

- **Welcome New Members to the National Association Citizens On Patrol:**
This past quarter, Citizen Patrol groups from the **City of Escondido, California, McKinley, Texas, El Monte, California, Palm Desert, California, and Montclair, California** joined our nationwide organization. We welcome these new member organizations and appreciate their support!
- **Attention California Police and Sheriff's Volunteer Programs:**
The California Governors Office of Service and Volunteerism, GOSERV, is in the process of collecting information about the size, type and number of law enforcement related volunteers in California. Please take a moment to have your Volunteer Coordinator log on to http://www.goserv.ca.gov/articles/law_enforcement_volunteer_survey.htm and complete the survey form to help compile this data which will benefit all organizations in California.
- **17 Years of Service and Still Going:** Congratulations to Mr. Don Briney of the Chino Hills, California, Citizen Patrol unit for his 17 year anniversary of Volunteer service with the Police.
Help celebrate your Volunteer(s) significant years of service by sending their name, Citizen Patrol unit and years of service to us so we can share their achievement with others!
- **Citizens On Patrol in Japan:** The city of Kashiwa, Chiba Prefecture, Japan, began a volunteer program called "Enjoy Patrol" in December 2003, in which citizens patrol their neighborhoods as they walk or jog for health or fun. Citizens who become registered volunteers for the one-year term will be given special hats to wear while they are jogging or walking. Just by wearing their hats, the volunteers are patrolling their neighborhood and strengthening the crime prevention system all around town, organizers said. The inspiration for this program was a citizens' patrol started in February by the Midorigaoka community council in Kashiwa, Japan, which was founded with the idea that local people could keep "a watchful eye" on their neighborhood. When participants of the program went walking, they wore armbands with "crime prevention" written on them.
- **Indio, California CHIPS, "Citizens Helping Indio Police", aka Citizens On Patrol, distribute toys in Christmas give away:** Approximately 650 children attended the Indio Police Department's Citizens Patrol program's fifth annual toy giveaway this past December, 2003. Needy children from throughout the city attend the Citizens Helping Indio Police for Kids Christmas where they receive holiday gifts and get to chat with Santa Claus, reported Ben Guitron, Indio Police Department public information officer. The children who receive the gifts are recommended by managers and owners from Indio's Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program. The toys are collected from the community by the CHIP volunteers, who also organize the event, Guitron said. Following the event at the police station, the volunteers and Santa visited the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital children's ward where more toys were handed out, Guitron said.
- **President Bush Honors Citizen Patrol Volunteer for His Years of Service:**
On January 8, 2004, during a trip to south Florida, President Bush took time to meet with Citizen Patrol Volunteer Gordon Stanley of Delray Beach, Florida. Gordon Stanley stood on the tarmac at the bottom of a stairway leading to Air Force One that towered above a VIP crowd. President Bush walked down the stairway and thanked Stanley for volunteering his time, ability and energy to the city of Delray Beach. In 1977, Stanley helped form the Volunteer Marine Patrol and in May 2002, he was one of the first people to serve in the Volunteer Homefront Security Program developed by the Delray Beach Police following the 9-11 attacks. "He thanked me for my services," Stanley told a pack of media that gathered for Bush's visit to the county. "He said there should be more like me – and I thanked him for the job he is doing."



If you'd like to share noteworthy information about your Citizen Patrol group or a special Volunteer, please forward your information to us for review and possible inclusion in a future edition of "Eyes and Ears". Please e-mail your story, along with contact information, and any pictures to Art Femister, afemister@nacop.org or you may fax, or mail it to us at the address listed on page one. We look forward to hearing from you!