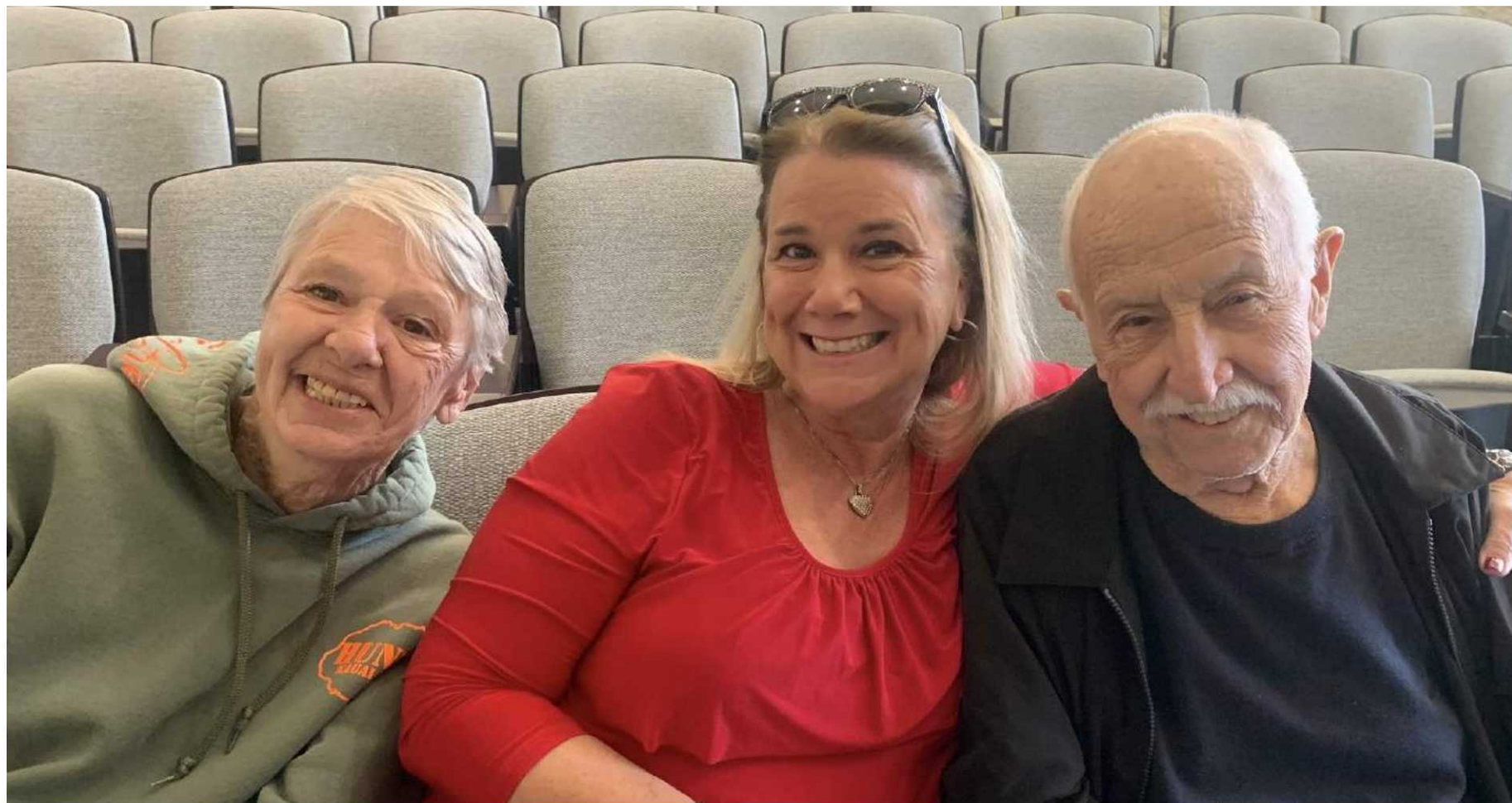


PALM DESERT CITIZENS ON PATROL 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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LOUISE KELSEY

LYNN BELL

EARLE WOLFE

MISSION STATEMENT

Palm Desert's Citizens on Patrol (COPS) is a group of citizen volunteers that serve as the eyes and ears of the City and the Palm Desert Police Department. COPS volunteers conduct proactive non-confrontational patrols in business districts and residential neighborhoods. They watch for crime, safety hazards, parking problems, ordinance violations, suspicious activities, and other potential problem areas, reporting potential problems to the police department or the city. In addition, COPS members may be assigned to provide traffic control for special events and assist the police department when needed with traffic accidents and DUI checkpoints. They are equipped with police radios, cellular telephones, and highly visible vehicles for patrols. Their activities enhance the individual and collective safety and general welfare of all people of the City of Palm Desert.



