

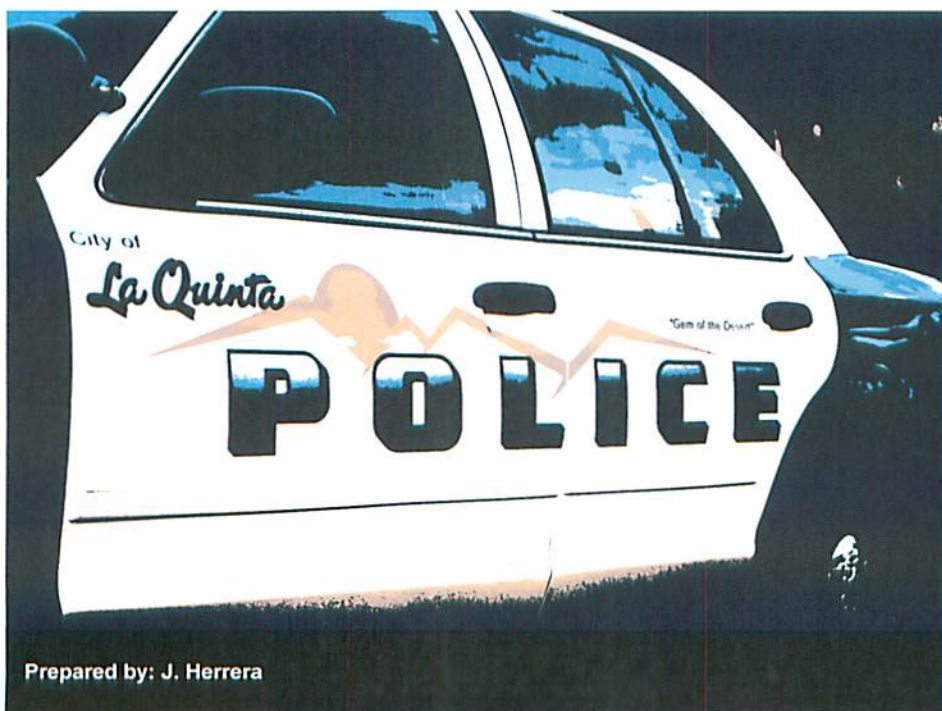
QUARTERLY REPORT



Served by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department

October - December 2014

This quarterly police report was prepared by the La Quinta Police for the Honorable Mayor, City Council and the Citizens of La Quinta. The report contains crime statistics and average response times along with La Quinta Special Teams summaries of activity for the quarter.



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Message from the Assistant Chief

The women and men of your police department want to wish everyone a safe and happy new year. Looking over the last quarter of 2014 has indicated officers quickly responded to trouble affecting our citizenry. The average response time for an officer's arrival to the highest priority emergencies has decreased from the previous timeframe in 2013. I also noticed the overall number of police calls rose by nearly 1,500 service requests during the last three months of the year. It stands to reason that increased service requests, spanning each category of priority response, will likely impact our officer's average response ability. That said, I regularly evaluate the necessary time for an officer's response to a citizen's request for service and look for methods and strategies that will improve the service to our community.



Lt. David Walton

The crime trends for this quarter offer a continued decrease for incidents of burglaries, robberies and petty thefts throughout the city. Narcotics violations took a sharp downturn when compared with the same timeframe in 2013. I attribute the aggressive deployment of officers during this holiday season as one factor for these crime trend reductions, and feel the constant outreach by the Crime Prevention Unit into our business community and neighborhoods to be another key factor. Without a doubt, the city of La Quinta continues to be one of the safest communities in the world.

My office is gearing to provide you with another comprehensive annual report that will encompass our efforts during 2014. We look forward to sharing the goals we achieved, those areas we saw success, and the areas we need to improve going forward into 2015. Importantly, the dedicated women and men of your police department have an overwhelming desire to grow with our citizens and take part in the community we proudly serve.

