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LAKEPORT POLICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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In 2007 the Lakeport Police Department (LPD) implemented a professional police volunteer program. Police Volunteer Coordinator Officer Mark Hommer was instrumental in developing the program and providing training to new volunteers.

In 2007 the LPD authorized a strength of 6 police volunteers and 2 police volunteer chaplains and all of those positions were quickly filled. During the 2007 calendar year the volunteers worked a total of 1262.25 hours which amounts to a \$15,172.00 benefit to the department when calculated at the hourly rate for a part time police employee. In 2008 the volunteers are on track to exceed the number of hours worked in 2007. The volunteers were assigned to duties such as bicycle safety training, assisting the public at large community and school events, traffic control during parades, administrative support, general office duties, investigative support, parking enforcement, business checks, public relations and riding along with police officers. Volunteers also participate in ongoing training related to their positions.

The work performed by our volunteers has proven very valuable to LPD staff. Many of our department responsibilities and duties have been handled more efficiently due to the dedication and commitment of our volunteers.

The department is very proud of our amazing volunteers and thanks them for their continued commitment to making the Lakeport community a safer place. Anyone interested in additional information about the volunteer program should contact Police Officer Mark Hommer by telephone at 263-5491 or department website at www.lakeportpolice.org.

**Kevin Burke
Chief of Police**



Lakeport Police Department Volunteers
From Left to Right
Gary Williamson, Theresa Harter, Debi England, Pat McFarland, Jonathan McAloon and
Fred Gaul



Pastor Mike Suski – Police Chaplain

Kevin Burke
Chief of Police



Father Ted Oswald – Police Chaplain
Yellow Labrador Retriever Daisy, Golden Retriever Rosie

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