

INFORMATION SHARING REPORT

March 4, 2019

Congratulations

The Punta Gorda Police Department held a swearing-in ceremony for new officers Cody Waldrop, Taylor Smith and Brandon Meddaugh (pictured here with Chief Davis). Josh Girard, Cody Smith and Joe Trufan were sworn in as Corporals and Kelvin Jimenez was sworn in as a Lieutenant. Professional staff promotions included Kaylee Licata to Accreditation and Administrative Specialist and Ashley Able to Senior Dispatcher. Mayor Prafke, Vice Mayor Matthews and Council Member Carey were in attendance.



Training

Fire Department personnel participated in shift training with the City Medical Director. Training topics included patient care with a focus on pediatric emergencies, infectious disease and good hygiene practices.

Community Outreach

On Mar. 1 Mayor Nancy Prafke and the Communications Manager Melissa Reichert, gave a presentation to a group of Friendship Force visitors from Australia and members of the Friendship Force of Southwest Florida. Key projects for each department of the City and branding and marketing information were shared with the participants. The talk also featured an overview of the City Charter and type of governance practiced by the City of Punta Gorda. A question and answer session evoked discussion about the harbor, Peace River and Florida laws.

Mayor Prafke, Vice Mayor Matthews and Councilmember Debby Carey attended the Pre-Legislative Lunch at Babcock Ranch this week. This event was hosted by State Senator Lizbeth Benaquisto. Also in attendance were State Senators Kathleen Passidomo, Bill Galvano and Ben Albritton, State Representatives Dane Eagle and Spencer Roach, among others. This year's Legislative session starts on Mar. 5, so it was a good opportunity to meet and listen to our area's legislators before the session begins.