David Walton

Assistant Chief of Police, City of La Quinta

Average Response Time

Jurisdiction	Type	August		September		October		November		December		2012	2013	2014*	
		2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014				
La Quinta	Priority 1	Average Response Calls for Service	14.07 20	4.01 19	8.20 15	5.06 25	6.88 22	7.11 15	5.17 20	5.23 20	5.71 18	9.19 24	5.56 197	6.18 214	5.63 241
	Priority 2	Average Response Calls for Service	17.22 526	11.99 535	11.54 504	17.40 574	11.98 530	12.82 535	12.31 447	12.04 543	12.91 510	11.65 512	12.38 6,319	12.37 6,167	13.16 6,362
	Priority 3	Average Response Calls for Service	23.26 403	18.01 484	18.77 390	19.79 577	21.46 384	17.84 616	18.69 425	18.30 549	17.94 414	17.00 545	18.29 4,673	18.73 4,962	18.97 6,105
	Priority 4	Average Response Calls for Service	28.01 236	18.11 218	23.35 208	29.53 202	27.05 236	25.20 245	25.83 235	25.21 286	21.34 279	23.52 241	23.15 3,306	23.46 3,034	23.93 3,160
	Pri. 1-4 Total	Average Response Calls for Service	21.37 1,185	15.25 1,256	16.22 1,117	19.95 1,378	18.03 1,172	17.10 1,411	17.41 1,127	17.09 1,398	16.44 1,221	15.98 1,322	16.65 14,495	16.81 14,377	17.43 15,868

Crime Statistics

CRIME- OCTOBER	2014	2013
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	6	1
BURGLARY	14	1
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	8	3
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	7	12
HOMICIDE	1	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	22	16
ROBBERY	4	1
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	0	1
SEX CRIME FELONY	3	4
SEX CRIME MISD	2	2
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	8	7
THEFT	59	74
VEHICLE THEFT	8	4

CRIME- NOVEMBER	2014	2013
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	4	5
BURGLARY	19	22
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	2	10
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	11	11
HOMICIDE	0	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	13	16
ROBBERY	1	6
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	0	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	2	2
SEX CRIME MISD	1	1
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	7	8
THEFT	76	72
VEHICLE THEFT	3	4

CRIME- DECEMBER	2014	2013
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	2	5
BURGLARY	13	43
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	6	15
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	11	8
HOMICIDE	0	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	7	32
ROBBERY	2	2
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	2	0
SEX CRIME FELONY	2	1
SEX CRIME MISD	0	0
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	9	8
THEFT	58	85
VEHICLE THEFT	2	5

OCT, NOV, DEC CTYD	2014	2013
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	12	11
BURGLARY	46	66
BURGLARY-VEHICLE	16	28
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	29	31
HOMICIDE	1	0
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	42	64
ROBBERY	7	9
ROBBERY CAR-JACKING	2	1
SEX CRIME FELONY	7	7
SEX CRIME MISD	3	3
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	24	23
THEFT	193	231
VEHICLE THEFT	13	13

Special Enforcement Team



Officer McAnallen, James, Smith, Kibbey and Holland

Quarterly Statistics for October, November & December

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Programs	5
Vehicle Stops	203
Pedestrian Checks	78
Investigative Follow-up	131
City Park Checks	46
Citations	43
Search Warrants	16
Probation /Parole Search	41
Arrest Warrant Served	22
Arrest - Felony	29
Arrest - Misdemeanor	57
Property Value Recovered	\$32,250.00

Significant Activity for October - December 2014

In October, La Quinta Special Enforcement Team and Business District Unit Officers responded to a report of a robbery in progress at the 52500 block of Avenida Herrera. The suspects were armed with firearms and demanded jewelry from the victim. Suspects took the victim's gold chain and fled on foot, northbound on Avenida Herrera. Patrol Officers arrived at the victim's residence while officers checked the area. They observed a suspect on Avenida Herrera, north of the victim's residence, and a foot pursuit ensued. Officers confronted a suspect and an officer involved shooting occurred. Following the initial incident, SET/BDU officers performed a yard to yard search for any additional suspects, evidence, or damage from the shots fired. SET/BDU assisted Thermal Station Investigations and Sheriff's Central Homicide Unit with the investigation.

