RSVP Top 5 Sites
Fiscal Year 2016/2017
Total Volunteer Hours
#1 McCallum Theatre.....................16,843
#2 The Lining Desert.......................13,282
#3 Palm Desert COPS.......................11,025
#4 Food Now................................10,134
#5 Friends of the Desert Mountains...8,619

The Riverside County Office on Aging sponsors the RSVP Volunteer Program in the Coachella Valley and Blythe. RSVP is part of a national community service program, which has been in the Coachella Valley for over 42 years. RSVP offers volunteer recruitment, retention and recognition in Eastern Riverside County. The program’s mission is to place older adults, age of 55 and over, into volunteer positions within community based organizations and local municipalities throughout the Coachella Valley and Blythe.

Even though the Palm Desert COPS program only averages about twenty eight to thirty three members, we consistently finish in the top five for total Volunteer hours. This year we were number three! These hours are figured on a fiscal year from July through June. During that time period, three members alone put in over three thousand hours. With almost eight hundred hours in the first eight months of this fiscal year, we look to be on track to do the same again!

WAY TO GO TEAM!
Second Annual
Swing ‘N Hops Street Party

Palm Desert kicked up its heels and swung into full gear again this February when the City presented the exciting second annual Swing N’ Hops Street Party – an outdoor extravaganza celebrating swing dance, craft beer, and live music in the heart of Palm Desert’s upscale shopping and dining district, El Paseo. This event combined live music with free dance instruction from Lupita Limon along with retail vendors, pop up shops, and gourmet food booths. Attendees are urged to come in era appropriate attire and could get their hair styled at several booths. The Palm Desert Citizens on Patrol were there to help with traffic control with several members putting in over ten hours. Pictured above left are Dave MacFarlane and Mike Glynn, looking their toughest. At the right is Amy Lawrence, looking very glamorous and chic!

Eyes and Ears for Code Enforcement Also

In addition to assisting the Sheriff’s Department, the Palm Desert Citizens on Patrol are also the “Eyes and Ears” for Code Enforcement. While on patrol, members keep a watch out for various code infringements. Although our most common find is furniture dumped at the side of the road, members can also report graffiti, lack of landscaping maintenance, garage sales without city permits, inoperable vehicles, and other public nuisance violations.
ON THE SCENE
WITH PALM DESERT COPS
New Balance Palm Desert Half Marathon and 5K

The New Balance Palm Desert Half Marathon and 5K is the oldest half marathon in the Coachella Valley. The race starts and ends in the beautiful Palm Desert Civic Center Park. It actually consist of three races. A half marathon that can be run as an individual or as part of a two or three person relay team, a 5k run that takes place on Magnesia Falls and within the park, and a 1k kids run. The City and the Sheriff’s Department rely on the Palm Desert COPS to assist with traffic control along the route to ensure runner safety. Sgt. Gerard Romanet did a great job planning the event and arranging for 17 members to assist. It is not always an easy task to convince members to get up and be on site at six am on a Sunday. Thanks to everyone who could assist! Picture above, left to right are Bob Miller, Renee Standhardt, Jay Essa, Earle Wolf, Dyana Swanson, Dennis Mulkey, Harry Stone, Sam Pickering, Tom Mann, Donna Parchewsky, Michael Andelson, Stan Thomas, Gerard Romanet, Steve Miller, Mike Glynn, and Hal Kahan.

They say “don’t try this at home” so I’m coming over to your house to try it.

COPS Volunteer Hours Report for 2018

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2,334 hours X $51.54 hr. = $120,294.36

If you have any questions, suggestions, photos that you would like included in a future newsletter, feel free to e-mail Jeff Alley or leave him the info in his mail box at the office. cops@adjustablebedmart.com 760-641-1456