



Information Sharing

Department Director Meeting of Monday, January 30, 2012

Hands Across The Harbor run, walk & bike event took place to bridge the 2 CRA's – Charlotte Harbor and Punta Gorda. Council Member Keesling & staff from Growth Management (Hannon), Public Works (Myers) & Police (Meddaugh) worked the event. City Manager & Growth Management/IT/Police staff (Lebeau, Ryan, Teel & Dyer) were among the over 300 participants.

Police Department's final traffic safety plan public presentation will take place tonight, Monday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association (2011 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda). This is your last public opportunity to provide feedback for the department's new traffic safety plan, to include emphasis areas you would like to see in future community traffic enforcement. All city residents and business owners are welcome to attend. If you were unable to attend any of the presentations, please feel free to e-mail us your input at http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police_traffic.html.

Through employee generosity, the Police Department raised \$684.00 for the benefit of Tammy Roane. Tammy, a Special Agent with the Florida Department Law Enforcement, suffered from an unexpected brain aneurism and remains in a vegetative state with dim prognosis. A special thanks to Corporal Tom Quegan and Master Police Officer Trevor Triebe for heading up this initiative; you did an outstanding job! The contribution will be delivered to the FDLE Fort Myers Regional Operations Center on behalf of the PGPD.

Last week, Master Police Officer Brandon Jacobsen, the Police Department's Drug Recognition Expert, was certified as an expert witness in Judge Thompson's felony court in the field of DUI and the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test (HGN). HGN is a medically-based eye test used by officers to help determine if alcohol or certain drugs are present within the body. Although many officers world-wide become trained in the technique, very few reach the level of proficiency required to testify to its medical foundations. At the conclusion of the trial, the defendant was found guilty.

This past Saturday evening, the Punta Gorda Fire Department hosted the annual Managerial Association of Emergency Service (MAES) banquet at the Laishley Crab House. The event was attended by approximately 50 folks (fire department chief officers and their spouses) from the 5 county area (Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, Desoto and Hardee) represented by the MAES group. Fire Chief Rob Hancock was the outgoing president. This is the 3rd year the banquet has been held at the Crab House and the group has already requested that we host it again next year.

Relay for Life 2012 Updates

Fan Friday!

This Friday, February 3rd is

~ Wear your favorite sports team apparel - local, college or pro ~

\$ 1.00 donation to participate

Get your whole department/division involved ~
Challenge one another to see who has the most SPIRIT,
and see who can raise the MOST MONEY!