In November, La Quinta Special Enforcement Team and Business District Unit Officers served an evidence related search warrant at 80000 Avenue 48 in Indio. The warrant stemmed from an assault with a deadly weapon incident that occurred on October 17, 2014 in La Quinta. SET Officers identified a 14 year old male juvenile as the suspect. During the service of the search warrant, evidence related to the crime was recovered, along with the firearm used in the assault. The case has been forwarded to the Riverside County District Attorney's office for prosecution.

In December, La Quinta Special Enforcement Team and Business District Unit Officers began a joint investigation with Palm Desert Station's Investigation Bureau and Burglary Suppression Unit on a murder investigation that had occurred on November 30th on Washington Street in Palm Desert. After an intensive surveillance operation, Kurtis Kniggie (18 years of La Quinta) was arrested after a vehicle pursuit throughout the western portion of the Coachella Valley. Kniggie is connected to several residential burglaries in La Quinta. One burglary in which a vehicle was stolen and used during the murder incident.

Business District Unit



Officer Quezada & Corporal Reinbolz

Quarterly Statistics for October, November & December

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Programs	24
Vehicle Stops	15
Pedestrian Checks	30
Investigative Follow-up	55
Citations	8
Search Warrants	7
Probation /Parole Search	96
Business Checks/Meetings	135
Arrest Warrant Served	2
Arrest - Felony	5
Arrest - Misdemeanor	4
Property Value Recovered	\$1,500.00

Significant Activity for October- December 2014

Between the months of October through December, La Quinta BDU participated in the Coffee with a Cop event at Old Town Coffee Company in La Quinta. Officers were engaged in various topics of discussion with numerous residents over the course of the event. These Coffee with a Cop events allow the public to meet with law enforcement personnel in a relaxed environment and talk about a wide range of issues. Officers exchanged ideas about public safety, the direction of law enforcement as we go forward, and share some of the most rewarding and difficult aspects of being a police officer today. During these discussions, officers were able to listen to issues and concerns from the community and address them accordingly.

Between the months of October through December, La Quinta BDU, in collaboration with California Alcohol Beverage Control, conducted a Minor Decoy Operation, Cops in Shops Operation and Impact Operation, which target adults who purchase or sell alcohol to people less than 21 years of age. Under the Shoulder Tap program, a minor, under the direct supervision of a peace officer, will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol. Under the Cops in Shops Program, which involves two undercover police officers, one officer poses as door staff, or a store clerk, in order to stop those persons attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages by means of fraudulent identification. Under the Impact Program, which stands for Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendencies, its purpose is to reduce alcohol related crimes in, and around, licensed establishments by conducting inspections of the premises visited. Funding for these programs were provided by a grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control through the department's Grant Assistance Program.

In December, La Quinta BDU participated in a Citizens on Patrol (COP) meeting held at La Quinta City Hall where training was provided to numerous COP volunteers active in the program. BDU put together a power point presentation tailored for the meeting and presented training in the areas of identifying suspicious activity, suspicious persons, and suspicious vehicles. The primary purpose of the training was to enhance the skill set and knowledge of COP volunteers and to ensure they are providing the best service possible.

In December, La Quinta BDU, with the assistance of the La Quinta Special Enforcement Team and other Thermal Sheriff's Station personnel, participated in the annual La Quinta Highway 111 Holiday Theft Prevention Program. During the program, deputies provided extra high visibility patrol within the business areas of Highway 111, Old Town La Quinta, and other surrounding businesses. The purpose of the program was to provide high visibility pro-active patrol, offer assistance to local merchants and citizens, and to ensure a positive shopping experience for visitors and citizens of La Quinta.

Traffic Services Team



Type of Activity	Number of
Total Collisions	110
DUI Collisions	8
DUI Arrests	21
Seatbelt Citations	12
Total Hazard Citations	412
Total Injury Collisions	39
DUI Collisions with Injury	3
Citations Issued	811
Excessive Speed Citations	346
Total Non-Hazard Citations	102

La Quinta Traffic Team Officer Palmer, Corporal Olson, Officer Moore & Officer Scott

In October, members from the Traffic Services Team attended an annual reconstruction conference and learned new techniques for investigating major collisions.

