



Florida's Harborside Hometown

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Community Outreach

Representatives of the City of Punta Gorda participated in the Job Fair at the Charlotte Technical College. Approximately 150-200 people from the schools and the public visited the 45 companies present.



(Pictured left to right Paul Quintana, Courtney Buckles, Tom Spencer, and Susanna Haslinger)

Lieutenant Renz and Corporal Kleiver spent time recruiting this week, traveling to the Public Safety Academy in Avon Park and attending the Spring Job Fair at Charlotte Technical College.

Member of the police department joined members of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office in participating in the 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of the Special Olympics.

Awards

Marine Officer Corporal Trufan was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter for his consistent dedication and commitment to the department and the community. Volunteer Caren Bond, who conducts research and intel gathering for our detectives, was recognized as the Volunteer of the Quarter for finding information that led to the arrest of a suspect on 18 felony charges and three misdemeanor charges.



Officer Burga and Chief Davis received awards from the Charlotte Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Officer Burga was given the SAR Life Saving Medal and Chief Davis was given the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Congratulations to them both!



Another Successful Citizens Academy!

The Citizens Academy has successfully completed its ninth consecutive session. The 2019 Session had 33 participants. All of which were very interested and interacted with the different departments during each session. A majority of the participants indicated they now have a much better understanding of how city government works and a greater appreciation for the people who make it work!

The following are just some of the comments received from the participants' surveys:

Public Works - *"Very interesting to see all the equipment & processes used; demonstrations were great all the things we take for granted!"*



Urban Design - *"Very impressed with City staff, and that so much can be accomplished with limited personnel & financial resources."*

Utilities - *"Impressed with the organization and operation, I have been in several other plants (non water utility) and this is right up there with the best of what I have seen in the past. Staff at both facilities was excellent."*

great presentation, great learning also fun; thorough thinking through and creative solutions, dedication of workers plus excellent Firehouse Chili!"

Finance - *"Presentation made me feel quite comfortable with the management of Punta Gorda finances!"*

Police - *"Feel very safe living in Punta Gorda; very, very informative; all the transparency is impressive and greatly appreciated."*



Administration - *"Great to meet the people that represent our area, great informative session love that this is available."*