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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Billy Grogan, Chief of Police
Date: October 10, 2016
Subject: Citizens on Patrol Program Overview

ITEM DESCRIPTION

The startup of the Dunwoody Police Department Citizens on Patrol program is scheduled for November 15th at 9am.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Dunwoody Police Department’s outreach efforts to partner with our community to reduce crime, the Citizens on Patrol program was adopted in our 2016 budget.

The Citizens on Patrol team members will assist the police department and the community in many ways. These ways include assisting with special events, traffic direction, crime prevention measures, residential and business checks, park patrols, and other assigned details.

These volunteers will provide resources that directly impact the quality of life in Dunwoody. The members of this department consider the Citizens on Patrol team members to be an integral part of our team. The time they will volunteer and the service they will provide allows the full time officers of the Dunwoody Police Department to focus their efforts on other tasks.

By partnering together, we can continue to provide a high level of service to our community.

Sergeant Belt and Officer Stevens have developed our Citizens on Patrol program from the ground up. They completed extensive research on this program including a review of similar programs in our area and traveled to a department in North Carolina to observe their program in person.

After this initial research, our Citizens on Patrol program was developed and advertised. Over 25 applications were received. These applications were screened through a thorough vetting process, which included a background check and interview process. Ultimately, eight volunteers were selected. These volunteers completed a rigorous 26 hour training program which included CPR/AED certification, radio communications, basic traffic law, basic traffic direction, departmental policies, code of conduct, security & integrity training, vehicle operations and other similar classes.



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At this time, the following individuals have completed the Citizens on Patrol training program and are ready begin their duties to help keep the citizens of Dunwoody safe.

- Jim Sturgis
- Ron Silvers
- Jim Roberts
- Russ Thompson
- Julian Black
- Jim Kilburn
- Wayne Radloff
- Kris Bhatia

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Please join me in congratulating our volunteer Citizens on Patrol graduates. The first Citizens on Patrol will begin on November 15, 2016, at 9am.