In October, members from the Traffic Services Team volunteered their time to the "Tip a Cop" program, hosted by the La Quinta Red Robin, to benefit the Special Olympics.

In November, the Traffic Services Team conducted "Black Friday" traffic programs to alleviate traffic flow problems in and around the business districts in the city of La Quinta during the peak shopping day following Thanksgiving, known as "Black Friday".

In November, the Traffic Services Team conducted DUI saturation patrols to deter drunk driving around the Thanksgiving holiday.

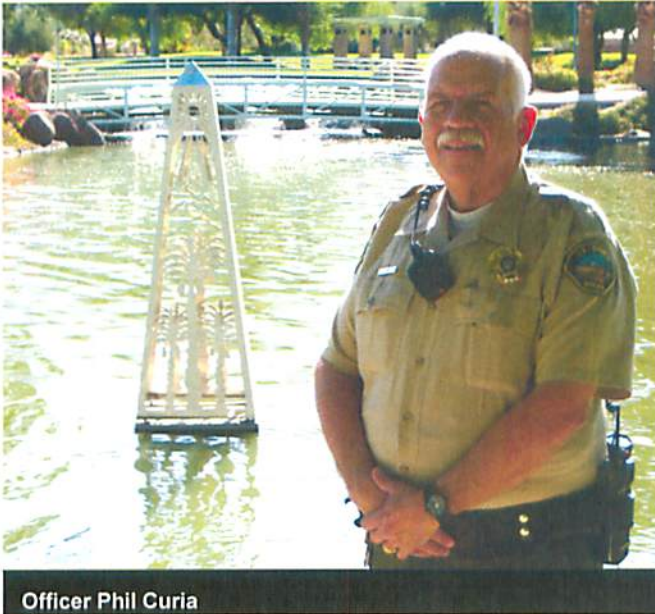
In December, the Traffic Services Team conducted a DUI sobriety checkpoint in the city of La Quinta. 301 drivers were screened and one driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Another nine drivers were arrested for licensing violations.

In December, the Traffic Services Team conducted DUI saturation patrols to deter drunk driving around the Christmas and New Year holidays.



Motor 455

Crime Prevention Specialist



Officer Phil Curia

Type of Activity	# of Incidents
Reports	23
Calls for Service	25
Parking Citations	35
Towed Vehicles	4
Business Checks	7
Business Meetings	0
Community Events	9
CPTED Reviews	15

In October, CSO Curia conducted three Apartment Complex Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design inspections at : Washington Street Apartments, Mediterra Apartments and Wolfe Waters and two Business CPTED surveys were completed at: Mattress Express and Asadeo Los Corrales.

In October, CSO Curia participated in the Coffee with a Cop event at the Old Town Coffee Company.

In October, CSO Curia participated in a Crime Free Multi Housing Program Seminar.

In October, CSO Curia participated in the Tip a Cop Program at Red Robin.

In November, CSO Curia conducted two apartment complex CPTED inspections at: Seasons at Mira Flores and Coral Mountain Apartments and three Residential CPTED inspections at: Spanish Bay, Avenida Carranza and Avenida Cortez.

In November, CSO Curia participated in the Emergency Preparedness Event at Trilogy.

In November, CSO Curia participated in a Senior Safety Demonstration at Washington Street Apartments.

In December, CSO Curia conducted two Residential CPTED inspections at Avenida Alvarado, Avenida Herrera, and two Apartment complexes at Hadley Villa's and Vista Dunes Courtyard Homes.

In December, CSO Curia participated in the La Quinta Police Toy Drive benefiting local children in need of toys for Christmas.

In December, CSO Curia participated in the Coffee with a Cop event at Starbucks.

Crime Prevention



Officer Jessica Herrera

- ◆ Crime Prevention Officer
- ◆ Community Program & Event Coordinator
- ◆ Citizens on Patrol Coordinator
- ◆ Crime Free Multi-Housing Coordinator
- ◆ Social Media Administrator

In October, CSO Herrera prepared the quarterly report which includes calls for service, average response time and year to date crime comparison.

