

Community Outreach Monthly Report April 2016



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Sheriff Chuck Atkins**



**WEST PRECINCT
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OUTREACH UNIT:
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Partnerships with the community are key to the mission of the Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Community Outreach Unit is housed at the West Precinct and conducts outreach related activities throughout the county. The unit is staffed by one Sergeant and one Program Assistant.

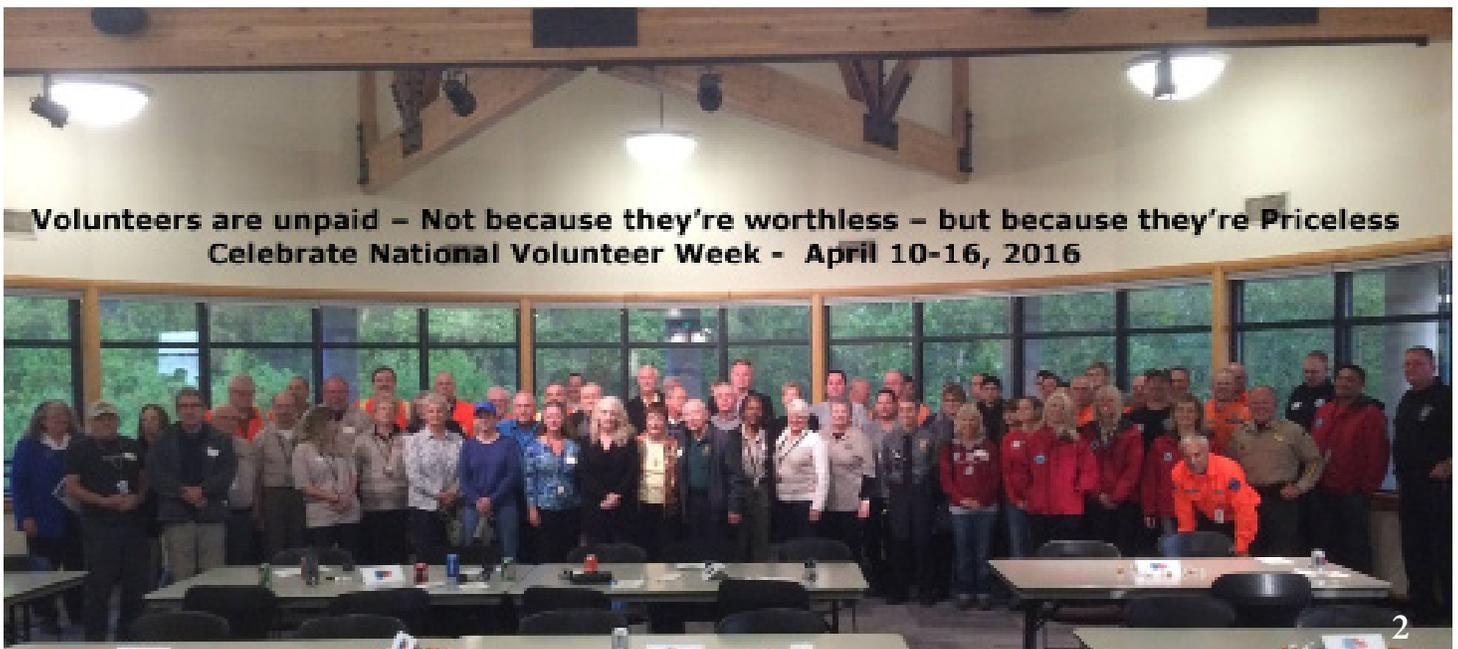
The Outreach Unit is responsible for monitoring and tracking community events and ensuring consistency in outreach efforts. The monthly Outreach report provides a summary of the various outreach activities, crime prevention efforts and community collaborations which have taken place.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office is committed to supporting and assisting local businesses, schools and citizen groups that are interested in establishing and/or continuing crime prevention and educational programs that will benefit our great community. Working together, we can continue our collective efforts to reduce crime and the fear of crime for all who live, work or visit our wonderfully diverse communities. The Outreach Unit is a critical function to ensure that the Sheriff's Office delivers on that commitment.

Community Partnerships

The Clark County Sheriff's Office via the Outreach Unit partners with the following community groups, either by serving on boards, attending meetings, or helping to coordinate various events. Each partnership is intended to fulfill CCSO's Mission and Vision for Clark County:

- YWCA
- YMCA
- NACCC- Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County
- Regional SRO (School Resource Officer) meeting
- Safe Communities Task Force
- Citizen Advisory Meeting
- Prevent!
- Lutheran Community Services
- Neighborhood Association Mtgs.
- Community Services NW
- PAL- Police Activities League
- STAT-Student Threat Assessment Team



**Volunteers are unpaid – Not because they're worthless – but because they're Priceless
Celebrate National Volunteer Week - April 10-16, 2016**

OUTREACH EFFORTS



Despite minimum staffing levels, deputies continue to conduct outreach activities. The Outreach Unit tracks the deputies monthly outreach activities in these specific categories:

Neighborhood Watch- Neighborhood Watch is a neighborhood-based crime prevention program. There were no requests for a NW presentation this month.

