

Henderson Police Department

Citizen Corps

Agenda
September 29, 2008

Welcome:

Citizen Corps Member Cindy DiPietro

Cindy has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. She was scheduled to begin Chemotherapy but fluid in her lungs prevented the first scheduled treatment. Understandably, she is extremely stressed and not providing the daily e-mail updates any longer.

“Every 15 Minutes”

The upcoming “Every 15 Minutes” program will be held on Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17, 2008 at Coronado High School, 1001 Coronado Center Drive. Staging for the event will be in the Auxiliary gym beginning at 6:00 AM. The volunteers are requested to be there by 6:30 Thursday morning to handle student participant check-in and luggage search.

We will also be handling parent seating at the accident scene in front of the school along with directing the parents to the floor seating for Friday morning’s assembly.

The Henderson business community is very supportive of this program and provides lunch and refreshments for all of the participants, officers, and volunteers.

This is an important presentation to the students and young drivers. This is a serious, emotional event intended to make a lasting impression on the students. The volunteers have become an important part of making it a successful experience for all involved.

Lobby Desk Volunteers

Earlier this month Citizen Corps member Ron Sisley conducted a training class for the volunteers assigned to assist at the West Desk. Ron developed and produced a comprehensive procedural manual for working the desk and it will become the baseline for all future desk volunteer manuals. It will be reviewed by the Professional Standards Unit of the Department and kept on file and used for documentation during the next accreditation process.

Homeland Security Grant

Last May meetings were held by law enforcement agencies and volunteer organizations eligible to receive funds from The Department of Homeland Security grant program. Representatives from each organization worked with State Grant Writers to develop and apply for funds to support agencies in Nevada. Recently the State announced the results of the application. Citizen Corps programs in Nevada will be receiving over \$500,000. Unfortunately, this year the Nevada Broadcasters Association will be receiving money from this fund for Public Service Announcements. The Henderson Citizen Corps will be receiving approximately \$21,500. This is less than we requested but twenty-one thousand and five hundred dollars more than we received last year.

These funds are earmarked for specific purposes; for example one thousand dollars may be used for “Exercise Design and Participation”. We’ll be working closely with the City and the Police Department to set up accounts and learning the reporting procedures for these funds.

Henderson Police Chief

Police Chief Jutta Chambers will be officially sworn-in as the Henderson Police Chief at ceremony in the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 P.M.

She had scheduled a meeting with me last week to discuss her vision for the future of our program. Due to a scheduling conflict, that meeting was rescheduled for mid-October. I’ll have an update for everyone by the next monthly meeting.

Citizen Corps Training

Suggestions have been made to develop an Academy for all Citizen Corps members. Draft documents for curriculum have been submitted. We also have samples of volunteer academy agendas from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and the Public Safety Volunteer Institute. There are still a lot of details to work out so I welcome input on topics that should be included in any Citizen Corps Academy, how long you think the academy should last, change the format of the monthly meeting to include a training topic, evening training only, day time, 8 hours at a time, 4 hours, etc.

Henderson POA & Shop with a Cop

HPOA President Darrell Waide has asked for our assistance with their "Shop with a Cop" program in early December. This program pairs an officer with a disadvantaged family/youth to accompany them on a shopping trip at a local Target store before it opens. Our participation level has not been determined, but I have offered out assistance with logistical issues such as registration and check in on the day of the event. We may be involved in other aspects of the program but that's still in the planning stage.

City of Henderson Training Classes

CoH Organizational Development and Training has agreed to allow volunteers to attend in-house training under the following conditions:

- Must obtain permission from the Citizen Corps office, the Police Department AND (their emphasis) if space is available.
- Permission must be obtained prior (again, their emphasis) to registering for any training.
- If there is a cost associated with the training, upon approval from the Department Head, the assigned Department would be responsible for payment.

This is a positive step in the evolution of all City of Henderson volunteer programs. As recently as last year, volunteers were not allowed to attend any City training since they were not employees. The success of the Citizen Corps and Animal Shelter programs and the dedication of the volunteers involved, has made the City aware of the potential of volunteer programs with a minimal cost to the City.

Citizen Corps Volunteers Needed

“Every 15 Minutes”

Coronado High School, Thursday, October 16, 2008 and Friday, October 17, 2008. Reporting hours are 6:30 A.M. on Thursday and 7:30 A.M. Friday morning.

Thursday Uniform: Citizen Corps ID card, comfortable clothing; T-Shirts and jeans acceptable.

Friday Uniform: ID card, Citizen Corps Pull-Over shirt, slacks or appropriate clothing to attend the presentation of the program. The Friday program will be attended by the student body along with the Chief of Police, Command Staff, representative from the Coroners Office, courts, and numerous police department personnel.

Coronado High School is located at 1001 Coronado Center Drive. Event staging will be in the auxiliary gym. Look for the police cars and follow an officer.

Community Relations Unit

Officer Dan Boskovic oversees the Summons Program for the CRU and has requested a volunteer to assist with the data entry. This assignment would evolve into a greater role within the Summons Program as you become more familiar with the entire program.

Please let me know if you can assist with this request for service from the police department.