In October, CSO Herrera coordinated a Crime Free Multi-Housing Seminar for apartment managers and owners in La Quinta.

In October, CSO Herrera coordinated "Tip A Cop" at Red Robin. Officers raised \$2,327.10 for Southern California Special Olympics.

In October, CSO Herrera prepared the Gem article about Holiday Safety.

In October, CSO Herrera participated in the La Quinta Resort Safety Fair.

In October, CSO Herrera coordinated training for the C.O.P.

In October, CSO Herrera coordinated the Coffee with a Cop event at Old Town Coffee Company on Main Street.

In October, CSO Herrera conducted three CPTED reviews at the following locations: Wolf Waters, Mediterra and Washington Street Apartments. This is a second phase requirement for the apartments to get certified in our Crime Free Housing program.

In November, CSO Herrera attended the Emergency Preparedness Event at Trilogy.

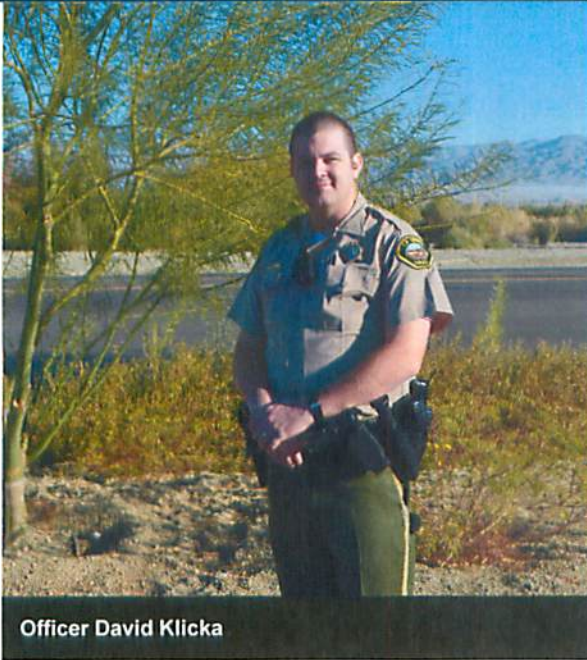
In November, CSO Herrera conducted a Senior Safety presentation at Washington Street Apartments.

In December, CSO Herrera coordinated the Coffee with a Cop event at Starbucks.

In December, CSO Herrera prepared the GEM article on Traffic Services online.

In December, CSO Herrera coordinated quarterly training on DUI Drivers & Suspicious Activity for C.O.P members.

School Resource Officer



Officer David Klicka

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Reports	2
Arrest	2
D.A. Filings	1
Citations	1
Calls for Service	16
Pedestrian Check/Area Check/ Traffic Stop	3
Public Assists	1
Follow-up	1
Assist Other Agencies	1
5150 Evaluations	1

La Quinta Middle School, Harry Truman, Ben Franklin & John Adams Elementary

In November, SRO Klicka provided security to two varsity football games at La Quinta High School.

In December, SRO Klicka assisted in an investigation at La Quinta High School where a student brought an Airsoft Rifle to the school. A "Kids with guns" protocol was initiated.

In December, SRO Klicka successfully completed the Riverside County Sheriff's Drug Abuse Recognition class.

In December, SRO Klicka arrested a juvenile at La Quinta Middle School for possession of Marijuana.

In December, SRO Klicka assisted with the Thermal Station Toy Drive by delivering toys to needy children in the City of La Quinta.

School Resource Officer



Officer Rick Contreras

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Reports	5
Arrest	5
D.A. Filings	5
Citations	7
Calls for Service	26
Pedestrian Check/Area Check/ Traffic Stop	7
Public Assists	3
Follow-up	2
Assist Other Agencies	3
5150 Evaluations	1

La Quinta High School

In October and November, SRO Contreras provided security to two varsity football games and the LQHS Homecoming dance.

In November, SRO Contreras investigated a vandalism that occurred in the female bathroom on school grounds. SRO Contreras determined two female juveniles were responsible for the damage and were arrested for the crime.

