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### **C.E.R.T. ON PATROL PROGRAM**

**February 14, 2008** -- The Jupiter Police Department is announcing the activation of our first C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) ON PATROL program. Members of our C.E.R.T. will begin serving our community as volunteers on patrol. They will provide extra patrol within our neighborhoods, assisting and supporting law enforcement. Volunteers will 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.

Much of the C.E.R.T. ON PATROL unit's function is to reduce crime and improve overall quality of life by increasing the effectiveness of police. Using issued cell phones, team members are able to communicate directly with our Communications Division and report suspicious activity, events, vehicles and people as well as crimes in progress.

All members have completed 28 hours of C.E.R.T. training and 24 hours of our Citizens Police Academy. They were also required to complete an 8 hour ride-a-long with a police officer and attend additional ongoing training throughout the year. The program is scheduled to kick-off within the next two weeks. For additional information, please contact Captain James Feeney at 561-746-6201.

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