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G. Matthew Immler, Chief of Police

Police to honor 1,200 volunteers who perform community patrol

They are an extra set of 1,200 eyes and ears in half a dozen neighborhoods throughout the city. They are the volunteers of the Citizen Observer Patrol program, and when it comes to keeping their neighborhoods safe, they are on the front lines.

The Boynton Beach Police Department will publicly thank their C.O.P. volunteers for their commitment to community safety during a picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 18 at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Highway.

The C.O.P. program, which began in 1995, has about 1,200 active volunteers who perform more than 50,000 hours and 100,000 miles of community patrol every year. There are currently seven C.O.P. groups: Palm Beach Leisureville, Boynton Beach Leisureville, Village Royal on the Green, Boynton IntraCoastal Group, Gulfview Harbor, High Point and Sausalito Place.

“Our very successful C.O.P. program is an effective crime fighting tool that extends the patrol capabilities of our force,” Police Chief G. Matthew Immler said. “Our citizen patrollers provide a comforting presence in their neighborhood through high visibility, astute observation and alerting our officers when a situation demands our presence or intervention. The volunteers have chosen to give their time and energy to make our city safer, and honoring them at this annual picnic is a chance for us to let them know how much we appreciate their efforts and support of the police department.”

For more information about the C.O.P. program, call Crime Prevention Officer Robert Kellman at 561-742-6849.

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