SAM PICKERING

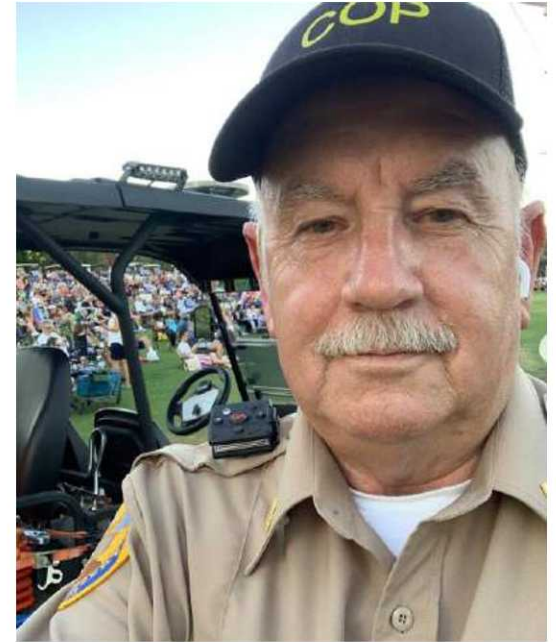
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KAREN SUMMERS

JEFF LISTON

COMMENTS FROM THE CAPTAIN

I am immensely proud of the strides the Palm Desert Citizens On Patrol Program made in 2023. Our second full year back from the shutdown from the covid pandemic saw our membership rise from 19 members to 27 members, a whopping 42% increase! This personnel increase has allowed us to greatly increase our patrol presence and cover more positions at the special events. Our Patrol Division has continued to add to our Policies and Procedures handbook and developed advanced training procedures. They are adding several new Field Training Officer positions in 2024 to assist the Training Sgt. and Lt. handle the increase in new recruits. Our Administrative Division has moved most of our files to the "cloud". In the past, when an Officer resigned from the program, many of their files were only on their personal computer. By moving them to the cloud, future access will not be affected by personnel changes. They have also updated our inventory procedures to keep a closer watch on our equipment. A new pop-up tent and tablecloth with our logo and contact info on them has enhanced our recruiting presence at City events.



Of course, none of these advances would be possible without the dedication of our volunteer members. Volunteering in the COPs program is vastly different from most volunteer programs. Members must not only be able to interact with the community in a positive manner but must also be able to handle the difficulty of working in the dangerous environment of traffic control on busy streets while maintaining their own safety. This is not a volunteer program for most people. It takes dedication and courage, and our members excel in this. I am so proud of them! You will meet many of our members throughout this report.

We also wish to thank the City of Palm Desert and the Riverside Sheriff's Department for their continued support and look forward to another great year working with them in 2019.



MIKE DECKETT

KURT DAVIS

ALAN ADAMS

BY THE NUMBERS

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MANPOWER AND INCIDENT PREPORT	2022 YEAR-TO-DATE*	2023 YEAR-TO-DATE	YEAR/YEAR % CHANGE
1. Total Hours Patrolled (Patrols are usually 4-6 hours):	5522	6506	18%
2. Total Number of Patrols Conducted:	453	536	18%
3. Numbers of Members in Program:	19	27	42%
A. Requests Received from Sheriff's Dept. Dispatch for Assistance:	31	83	168%
B. Number of Incidents Responded to From Scanner and Via Observation:	182	173	-5%
C. Number of Incidents Reported to Sheriff's Dept. For Action:	38	64	68%
D. Number of Incidents Reported to City For Action:	517	516	0%
C.+ D. = Total Number of Incidents Reported to City, Sheriff, etc.:	553	522	-6%
E. Number of Citations Issued / Yellow Warning Citations Issued:	216	192	-11%
F. Number of Flyers/Posters/Banners Removed from City areas:	192	213	11%

