



Plano Police Department Volunteer of the Year

Police Volunteer Enjoys Working with People

The Plano Police Department recognized **Bill Powell** as their 2010 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Bill has been a member of Plano Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (PCPAAA) since June 2009. He enjoys assisting Citizen Patrol, Department Support and Christmas Cops.

Bill Powell's' contribution of a 1000+ volunteer hours in 2010 and is willingness to go the extra mile, brings a positive attitude to his volunteer position. "I always volunteered during my career," explained Bill, "and looked for other ways to give back when I retired and had an additional 40 hours a week to fill. The academy gave me a much broader and in-depth understanding of the Police Department. I've been very impressed with the quality and professionalism of the officers I've meet and I enjoy working with the staff and volunteers."

Bill was responsible for making over 2000 warrant calls resulting in the collection of overdue fines for various infractions remitted to the City of Plano. "I enjoy warrant call-outs, talking to a lot of people and hearing their situation. Most of the time people are very thankful that I made the courtesy call reminding them to pay their fine." Very active with the Handicap Patrol Program, he monitors parking lots to ensure spaces are available for those who have proper tags. Bill feels very strongly that people should not violate the handicap parking laws and has received praise from residents thanking him for all he does.

In addition to PCPAAA, Bill also volunteers with Meals on Wheels; he helps out at this church; is very active at the Senior Source helping seniors manage their money. "I enjoy working with people, life has been good to me over the years and I feel I should give something back to my community and church," Bill humbly confessed.