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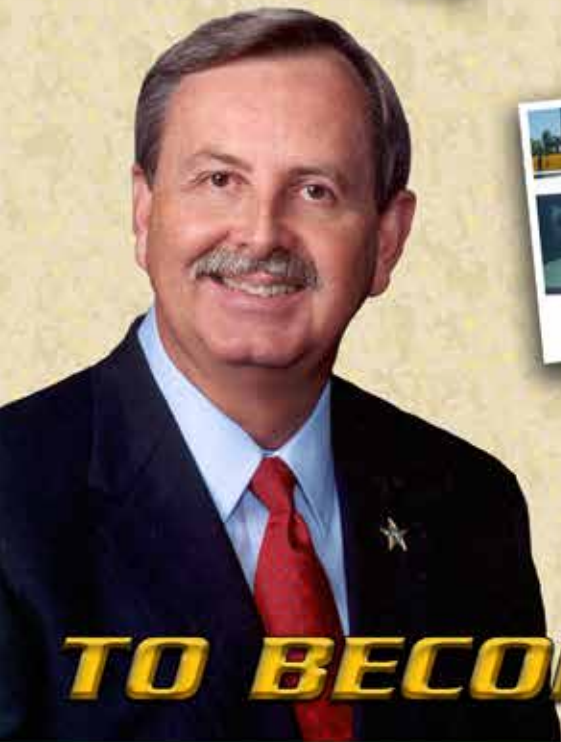
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**MOUNTED UNIT**  
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Our mission is to safeguard the lives and property of the people and communities we serve, to reduce crime, and to enhance public safety while working with our diverse communities to improve their quality of life.

Visit our website at [www.pbso.org](http://www.pbso.org).

*Ric L. Bradshaw, Sheriff*

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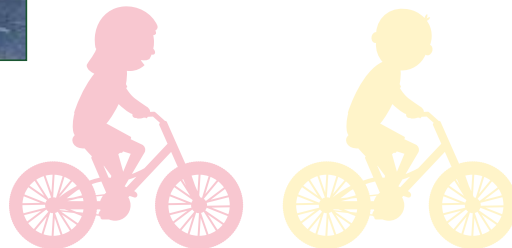
## *Career Day*

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# Bike Rodeo

At the Bike Rodeo event, hundreds of enthusiastic children had the opportunity to learn about bike safety at a local elementary school. Each participant received a professionally fitted helmet and practiced navigating through a cone course, all while learning crucial safety rules for biking.



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### MEDIA UNIT

A shining light in our community, the **Volunteer Media Unit** deserves recognition for their remarkable work. Going above and beyond, they attend countless events, capturing moments through photographs and videos. Their dedication and skills bring our community stories to life, making the creation of our much-loved magazines possible. Their contributions amplify the vibrancy and spirit of our local events.



## *Calling all Veterans!*

It will be our honor to recognize Volunteers who have served in the US Armed Forces. If you or someone in your unit is a veteran who should especially be honored in the *Volunteer Services Newsletter*, kindly write to [volunteer@pbso.org](mailto:volunteer@pbso.org) and advise us. We will continue to reserve a special corner for our Veterans in the *Volunteer Services Newsletter* as we have in the past. Thank you.



# AWARDS

*Throughout the year, our devoted volunteers have been recognized and awarded for their exceptional work. Their tireless efforts and extraordinary contributions are continually acknowledged, demonstrating the impact of volunteerism on our community.*



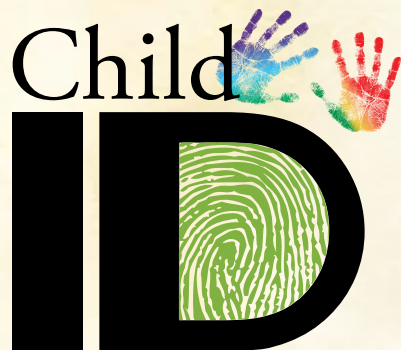
# Career Day

During Career Day, a dedicated **Volunteer Marine Unit** visited several elementary schools to promote water and boat safety. They used their educational tool, a stuffed animal named “Safety Sam”, to engage with the children. The highlight for many was getting to see the Volunteer Marine boat up close.



# Child ID

In a proactive measure aimed at child safety, the **Child ID Unit** attended a local event in Palm Beach County. Here, they assisted children in creating ID cards. These cards, designed to be a crucial resource in case a child goes missing, underscore the community's commitment to safeguarding its youngest members.







## Honor Guard

In a display of respect and solemnity, the **Volunteer Honor Guard** unit participated in the Special Olympics, marching to present the colors. Their presence provided a formal, dignified element to the occasion, embodying the spirit of respect inherent in the event.



## Out and About



*with the Volunteers*

# VAST - *Volunteer Against Scams Team*

The Volunteer Against Scams Team holds many informative sessions about potential scams in Palm Beach County. Volunteers highlighted what locals should watch out for, emphasizing proactive steps to ensure community safety and resilience against fraudulent activities.



# VAST

Volunteers Against Scams Team



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The mission of the Volunteer Against Scams Team (VAST) is to advocate for and assist citizens of Palm Beach County who have been targeted as victims of financial crimes. VAST core objectives include preventing additional victimization and providing assistance in recovering from crimes involving identity theft, fraud and other mainstream financial crimes.

The primary goal of VAST is to educate citizens to prevent scam victimization, provide information with regard to available resources and to "harden the target" against future financial victimization and losses.

VAST will come out to your community and do a presentation to further assist you and answer any questions you may have.