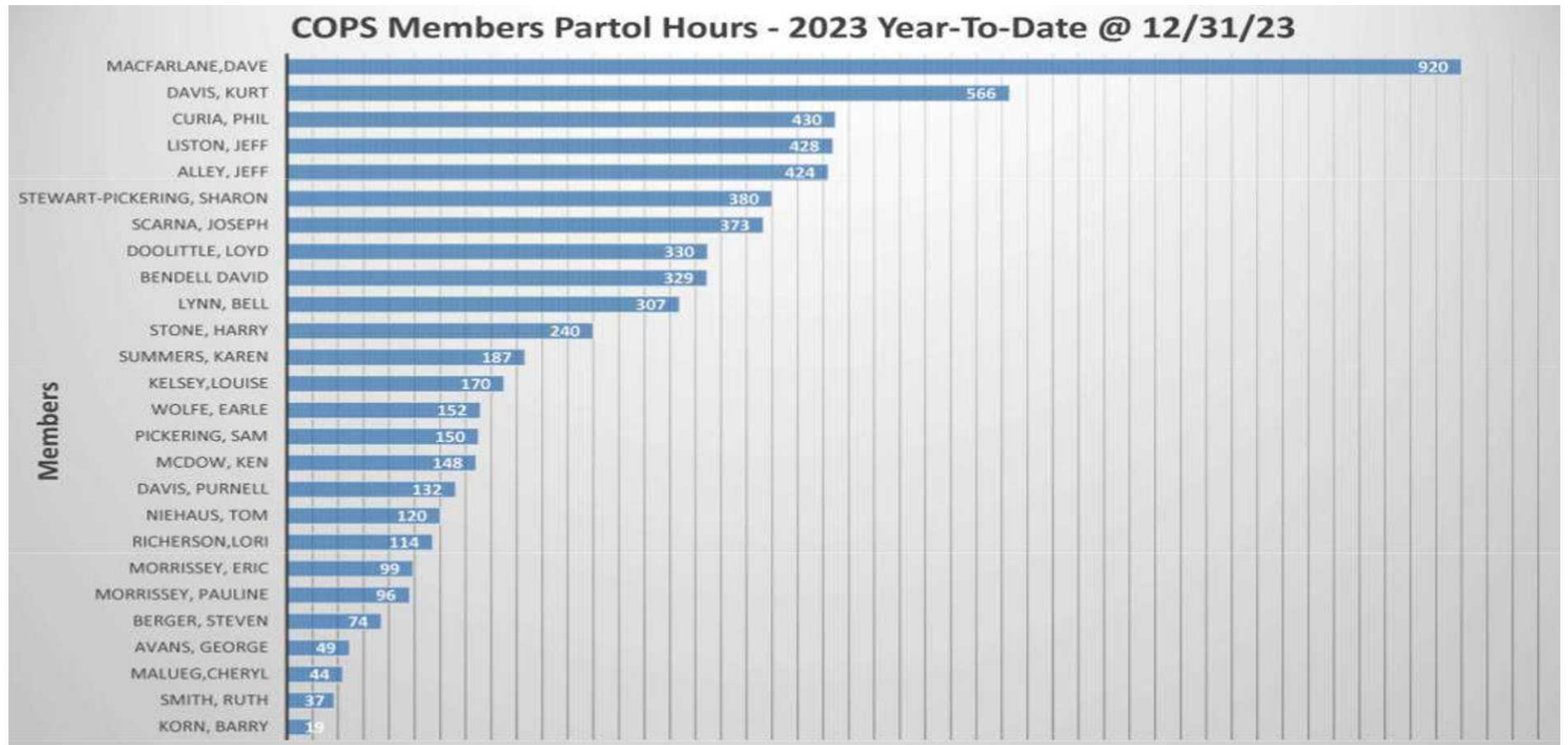
This display highlights the main items that we track each month. Both the total hours patrolled and the number of patrols increased due to our increased membership. Our best improvement though is the “Number of Request Received from the Sheriff’s Department for our Assistance”. We had been pushing for the Sheriff to use our assistance more and it is now happening.



JEFF LISTON

DAVID BENDELL

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR THE YEAR



Our members are required to put in at least 20 hours per month if they are not working or 10 hours if they are still employed. Some members are gone for the summer so their total hours may not be as high as others. Please note the high number of hours put in by our Patrol Lieutenant and Training Sergeant. This is due to the large number of new members who joined. In Lt. MacFarlane's case, he likes to tell us he puts in a lot of hours because "His wife married him for better or worse but not for lunch every day!"



