

EXCERPTS FROM THE C.O.P.S. GAZETTE

Smoke Signals from the Chief

June and July, 2007 were hard on our C.O.P. family. In June, Sonia Byrne was in an auto accident and transported to Flagler Hospital. The person that ran into her totaled her car. Thankfully, Sonia came through it, but suffered side effects that will take some time to heal. Our prayers were with her and she is now in physical therapy and doing well. Sonia has now returned to volunteering with the C.O.P.s and working as hard as ever. Thank you, Sonia. Great to have you back.

On July 10th, our very dear family member, Evelyn Pach, passed away. I personally will miss her very much, as I always took great pleasure in teasing her. Evelyn was always there volunteering, no matter what had to be done. A fine example is on June 26th; Evelyn was alone in the Substation, due to many being off on vacation. All by herself, she took over forty-five calls on that day. To add to that, there was a very large brush fire on Old Dixie Highway that the C.O.P. Emergency Team was called to assist. It is my practice to monitor the scanner and I called Evelyn at least twice that day to tell her what a good job she was doing. Knowing that Evelyn started work that morning at 8:30 AM, I was quite shocked to still hear her voice at 7:45 PM. I called her and insisted she go home. I could not convince her to leave as her response to me was, "I want to protect my people out there in the fire." She finally left at 8:00 PM. We will all miss Evelyn and know she will keep St. Peter on his toes. I posthumously promoted Evelyn to the rank of Sergeant, as it was always her desire to be one.

The Hammock Substation

Everything is going well at the Hammock Substation. As soon as we receive our two new vehicles, the Hammock will have one auto stationed there at all times, which will make it easier for C.O.P.s to patrol from the Hammock. Anyone is welcome to come and patrol.

Emergency Response Team

The Emergency Response Team has been very active as of late, responding to major incidents such as motor vehicle accidents, traffic lights out, and other occurrences as needed. At present we have twelve (12), C.O.P.s that are on the ERT (Emergency Response Team) and we are looking for other members that are willing to respond to incidents on a 24 hour basis.