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Palm Beach Gardens Police Volunteers Begin Annual Fund Drive

The second annual drive to raise funds in support of the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department will begin next week when a letter is sent to each resident and business asking for their support again in 2009.

The campaign was originated and is directed by the Palm Beach Gardens Police Volunteers, the only organization authorized to solicit contributions on behalf of police activities in Palm Beach Gardens.

“We established the Palm Beach Gardens Police Volunteers in 2007 and conducted our first fund drive a year ago. It was very successful,” said Thomas F. Murphy, president. “As a result of the generous donations from our citizens, we were able to purchase a K9 dog that has become a permanent member of the Palm Beach Gardens police department.”

“We also funded a *Project Lifesaver* emergency locator system for use by our Palm Beach Gardens police. The system helps officers quickly and safely locate adults with Alzheimer’s disease or children with Down syndrome, Autism and other related disorders, when they go missing from their caregivers”, Mr. Murphy added.

The goal of the Palm Beach Gardens Police Volunteers is to raise funds to purchase specialized police equipment and to assist the activities of other community groups that are helping to enhance the Police Department’s philosophy of community involvement.

“Our organization is a non-profit entity with IRS 501(c)(3) status,” Mr. Murphy said “that means that funds contributed by our residents and businesses are fully tax deductible. There are no paid employees and we do not engage any outside agencies to solicit funds on our behalf.”

The letter seeking support is being sent to the 30,000+ residential and business addressees in Palm Beach Gardens and is signed by Palm Beach Gardens Police Chief Stephen J. Stepp as well as Mr. Murphy.