



# Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office VOLUNTEER SERVICES



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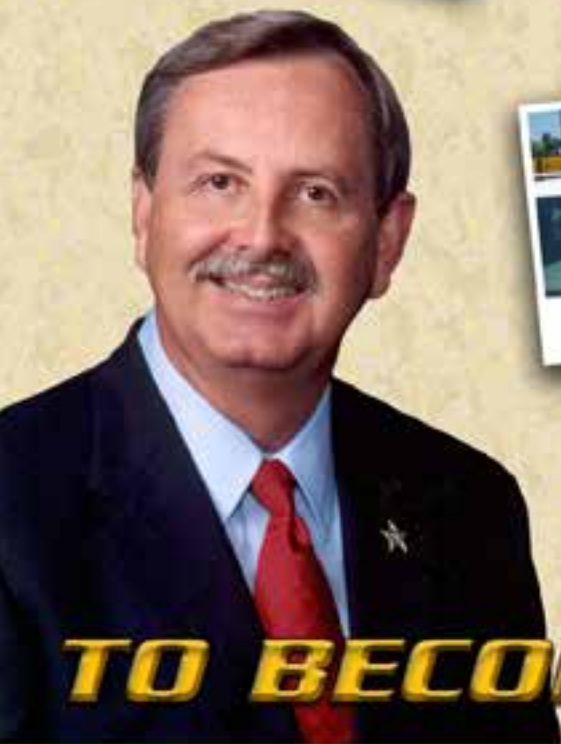


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***TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER***

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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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## *Marine Unit*

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## Back to School

With your help from sending out flyers and collecting donations, the volunteer program raised \$4,521 for the back to school drive!! We were able to donate school supplies, back packs, and other goodies to the students in Palm Beach County. Thanks to each and every one of you, we were able to help so many children have a happy and successful school year!! Those smiles show it all!



## 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.





# SPOTLIGHT ON

## UNIT 107 & WELLINGTON

Spotlight on Unit 107 and Wellington. They hosted their monthly meetings and gathered around for a group photo!

Wellington was our FIRST EVER COP Unit!! They were the only volunteer unit PBSO had for 4 months! They have been a unit for almost 32 years and still going strong!



# AWARDS

*We would like to recognize our volunteers' hard work and dedication to our program!*

*Your time and energy is appreciated and memorable.*

*Congratulations to so many of you on your awards.*

*Here are just a few of the hundreds of awards given out!*





## Crime Prevention

Our Crime Prevention Unit goes out to events and informs our residents all about crime and ways to prevent crime from happening to them or someone they know! The unit hands out hundreds of brochures giving Palm Beach County the knowledge they need to succeed in Crime Prevention!



## Goodie Bag Packing

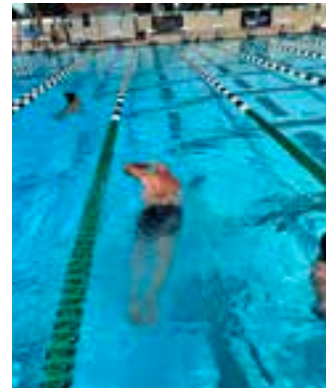
Some of our volunteers helped District 9 pack 128 bags for an upcoming golf tournament! These bags were stuffed with hand sanitizers, glasses, flyers, a free game of bowling, and more!





## Marine Unit

There are specific qualifications you must pass to join the Marine Unit! As seen in these pictures, passing a swim test is one of them. You must swim 50 yards, tread the water for 5 minutes, get yourself out of the water and pass a written test. Once completed, you can join our Marine Unit on their fun adventures!!



## PALM ISLES



Palm Isles had a community event and our Palm Isle volunteers set up a table to gather some new recruits! We love seeing our volunteers out and about with smiling faces!





Our recruitment team can be found all over Palm Beach County recruiting for our volunteer program! Yes, even at **Home Depot!** R2 spent a couple hours recruiting at our local Home Depot and they were able to gather a few new recruits from this event!



# 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.



# PROMOTIONS

<b>Seymour Donner</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit 48 Captain</b>	<b>Victor Kruger</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>
<b>Robert Finch</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Captain</b>	<b>Maria Plata</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>
<b>Martin Gerber</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>	<b>Martin Rosenberg</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Captain</b>
<b>Beverly McCann</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>	<b>Barry Shapiro</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit 13 Sergeant</b>
<b>Linda Alinovi</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>	<b>Nancy Williams-Smith</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>
<b>Arnold Dickerman</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>	<b>Stephen Cohen</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit 13 Lieutenant</b>
<b>Michael Fredricks</b>	<b>Promoted To FTO Corporal</b>	<b>Alan Goodman</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit 43 Lieutenant</b>
<b>Steven Mannon</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Captain</b>	<b>George Hull</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit 43 Sergeant</b>
<b>Sion Zerah</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>	<b>William Jackson</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>
<b>Carmine Dimitri</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>	<b>Michael Unger</b>	<b>Promoted To Blue Captain Of Unit 51</b>
<b>Nicholas Doggett</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>	<b>Aquino Fonzo</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>
<b>Howard Ferdine</b>	<b>Promoted To Captain Of Unit 105</b>	<b>Marshall Freiman</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Captain</b>
<b>Seymour Goodman</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>	<b>Alan Weinstein</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Captain</b>
<b>Gloria Pressman</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Captain</b>	<b>Ronald Freeman</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>
<b>George Tocci</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit 83 Captain</b>	<b>Jack Tolmich</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>
<b>Richard Baer</b>	<b>Promoted To Captain Of Unit 51</b>	<b>Stephen Wessler</b>	<b>Promoted To Captain Unit 93</b>
<b>Aquino Fonzo</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>	<b>Jacqueline Avondoglio</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Captain</b>
<b>Howard Gordon</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Captain</b>	<b>Joseph D'Angelo</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>
<b>Charles Hughes Jr</b>	<b>Promoted to Unit Sergeant</b>	<b>Katherine Smith</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>
<b>Lewis Kanner</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>	<b>Ivan Tantleff</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>
<b>Israel Lurman</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit 36 Lieutenant</b>	<b>Joel Wilensky</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>
<b>Steven Weiss</b>	<b>Promoted To Sergeant In Unit 42</b>	<b>Clark Woods</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Sergeant</b>
<b>Larry Epstein</b>	<b>Promoted To Unit Lieutenant</b>		





