

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 25, 2001
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Caroline Rhodes, Volunteer Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: International Year of Volunteers - Volunteer Recognition - Fred Dolan and Deb Hamlin

The year 2001 has been designated International Year of Volunteers by the United Nations General Assembly. To celebrate, the Office of Volunteer Services is highlighting outstanding volunteers and the County departments they work with each month through December 2001. This month, we are recognizing video volunteer Fred Dolan and Fire video volunteer Deb Hamlin, along with staff Veda McMullen, Communications/Video Coordinator and Chief Richard Miller.

Fred and Deb began their volunteer commitment in 1991.

Fred Dolan, a former County employee with television experience, agreed to be the temporary host on the live call-in show until a permanent host was found. After several months the search ended and Fred agreed to stay on. Hosting a bi-monthly live call-in show is much more than a simple television appearance. Each show requires several steps, and Fred does it all: recruiting and coordinating guests, researching interview topics, suggesting interview questions, putting the guests at ease before the cameras start rolling, respectfully dealing with callers whose agendas are different from the call-in topics, and always showing up on the second and fourth Monday evenings for more than 10 years. Fred has hosted more than 200 live call-in shows on a wide variety of topics. Staff receives numerous comments on Fred's positive hosting and mediation abilities.

Deb Hamlin has held several jobs as a video volunteer. For four years, she was on-screen talent for a news show. She then became the video producer for the Fire Department. She coordinates all efforts of the video programs which include shooting locations, script development and editing, on-site production activities, final editing and delivery to the studio for broadcast. Her commitment to the department had her filming in extreme heat as well as freezing weather conditions. In addition, Deb has purchased her own camera and editing equipment in order to provide the productions in a more timely manner. Deb averages 35 hours per week volunteering for the Fire Department. Since 1991, Deb has produced 70 programs on the following topics: fire prevention, leaf burning, EMS activities, Citizens Fire Academy, and the monthly production of our Home Safety Series.

Through these two volunteers' efforts, staff is able to produce more programs on important and critical County issues.

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