Neighborhood Association contacts- Deputies are assigned as liaisons to active Neighborhood Associations. The deputy liaisons contact the president of the NA on a monthly basis and attend meetings as requested. Deputy Volker attended the West Hazel Dell NA meeting on April 21st.

Citizen Ride-A-Long- The Sheriff's Office offers ride-a-longs to citizens who meet the requirements. In April, West Precinct had five ride-a-longs and Central had two.

Presentations- Sgt. Schoening visited a Head Start pre-K class on April 9th and Sifton Elementary kindergarten class on April 20th.

Community Events- The Sheriff's Office receives numerous requests to participate in community events throughout the year. April is the month for job fairs. The Outreach Unit attended the Urban League job fair on April 3rd, Portland Community College on April 26th, and Clark College on April 27th. Other community events:

- Klinline fishing derby- April 8/9
- Volunteer Appreciation- April 14 (see photo pg. 2)
- PAL at Pioneer Elementary- April 26
- Prairie H.S. Every 15 Minutes- April 28
- Prescription drug take-back- April 30

1,020 Clark County residents dropped off medicine with local law enforcement officers and volunteers on Saturday, April 30th. The medicine disposal event was held at four locations throughout the county. The prescription drug disposal event is a biannual community partnership including Clark County Sheriff's Office, Vancouver Police Department, La Center Police Department, Battle Ground Police Department, Clark County Environmental Services, PREVENT! The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Clark County, Kaiser Permanente, Clark College, and La Center United. Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem. The 2014 Washington State Healthy Survey found that 6% of high school seniors admitted misusing prescription drugs. Most teens get prescription drugs they abuse from friends and relatives, sometimes without the person

Prescription Drug Take-Back April 30	Drop offs	Pounds
Peacehealth	215	415
Cascade Park	430	920
Salmon Creek	293	560
La Center	82	97.5
Total People	1,020	
Total Pounds		1,993

knowing. Proper drug disposal also is an environmental issue. Unused medications should not be flushed down the toilet or dumped down the drain. Reserve deputies, NOW volunteers and Explorers helped with this event.

VOLUNTEERS



DISABLED PARKING PATROL

The Disabled Parking Patrol Volunteers have a limited commission that allows them to monitor and enforce Handicapped Parking Access Statutes.

Disabled Parking 2016	APRIL
Volunteer Hours	30,5
Warnings	35
Infractions Issued	8

There are currently 9 DPP volunteers. On April 14th, while out on patrol, a very observant Al Jeska noticed a trailer that matched the description of a stolen trailer he had seen earlier in a news article. He called it in to 9-1-1 and sure enough it was the trailer that had been reported stolen. The trailer was recovered and returned to the church it belonged to. Way to go Al!

NEIGHBORS ON WATCH- NOW

Neighbors on Watch is a volunteer program that allows citizens to patrol in pairs, adding extra eyes and ears to the community. It is a high visibility, no confrontation program. Volunteers commit to four hours of service each month after completing required training.

The Now Volunteers held elections for their Leadership positions:
 Dan Enright and Karl Gleason were voted as Co-Chairmen of CCSO NOW;
 Martha Ketcham was retained as Secretary of NOW.
 There are currently 32 volunteers. Most of the new volunteers have completed their mentoring phase.

NOW Volunteer hours APRIL	2016
Patrol	133.25
Administrative	111.75
Travel	66
Volunteer TOTAL HOURS	311

PROGRAMS

S.A.L.T. (SENIORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER)

The S.A.L.T. program is a nationally recognized community policing initiative between seniors, law enforcement and service providers. This program provides crime prevention education and awareness for seniors through meetings, events and a monthly free newsletter.

Dr. Zamberlan from Evergreen Eye Care gave a presentation on age-related vision problems at the West side meeting. 20 attended. Dr. Kim, Vancouver Eye Care, gave the presentation at the East meeting. 15 attended.

BUSINESS & SECURITY MANAGERS MEETING

The Security Managers meetings provide information on relevant crime and security issues and also establish networking relationships between the Sheriff's Office and the public security sector.

The next meeting is June 2nd.



EXPLORER POST #893

The Clark County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Learning for Life, has sponsored law enforcement Exploring since 1971. The Explorer program offers youth a fun, hands-on opportunity to learn about careers in law enforcement while developing their growth and character.

In April, Explorers:

- held Explorer Meetings on April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th
- held Leadership Meetings on April 3rd, and 26th
- helped with the Kline Fishing Derby April 8th and 9th
- attended the Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony April 14th
- participated in the Race at the Roc mud run April 30th
- helped with the Prescription Drug take back April 30th
- assisted Search and Rescue with the largest multi-agency evidence search in the history of Clark County April 2nd.

On April 30th, several Explorers participated in the Race at the Roc mud run (photo below). The 5K mud run and obstacle course is a fundraiser for two local youth development programs, CHILL and PAL. Law enforcement participants can run the race in uniform (see Deputy Yakhour in photo below). Watch the video at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4CJtq3gOmDndGIxV1VPRkIRSGc/view?pref=2&pli=1>

