

County honors 19 local volunteers

Volunteers
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The county needs more people like Chuck Perston, who volunteered almost 300 hours last year to give courtesy notices to illegally parked cars.

Peterson, president of the Sheriff's Civilian Volunteer Board, will be recognized by the County Board of Supervisors today as part of the Outstanding Volunteers Awards Ceremony.

The 19 local volunteers honored by the county during National Volunteer Week have logged more than 11,000 hours of community service — that's 470 straight days.

The Sheriff's Office is one of the greatest beneficiaries of the donated time —

10 of the nominees volunteer at Sheriff's Service Centers throughout the county. Margie Moss has given more than 1,400 hours to the Sheriff's Freedom Service Center answering phones, giving advice and keeping track of the center's statistics. Zac Zachau never misses a shift at the Sheriff's Live Oak Service Center.

The San Lorenzo Valley Service Center has two hardy volunteers — John Campbell and Audrey Morgan logged more than 1,650 and 1,000 hours, respectively. And the Summit Service Center has Barbara Kay Fanucci, a volunteer since day one, and husband and wife team, Gene and Jan Geist.

Jim Carter volunteers at the Sheriff's South County Service Center and maintains the citizen patrol car. Rosalyn Rapoport helps people who call the Sher-

iff's Aptos Service Center. Joe Balaban has worked at the Cabrillo College Service Center for more than 1,300 hours.

The Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team also will be honored — they are on call 24 hours a day, on top of their full-time jobs.

Two nominated volunteers work with the Neighborhood Accountability Program to improve youth justice. Cathy Ramirez, founding member of the Beach Flats Spanish language division, works with a group of neighbors to create an alternative justice system for first-time offenders. Soquel member Karen Purcell works to find creative solutions and consequences for first-time youth offenders.

Several students also volunteer their time. Sociology student Ashley Piles works on case management at the

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Human Resources Center. UCSC psychology student Ana Mendoza follows clients through the Alternative to Detention Program. Graduate student Christine Tracy interns at CareerWORKS, helping with case management and compiling resources for future interns.

Samantha Schwartz and Lauren Columbani bring lawyers up-to-date on new technology at the District Attorney's Office. UCSC student Jessica Spencer volunteers as a clerk at the Law Library.

The awards ceremony takes place at 10 this morning at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean St., Suite 500.

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