In December, SRO Contreras received information that a student had taken a replica assault rifle on campus in November. SRO Contreras determined that the student was given a project in October where the goal was to provide a visual representation of the meaning of the assigned book. In the assigned book is a portion related to war. The student determined the best way to show the visual representation is to wrap a replica assault rifle in a copy of his written report. The staff member who assigned the project did not notify school security until weeks later. SRO Contreras initiated Riverside County's Kids with Guns Protocol and went to the student's residence in search of evidence of suspicious activity and weapons. SRO Contreras determined the student was not a threat to school safety.

In December, SRO Contreras initiated a plan for a lockdown drill on campus. Due to recent events involving school shootings, SRO Contreras believed a lockdown drill was necessary to be better prepared in the unfortunate event of imminent danger on school grounds. SRO Contreras created a drill where SRO Klicka, SRO Hernandez, and Desert Sands Security Agents would check all doors and windows during the drill to ensure students and staff were in compliance with Desert Sands Unified lockdown procedures. The drill was a success where SRO Contreras and school administrators were able to see areas where students and staff could be better prepared. SRO Contreras created an Operations Packet that included prior notifications to RSO dispatch, parents, Desert Sands personnel, and the media should anyone have inquired on why the school was in lockdown. The drill lasted about 15 minutes.

School Resource Officer



Officer Mike Hernandez

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Reports	5
Arrest	2
D.A. Filings	5
Citations	0
Calls for Service	29
Pedestrian Check/Area Check/ Traffic Stop	9
Public Assists	0
Follow-up	0
Assist Other Agencies	6
5150 Evaluations	6

Summit High School & Colonel Mitchell Paige Middle School

In October, SRO Hernandez arrested an adult male subject for carrying a knife at Summit High School.

In November, SRO Hernandez arrested an adult female for possession of marijuana on a school campus and an outstanding warrant for brandishing a weapon.

In December, SRO Hernandez participated in a lock down drill at La Quinta High School.

Community Service Officers

Patrol Community Service Officers:

- ◆ Aaron Aceves
- ◆ Alma Fregoso
- ◆ Dave Kruger
- ◆ Candy Munoz



Community Service Officers

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents
Burglary Reports	14
Grand/Petty Theft Reports	20
Vandalism/ Malicious Mischief Reports	23
Traffic Collision Response/Reports	71
Vehicle Code or Parking Citations	123
Abandoned Vehicle Tagged/Warning	12
Towed Vehicles	18
Lost or Found Property Reports	10
Custodial/Non-custodial Transports	62
Miscellaneous Calls	39

Volunteers



Type of Activity	# of Incidents
Crime Free Multi-Housing Checks	257
Business Checks	541
Community Events	3
Neighborhood Patrol	660
Traffic Collision Response	9
Extra Patrol	145
Total Patrol Hours	574
Monthly Volunteer Hours	413
CPO Monthly Visits	129
Quarterly Savings	\$31,229.00

Summary of Activity for October, November & December 2014

A new Ford Explorer, which was generously donated by Trilogy, was put into service by the COP in the month of December. The new vehicle added additional resources in time for the busy holiday season. It provided the La Quinta Police Department with a second COP vehicle for increased patrol to assist in the "Holiday Theft Suppression Program". While patrolling the city of La Quinta, the COP patrol assisted with numerous traffic accidents and much needed traffic direction as a result of increased holiday traffic.

In addition to COP vehicle patrol, a new "Bicycle Patrol" program was initiated during the holiday season in the commercial areas of La Quinta. Although in its infancy, "Bicycle Patrol" is being considered for further development and integration with the COP patrol units.

This quarter the COP has gone through, and will continue to go through, advanced training to increase knowledge and skill sets of our COP members. Recent training included "Recognizing DUI Drivers" and "Reporting Suspicious Person and Activity".

We are excited in welcoming one new office volunteer and two new COP members to the group. With their past experience, we believe they will be an asset to the program.

Office volunteers continue to maintain the Civic Center Community Policing Office. These volunteers conduct a variety clerical functions as well as data entry.



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