GEORGE AVANS

JUDY GARLAND

BRIAN MAHER

CITIZENS ON PATROL HISTORY

PALM DESERT CITIZENS ON PATROL
PATROL SCHEDULE: MARCH 8-14, 2009

BB - Betty Balar
 CS - Charles Soltz
 EB - Edna Bloch
 LB - Lori Biles

CC - Celia Clark
 JF - Jay Friedman
 PF - Paul Frost
 FG - Fred Galtson
 IK - Iggy Kisch
 MK - Marlon Kyzhinski

BL - Bob Lea
 ML - Mel Levine
 SM - Suzanne McBride
 JM - John Miller
 CM - Carl Mitrak
 DM - Dennis Mulkey

RP - Robert Padgett
 CP - Carol Preter
 SR - Saul Roisenthal
 MS - Madianne Sinclair
 JS - Janis Solorio
 GT - Gage Trager

LW - Lynn Waller
 BW - Bob Watts
 JW - Jackie Wilson
 SW - Sam Winett
 EW - Earle Wolfe
 LZ - Loretta Zickon

SUN-3/8/2009	MON-3/9/2009	TUES-3/10/2009	WED-3/11/2009	THURS-3/12/2009	FRI-3/13/2009	SAT-3/14/2009
6:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM
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INSTRUCTIONS: Place your initials under the anticipated start and end time of the day you plan to patrol.

*Please note that once this form is submitted to the City, you are expected to report to your shift unless other arrangements are made.
 **If you are unable to make arrangements for your scheduled shift, please call the the Captain or Patrol LT. To report change.
 The Captain or LT. Will contact the City and the Palm Desert Police.

FORM F - 10/06

ORIGINAL SIGN-UP SHEET

VIMS Welcome Jeffrey Alley

Home Help/FAQ Logout

ENTER HOURS VIEW HOURS TRAINING YOUR SCHEDULE UPDATE YOUR RECORD FORMS/LINKS RESOURCES

Schedule for 3/8/09

VIEW NEXT 30 EVENTS

START	END	EVENT	SCHEDULED	WAIT LISTED
03/08/2009	03/08/2009	Patrol	Jeffrey Alley	
03/09/2009	03/09/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/10/2009	03/10/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/11/2009	03/11/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/12/2009	03/12/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/13/2009	03/13/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/14/2009	03/14/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/15/2009	03/15/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/16/2009	03/16/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/17/2009	03/17/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/18/2009	03/18/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/19/2009	03/19/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/20/2009	03/20/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/21/2009	03/21/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/22/2009	03/22/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/23/2009	03/23/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/24/2009	03/24/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/25/2009	03/25/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/26/2009	03/26/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/27/2009	03/27/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/28/2009	03/28/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/29/2009	03/29/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/30/2009	03/30/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	
03/31/2009	03/31/2009	Patrol	David Soltz	

March 2009

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Legend: You are Scheduled (Green), Personnel Needed (Red), Event Filled (Grey), Scheduled & Personnel Needed (Yellow), Partner Needed (Blue)

TEXT CALENDAR FULL CALENDAR VIEW

CURRENT VIMS ONLINE SIGN-UP

The current version of the COPs program began in approximately 2005. Frankie Riddle was the city representative overseeing the program. She convinced Saul Roisenthal to join the program. He was appointed Captain. Our original offices were on Joni Drive. We moved to our current offices in approximately 2013.

Originally, the form on the above left was used to schedule patrols. This form was passed around at our monthly members' meeting at which time they would line up their patrols for the following month. They would fill in their dates and those who wished to patrol with that person would sign up at the same time signifying their desire to join that member. As you can imagine, signing up a month in advance caused a lot of changes and cancellations. Frankie got involved with a gentleman named Art Femister, who taught Amy Lawrence and Earle Wolfe the inner workings of the VIMS (Volunteer Integrated Management System) program. Incorporating the VIMS program was a tremendous asset to the COPS program.



PHIL CURIA

SHARON- STEWART PICKERING

TOM NIEHAUS

LLOYD DOOLITTLE

EVENTS THE COPS ASSIST AT



CHRISTMAS SHOP WITH A COP



GOLFCART PARADE



**PALM DESERT HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION**



HALF MARATHON



PAULINE MORRISSEY LYNN BELL DAVID BENDELL ERIC MORRISSEY

MORE EVENTS THE COPS ASSIST AT



FASHION WEEK

**COFFEE
WITH
A
COP**



DUI/DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKPOINTS



CONCERT IN THE PARK



LORI RICHERSON

PURNELL DAVIS

HARRY STONE

CLOSING STATEMENT

The Palm Desert COPS are an effective program for the city in regards to police budget reduction, public safety and enhanced city image. They are a great group of people who prove the old adage –

**You do not have to have a lot of time to volunteer,
just a lot of heart!**