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Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation News

The Alpharetta Department of Public Safety and the Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation

A Partnership in Excellence



Gary George, Director

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We've had an incredible 2008 in the Alpharetta Department of Public Safety. Our accomplishments and success' can be centered on one huge factor, that being "teamwork" with each of you pitching in and doing your part. By each of your personal dedication and you're going the extra mile has brought us some incredible results.

Our new fire apparatus to include a new ladder truck and two new engines, the Automatic Aide Agreement with the City of Milton, and the new Command and Control Center has significantly helped our response times to all emergencies. New 45 caliber weapons are being ordered for the police side of the field.

The Alpharetta Department of Public Safety takes second place to no other agency. We may not be as large as some agencies but when it comes to our personnel and equipment our citizens are very well protected.

My hat is off to all of our volunteers and the various roles they play in the City. These volunteers help us in so many roles whether it be for the Taste of Alpharetta, the Old Soldiers Day Parade, the Public Safety Foundation or one of the many special events we work. Many of these volunteers work behind the scenes helping us with neighborhoods and business', helping us with I.T. projects, etc.

The Deputy Director "Keith Sanders" and I are humbled to be a part of such a wonderful group of employees and volunteers. Let us continue in providing such excellence in service to our customers, both external and internal. Thanks to all of you!

Foundation Update



John Albers, Chairman

It has been an outstanding year for your Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation. Thank you for all your hard work as we look forward to an even better 2009.

Our 2nd Annual Red & Blue Cook for You event at Benihana was an overwhelming success. I would like to extend special thanks to the Benihana committee and specifically Janet Rodgers, our event Chairwoman and Peggy Stracke, our Silent Action Chairwoman. Our police officers and firefighters were superb chefs! Thank you Jeremy Reifsnyder, Wes McCall and Ed Inman for leading this effort. We far exceeded our financial goal with a sold out event and silent auction.



We received a very generous \$25K donation from the Windward Business Center Association. This donation has been earmarked for purchasing mobile cameras that can be deployed throughout the city. This exciting technology integrated with the new C3 center is an awesome display of innovation and proactive crime fighting.

This summer the foundation purchased 6 rehab aqua vests. These vents will be used for our firefighters, SWAT and any public safety rehab situation needed.

Our Business Advisory Council has been a tremendous asset to the foundation. Led by Debi Wingate, this team has grown substantially in 2008. The BAC just recently rolled out flyers and door signs for the holidays (see picture).

The Board of Directors added 4 new members this year. They are David Simmons, Peggy Stracke, Ron Wallace, and Jeremy Reifsnyder as our new firefighter representative. We honored Ed Inman for serving as the firefighter representative for the first 2 years of the foundation. Ed did an outstanding job in every aspect of the foundation and has agreed to join the Business Advisory Council while serving in the volunteer firefighter ranks with me!

This is our third and final newsletter for 2008. Thank you to Wes McCall for creating and managing this process so well.

We have had the privilege of assisting several of you in time of need this year. This will always be our #1 priority and we are honored to serve you. If you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to contact me at jalbers@apsfoundation.org or (770)833-4340.

Sincerely,

Foundation Purchases Cooling Vest For Public Safety Personnel

Lt. Gary Robinson

In September 2008 the Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation purchased a multi person Cooling Vest System for the Public Safety personnel. This system is comprised of 6 vests in assorted sizes with a cooling system that will run cold water through lines connected to the vests. This will cool down the personnel quickly and safely. You may think that this can only be used in the spring and summer however when you come out of a burning structure your body temperature needs to be cooled down quickly. This system is in service at this time on the REHAB Truck. Now you may ask what is the REHAB Truck.



The REHAB truck is stocked with equipment to make certain that the Public Safety Personnel have hot/cold liquids and nutrients while they are out doing their jobs for an extended period of time. This could be a structure fire, major gas leak, SWAT deployment, etc. Now you may ask who operates this truck and the Cooling Vest System. Fire Corps Personnel were a support function to the Fire Department now their role has expanded to support all of Public Safety. All Members are First Responders; some of them are in EMT school at this time. All members have been trained to drive and operate the generator and other equipment on the truck. These members are on call 24X7

to support DPS. The Fire Corps Members are part of Citizens Corps. Now you may ask what is Citizens Corps. Under the Citizens Corps umbrella consists of CERT, CAPS and Fire Corps. CERT is the “Community Emergency Response Team Program that the City sponsors to the community. We train the citizens to take care of themselves and their families in case of a disaster. Once they know their families are safe we ask them to help out DPS. CAPS are the “Citizens Auxiliary Police Services” All members of this force have been trained by sworn police officers. They are all First Responders and some of them are in EMT school at this time. The members are the eyes and ears of the sworn officers. They go on patrol by car, bike and walking. They carry radios and are always in touch with Dispatch. The other Volunteer Program we have in the City is the Volunteer Firefighter Program. All members are state certified firefighters. It so happens that the President of the Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation is a Volunteer Firefighter. All of the Public Safety Volunteers (CAPS, Fire Corps and Volunteer FF) have worked 7300 hours from January through November 2008. They do this because they care about their community and want to make a difference.

Red & Blue Golf Scramble

We are hosting our first annual Red & Blue Golf Scramble on March 9, 2009 at the Golf Club of GA. This will be a great event. We need your help! Please reply to David Simmons, event Chairman (david_simmons@ml.com or 770.360.6065) with your interest. Be sure to come out and support our local heroes!

Business Advisory Council takes Initiative to Provide Citizen Warning Signs



The foundation and department launched the new initiative: “Don’t be a Victim” created by the Business Advisory Council. This program is designed to assist citizens with avoiding car break ins. Break ins have increased with the uncertain economic conditions and the BAC was looking to help. “It is just marvelous we can provide this type of public service”, said Debi Wingate, Chairwoman of the BAC. The foundation created both print copies to leave on windshields as well as door signs for high traffic areas such as the Mall. This signage reminds citizens to lock their doors, put valuables in the trunk, etc.

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