# MOUNTED UNIT

The **Volunteer Mounted Unit** dedicated an entire day to training with the PBSO Mounted Unit. The volunteers worked diligently, not only to hone their skills but also to provide extra exercise for the horses, ensuring their well-being and readiness.



# Get to know our Volunteers

## DR. WILLIAM ERNSTEIN, OD

**Bill Ernstein** did not start out aspiring to be an optometrist even though his Dad was one. Bill was born in Chicago and grew up mostly in Galesburg, IL. He was a good student and began his education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He wanted to become a physician, but that did not happen. When he was in his junior year he took a graduate level course in “dog physiology” which included performing surgery on a dog. Upon commencing the surgery with a scalpel, Bill passed out. He proceeded to pass out four more times during the attempted procedure. It became apparent that his career as a physician had come to an end even before it started.

Bill changed direction and entered the Illinois College of Optometry after the third year at the University of Illinois, following in the footsteps of his Dad. He graduated in 1964 and began an outstanding career as an optometrist. His first practice was in Chicago where he took over the practice of a retiring doctor, eventually buying the practice. In 1971 he moved to Willmette, IL and opened a second office in Palatine. Professionally he moved up in his field, becoming the President of the Chicago Northside Optometric Society and the Vice President for Public Health of the Illinois Optometric Association. When Bill finally retired in 2015, after more than 50 years, there were four optometrists working in his practice.

Bill's greatest accomplishments were not in the field of optometry, they were with his family. In the same year that Bill graduated from optometry school,



1964, he also married his wife, Janet. With Jan, they raised two daughters. One daughter lives in suburban Chicago and the other in Austin, TX. They are now blessed with five grandchildren, all at various states of obtaining an education and beginning their careers. The entire family is flourishing and doing well.

The Ernsteins bought a residence in Florida in 2005 and still do the snowbird thing, going back to Illinois for the summers. In Florida they live in the community of Bellaggio in Lake Worth. Bill is a long time aficionado of automobiles. He purchased and restored a 1964 red Thunderbird convertible and a 1967 red convertible Chevrolet Impala. A few years ago he started a car club in Bellaggio. Every year over President's Day weekend the club holds an exhibition where folks are able to display their classic and antique vehicles. Last year there were 110 cars on display and more than 600 people came to see them.

Bill joined the PBSO volunteers in 2008 as a member of Unit 98, Bellaggio. Jan joined the same unit in 2021. *We thank them for their service.*



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# Get to know our Volunteers

## VOLUNTEER MAJOR JOE LIPSKY

**Joe Lipsky** is best described as a “human dynamo”. He exemplifies the leadership and hard work of our most dedicated volunteers. His responsibilities involve no less than 14 separate volunteer units including our specialized parking enforcement group. His PBSOV achievements make for a grand total of 15 commendations, awards, citations and service medals in the 7 plus years that Joe has been serving. It is no wonder that he served more than 1600 hours in 2017 and more than 2000 hours in 2018.

Joe’s recruitment efforts are worth emulating. After describing the benefits of having a COP unit in his own community he convinced his own HOA Board to start up a unit and he was responsible for signing up 35 of his fellow residents.

Volunteers who work under Major Lipsky’s tutelage say that he is always available, answering calls on mornings, evenings and even weekends. Joe takes great pride in “keeping the cars under his command up and running”. His stock of spare parts, battery chargers and such is legendary.

The Major takes his role quite seriously. “When it comes to my unit leaders I am here to support their needs and I will assist in any way I am able to make their job easier”.

Joe talks with pride about his early career as a mechanical engineer – project manager in the defense industry. Just get him started and he’ll tell you about some of the big shots including General Omar Bradley who he regularly worked with. *Surely Joe Lipsky exemplifies excellence and is worthy of his reputation.*



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## Sunny Quinn

**Sunny Quinn** is a Renaissance woman. Sunny (and that is her given name) actually holds a degree in nursing and is a Registered Nurse. She began her career as a midwife and neonatal intensive care nurse, which she did for 15 years. After overlapping careers, she became a radio DJ. She spent many of her 25 years on the air at “Sunny 104.3 FM West Palm Beach” hosting such shows as “Sunny in the Morning”, “Sunny After Dark”, and the “Sunday Jazz Brunch”, and eventually landed on a midday program. During this period of time and even subsequently, she was a professional voiceover actor performing in radio and TV commercials, narrations, etc. She has written and published three books and also had a photography business, photographing pets.

Following her radio career, she returned to her first love, horses. She built a ranch in Jupiter Farms to house her two horses and in 2014 she joined the PBSO volunteer program as a member of the Mounted COP Unit 78. Two other members of Unit 78 board their horses at her ranch, Patti Antolik and Shelia Ascani. Together, the three of them patrol primarily in Riverbend Park in Jupiter, a 665 acre park.

In addition to her volunteer work for the PBSO, she is also a volunteer educator at the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter. Versed in all types of wildlife, her specialty is birds of prey. A few times each week she puts an owl on her arm and interacts with visitors to the Sanctuary; she also takes part in off-site programs.

Sunny is married to Don Brewer, a drummer and singer with the classic rock bands Grand Funk Railroad and Bob Seger. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. *We thank Sunny for her service.*



# 4<sup>th</sup> of July

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INDEPENDENCE  
DAY

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BICYCLE

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MARINE

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PARKING ENFORCEMENT (PES)

HONOR GUARD

MOUNTED

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION (R2)

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VOLUNTEERS AGAINST SCAMS TEAM  
(VAST)