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CITIZEN PATROL VOLUNTEERS TAKE TO THE STREETS

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (8/24/12) – The first four members of Temple Terrace’s *Citizen Volunteer Patrol Program* are now in uniform and on the street, ready to assist police and help make our community safer.

The new patrol volunteers are:

- * Dan Rosenthal, a retiree and volunteer diver at the Florida Aquarium.
- * Pedro Miranda, senior analyst for a health-care revenue cycle management company.
- * Autumn Balthazor, a middle school teacher.
- * Bruce Pla, founder and director of a Tampa technical school.

The volunteers underwent 40 hours of specialized training in such areas as CPR/first aid, infectious diseases, patrol techniques, radio communications, crossing guard protocol and traffic control. Eventually, a dozen volunteers will be selected.

The citizen volunteers will act as additional “eyes and ears” of the police department, said Temple Terrace Police Chief Ken Albano. The volunteers will drive specially marked *Citizen Patrol* cars and wear identifiable uniforms. They’ll learn how to identify, report and prevent criminal activity.

They’ll assist police by patrolling neighborhoods and commercial areas; assisting officers with public safety and traffic control; responding to non-emergency calls; providing basic first aid; and reporting suspicious activities. This will free up police to focus more on enforcement activities, said Albano, who called the program “a unique partnership between members of the police department and residents of our community.”

The volunteers will work on an as-needed basis and must work at least 18 hours per month. They’ll work under the supervision of Temple Terrace Senior Police Officer Karen Walter.

The program is funded from revenues obtained under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

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