## VERT Training

The Volunteer Emergency Response Team does many trainings throughout the year. With a few new recruits, they were able to refresh everyone's minds on the basics of the unit. Their training consisted of proper cone set up, traffic safety, and more! This unit is recognized for their dedication and assistance towards our deputies whenever they are called to help!





# Get to know our Volunteer

## CLINTON "CJ" STITES



Volunteer **Clinton "CJ" Stites** was recently named *Captain of the Volunteer Marine Unit (VMU)*. CJ has had some interesting adventures prior to becoming a PBSO volunteer, and we'd like to tell you about some of them.



CJ was born and raised in New Jersey, and after high school, he enlisted in the Coast Guard. He spent four years as a Petty Officer, some of it in Intelligence.



After being discharged, he became a police officer in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Because of his background in intelligence work, he was given a deep undercover assignment, such that no one in his community knew he was an officer.

One kind of undercover assignment was to search for muggers by pretending to be an elderly woman.



After his time with the undercover unit, CJ was asked to be the Department's "Officer Friendly" on a motorcycle, visiting schools, shut-ins, sick children in hospitals, and such. CJ was accompanied on these visits by his partner, "Safety Sam," a stuffed cartoon character to whom children could relate.



*A kickback in time! Remembering Officer Tommy Griffith (R.I.P. Brother). Before women police officers, we took turns dressing as an old lady to get mugged. Believe it or not, it worked!*



One year, he demonstrated his persuasive skills by convincing a Jewish school teacher to play the Easter Bunny and ride in his sidecar to a hospital where they visited a boy who had been shot in the head and was not responding to attempts to communicate with him. But after one look at the Easter Bunny, he ran to her and hugged her. CJ later ended up marrying the Easter Bunny, Beth, in the late 1970s.



During his time with Bridgeport PD, CJ also spent time with the Emergency Services Unit and was Commander of the Dive Team.



CJ and Beth lived on a 46-foot Chris Craft, and for 10 years they owned a dinner boat with 300 seats.



As a young couple, they had vacationed in Clearwater, and liked it, so that's where they moved in their retirement. They took a ride on a dolphin watching boat, and saw a sign that said, "Captains Wanted." Beth told them, "My husband has a license." Thus began 10 years of captaining a dolphin watching boat.



In Florida, they built a super-modified 2007 Corvette, with engine and body modifications, and ended up winning 40 trophies on both the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.



Eventually, family reasons led them to move across the state to Palm Beach County. After three years here, CJ ran into an existing volunteer in a gym, and got recruited for the VMU. In his third year with us, he has recently become the Unit's Captain, while Beth keeps busy as a volunteer in pet rescue.

**CJ received an ABCD award in May. His nomination reads:**

*We would like to take this opportunity to nominate Captain Stites for an ABCD Award. His more than 30 years of professional maritime experience with the U.S. Coast Guard, EMT, and many years as a maritime police officer, has added much to many areas.*

1. He has personally updated and donated new safety equipment to all the boats.
2. He has donated countless hours of his time developing new training techniques to improve the Unit's performance, which will benefit the public and the Sheriff's Marine Department.
3. During the 17 months of 10-7, due to the COVID-19 epidemic, he personally ensured that all equipment, vehicles, and boats were maintained in an operational manner when the Unit returned to 10-8 status.
4. During the COVID shutdown, he maintained contact with members of the Unit, checking on their health, and their family's health, which kept the morale and mental health of the members on a high note.
5. He has now delegated trained personnel to develop procedures for training of all existing and new members on the saltwater boats, and the freshwater lake boats.

*For these outstanding achievements, positive attitude, and dedication, we want to nominate Captain Stites for the ABCD Award.*

P.S. For those of you who are wondering whatever happened to CJ's partner, Safety Sam, we have this update for you. Sam also moved to Florida, and was able recently to put on a life jacket and join CJ in speaking to children about boating safety.



THANK YOU CJ FOR ALLOWING US TO "DIVE" INTO YOUR WORLD OUTSIDE OF VOLUNTEERING AND FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK HERE AT PBSO VOLUNTEER SERVICES!

# Out and About



*with the Volunteers*



# Volunteer



with the **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office**

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## **OUR VOLUNTEER SPECIALTY UNITS INCLUDE:**

BICYCLE

DISPATCHERS

AIRPORT

CHILD ID

MARINE

CRIME PREVENTION (VCPU)

FIELD TRAINING OFFICER (FTO)

PARKING ENFORCEMENT (PES)

HONOR GUARD

MOUNTED

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION (R2)

MEDIA UNIT

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (VERT)

TRAFFIC MONITORING

SPECIAL EVENTS

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

VOLUNTEERS AGAINST SCAMS TEAM  
(VAST)