th .
- Volunteer time sheets are all due by 8AM every 1st of the month.
- Deadline for Newsletter articles every 15th of the month

Have a story to share about your experience as a volunteer? Have ideas for future articles for the volunteer newsletter? Email your story to dorivalw@sanfordfl.gov.



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