

VOLUNTEER MARINE PATROL

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- g. Possess a valid Florida driver's license if authorized to operate City-owned vehicles.
- h. Be a fulltime resident.

2.0 Authority and Latitude

2.1 The Marine Patrol Volunteer has no law enforcement authority given to them. They do however have the authority to be the "eyes and ears" of the police department and to call in suspicious activity and/ or crimes in progress to the police department.

3.0 Duties and Responsibilities

3.1 The Marine Patrol volunteer will be assigned to patrol the Intra-coastal Waterway and finger inlets from the C-15 canal on the South border of the city, and KoKoMo Key on the North border of the city. The volunteer Roving Patrol will be the "eyes and ears" of the police department in these areas. They will be responsible for, but not limited to the following;

- a. Must be able to successfully complete a 10 week training course (3 hours per week).
- b. Must show proficiency in the use of a cell phone and or police radio.
- c. Must have a working geographical knowledge of the city and the area they will operate in.
- d. Must show proficiency in all Marine Patrol oriented classes.
- e. Must have the ability to recognize suspicious activity and call it in to the police when appropriate.
- f. Will be available during their patrol to assist police officers in requests for any emergency

I. POLICY

The Delray Beach Police Department welcomes the community to participate as a volunteer in the Volunteer Marine Patrol. This patrol supplements the law enforcement efforts of the Delray Beach Police Department on the waterways and enhances relationships with the community. It is also mobile in its crime fighting efforts and volunteers are the "eyes and ears" of the police department.

II. DEFINITIONS

Marine Patrol Volunteer – A Citizen who assists the Delray Beach Police Department in a non-law enforcement/unpaid capacity. Volunteers will be under the direction of the Support Services Division Commander.

III. THE ORDER

1.0 Eligibility Requirements

1.1 All volunteers must:

- a. Be at least 18 years of age.
- b. Complete a Volunteer application.
- c. Satisfactorily pass a personal background check and have no felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude.
- d. Be fingerprinted and photographed.
- e. Possess good moral character, a positive attitude, and be in good physical condition.
- f. Pass an oral interview with the Volunteer Coordinator.

requiring the use of the police departments' boat.

3.2 Volunteer Marine Patrol volunteers will also assist the police department in security operations for special events when the need arises, (Christmas Boat Parade / Fourth of July).

4.0 Training

4.1 All Marine Patrol Volunteers will receive a formal program introduction by the volunteer coordinator which includes review of the volunteer Marine Patrol manual, and informal supervisory direction as needed in performing the duties they are assigned.

4.2 Volunteers will be eligible and are encouraged to attend any training presented by the department, not of a law-enforcement nature (except for First Aid and C.P.R. courses), as space permits.

4.3 All Marine Patrol volunteers will have training covering police department Ethics, Police and Marine radio operation, Swimming and the use of personal floatation devices, on shore knots and line handling and the same on board the vessel.

4.4 All Marine Patrol members will receive training in on board boat maintenance, on board boat handling.

4.5 All volunteer Marine Patrol members will be required to take and pass the Florida Boating Safety Course.

4.6 Training in what to do when involved in an accident with city owned boat will also be given

4.7 Marine Patrol volunteers will also be trained in United States Coast Guard "rules of the road", First Aid and Emergencies, and C.P.R./Defibrillator training.

5.0 Uniforms

5.1 Marine Patrol volunteers will be assigned uniforms which will clearly distinguish them from sworn members of the department.

a. Each Marine Patrol volunteer will wear patches on his/her sleeves which will read "VOLUNTEER MARINE PATROL".

b. Department issued Marine blue short sleeve shirts will be worn or during patrol gray tee-shirts with "volunteer Marine Patrol" stenciled on the back.

c. Department issued name tags, police department picture Identification badges, and award ribbons will also be worn.

d. A department issued cloth "shield" shall be worn over the left side chest area which reads "VOLUNTEER /DELRAY BEACH FL."

e. Department issued black trousers will be worn.

f. Department issued black Velcro belts will be worn.

g. The volunteer will supply and wear black or dark colored boat or deck shoes and socks.

h. The department will also supply baseball style hats and windbreakers.

6.0 Building Access

6.1. Access cards for the police facility will only be issued to volunteers as requested by each Division/District Commander to whom the volunteer is assigned, and upon final approval by the Chief of Police.

- a. There will be a building entry card placed in the secured office that volunteer Marine Patrol members work from, so personal needs can be met by the members.
- b. Upon entering the police department main building, all Marine Patrol members will have their department issued identification badges on and displayed in a conspicuous area.
- c. All volunteer Marine Patrol members will stay in their designated patrol areas with the police boat and will not take the boat out of the city unless prior approval from the department volunteer coordinator is obtained.
- d. The police boat will be clearly marked "DELRAY BEACH POLICE". When the boat is used by volunteers it will have signs hanging from both sides of the bow reading "Delray Beach Police Department Volunteer Marine Patrol".

7.0 Equipment

7.1 All of the equipment needed for volunteer Marine Patrol operation will be on the police boat and kept there for all members to use and will include but not be limited to:

- a. Personal floatation devices
- b. Police radio
- c. Cellular telephone
- d. Rubber fenders for docking
- e. All tie off lines
- f. Anchor

8.0 Vehicles

8.1 All volunteer Marine Patrol members will sign out the boat by using a log sheet and document crew members, captain, times and dates of patrol, boat engine hours, and anything out of the ordinary that occurs during their tour of duty.

- a. All Marine Patrol volunteers will inspect the boat for any damage and document the same on the log sheet.
- b. All Marine Patrol volunteers will be responsible for reporting any and all mechanical concerns with the boat no matter how slight, to the volunteer coordinator immediately.

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