

In May of 1996, Sheriff Bobby Knowles presented the Spanish Lakes Country Club C.O.P unit with their first patrol car. At that time, Rich Readdy took over as group leader. Their uniforms were a short sleeved white shirt with a badge over the left pocket. In 2002 the new Sheriff, Ken Mascara, changed the uniforms to forest green. In early 2000 Rich Readdy retired from the C.O.P. and Larry Kliemann and Morgan Jones took over C.O.P. management. Larry Kliemann left the park in 2005 and Morgan Jones became C.O.P. group leader with his wife, Mickee, as his assistant.

Before driving the patrol car, each member has to have sixteen hours of training. Training includes:

- 1. How to identify and report suspicious activity.**
- 2. Basic CPR and first aid.**
- 3. Policies and procedures of the Sheriff Office.**
- 4. Completing a basic driving course.**

This vigilant, community oriented group of volunteers not only provide visibility in the neighborhood but additional “eyes and ears” for the sheriff office making the program a highly effective deterrent to crime.

The Sheriff maintains the patrol car while the C.O.P. provides the fuel. Each year, each household is asked to contribute \$15.00 to support the program. C.O.P. volunteers work the concession stand at the Mets Spring training and the C.O.P. sponsors the thanksgiving dinner to supplement the annual budget. Your support is appreciated.

If you have questions regarding C.O.P. call Morgan Jones at 489-4564.