



Volunteer of the Year

Issued to: Mr. Peter "Pete" O'Neil, CAP Coordinator, Indian Lakes Estates

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You began your volunteer career with the Polk County Sheriff's Office as a member of the Indian Lake Estates Citizen's Assisted Patrol (CAP) program in 2006. Since that time, you have worked hard to make the program a success and presently serve as the coordinator for a group of 51 volunteers. Indian Lake Estates is a large community of ten square miles, 600 homes, and an estimated population of 1,300 residents.

Over the past year, you have built upon what Dean and Maryanne Rex, past coordinators, put into motion when the Indian Lake Estates CAP Program started. It is through your efforts that awareness of the CAP Program benefits has increased. Organized home checks, when residents are away, have become routine, volunteer recruitment has increased, more training opportunities are available, and the retention of the volunteers has increased. Your latest project to compile a listing of the languages spoken by the residents and those who are willing to volunteer as interpreters has been met with a huge success.

You may be retired, but you have never stopped working hard for your community. You are instrumental in ensuring that the CAP motto of "Observe and Report" is adhered to on a daily basis. Therefore, you are hereby named the 2007 Polk County Sheriff's Office Volunteer of the Year.


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Sheriff