



Raleigh Police Department Community News Flash

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RPD Kicks off New Volunteer Program

The Raleigh Police Department is currently recruiting individuals who are interested in donating their time to support the department's functions through the new RPD Volunteer Program. Retired Lieutenant Bruce Embry is coordinating the program in conjunction with Sergeant J.W. Darrow of the Chief's Office.

RPD's volunteers will help with a number of tasks around the department, including data entry, translation services, assistance with special events, telephone crime reporting, and victim advocacy.

RPD is modeling its program after the successful Retired and Senior Volunteer Program sponsored by the City of Raleigh Community Services Department. Through the RSVP program, over 1,000 volunteers contribute many thousands of hours each year to several organizations throughout Raleigh and Wake County.

Participants in the program will be required to make a minimum commitment of 15 hours per month and complete a 38-hour training program to familiarize them with RPD's operations and expectations. Volunteers will then be placed in assignments according to their skills and interests.

Chief Dolan feels that the volunteers will serve a vital support role within RPD. "We want volunteers to be a set of eyes and a set of hands for the police department," said Dolan. "Volunteers will really add value to what we do."

If you are interested in becoming a part of the new RPD Volunteer Program, please contact Embry at 996-1118. More information about the program can also be found under the "RPD Volunteers" link on the Raleigh Police web site.



Two Ford Escapes owned by RPD have been assigned to the RPD Volunteer Program. The vehicles are equipped with yellow lights and police radios.



Retired Lt. Embry and Sgt. Darrow are working together to coordinate the RPD Volunteer Program.

This baseball cap is a component of the volunteers' uniform, which also consists of a white shirt with the RPD volunteer logo and dark blue slacks.

