


VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The most unforgettable and rewarding moment for me as a volunteer in the community is when I was chosen as a one of the volunteers to assist the Pohnpei state Police department and most especially the Kitti Municipal Government. It was a Christmas vacation and the Police officers that come around to drink sakau at our market mention this great opportunity. It was an experience that is worth sharing.

During that time I became a youth police volunteer I learned the importance and beneficial of being involved in community outreach and providing a secure and safe environment. It does not only involve to protect and to serve but also I found out that there are more roles in becoming a volunteer in this type of work area. But the most important and significant of them all is three major parts: it is the cooperation of the general public, protection that we all can share and last but not least safety the number one key I learned in being a youth police volunteer.

The reason why I believe cooperation plays an important role in my being a volunteer is because, I had the chance to do on foot patrol during my time as a volunteer in the community, and I ask for the neighbors and perspective people roaming around the neighborhood to keep an eye out on anyone that is doing something that is against the law and to help us the (peace keepers) be well informed for any activity that is going to hinder any person from enjoying their Christmas vacation in peace and harmony.

Secondly the word protection it does not necessarily mean to protect people that you know from harm's way, but also to show that you do what is right for all the people and to let them know that everyone has equal rights to do what is best for the interest of maintaining peace and prosperity throughout the year. Protection is very essential to the well being of each and every individual on this island. It is also about letting people know that you are there for them, to give those help and support in time of need. To be able to pacify people when it comes to being drunk and out of control so it is not necessary for an arrest to be done. So it is only fair to say "what u like I like, what u don't like, I don't like." That is one saying that I like to use in situations like not knowing who or what the other person is thinking.



Last but not the least the main key to the whole position as a youth police volunteer, for me would be "SAFETY" to me safety plays a very important vital role in the position I took. It is all about maintaining the peace, ensuring the general public that someone is watching out for them. Safety is not only about security but also about making sure that you intervene in a situation so as to pacify the people involve, so to prevent any problem from arising. For example talking to a friend so he or she does not drink and drive, sharing educational knowledge about the consequences of breaking the law and what a community member should do incase a problem arises and many more.

To sum it all up my experience as a police volunteer and community service helper for the Pohnpei State and Kitti Municipal Government has been an honor and a privilege that will be a cherished experience. The memory will be treasured in my heart. The short but fun and exciting time shared with the community and respected fellow officers will be a memoir that will not be forgotten in my life time, the knowledge attained from this educational experience is very rewarding and a positive attitude will be applied in the future. So like they say the duty of a police officer is to serve and protect, but also do not ever forget the word "SAFETY" because the life you save maybe "YOURS" OR MOST ESPECIALLY SOMEONE YOU LOVE.