



NEWS RELEASE

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One-Year Anniversary of 'C.E.R.T. On Patrol' Program

February 23, 2009 -- The Jupiter Police Department is proud to acknowledge the one-year anniversary of its 'C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) On Patrol' program. The program was initiated in February 2008 with members of our C.E.R.T. serving our community as volunteers on patrol.

'C.E.R.T. On Patrol' provides extra patrol within our neighborhoods, assisting and supporting law enforcement. Volunteers concentrate their efforts around problem areas aiding the police by increasing visibility. 'C.E.R.T. On Patrol' units deter crime by their mere presence and visibility to the general public by serving as eyes and ears of the Police Department. The two-person teams conduct patrols in marked vehicles on any given day and time. They communicate with our Communications Division via issued cell phones to report suspicious activities, events, vehicles and people as well as crimes in progress.

There are currently sixteen 'C.E.R.T. On Patrol' members. During 2008 those members volunteered more than 2,300 hours to patrol, train and provide community service. More than 1,100 of those hours were spent conducting patrols. They issued more than 1,200 'crime opportunity cards' in an effort to educate the residents of and visitors to Jupiter with regard to securing property. We are proud of the patrol members and of all sixty-two members of the C.E.R.T. and we appreciate all of their service to our community.

For additional information regarding this program, please contact Captain James Feeney at 561-746-6201.

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