

Best Of



2009 WINNER

Best Go Green Efforts

Citrus Heights Police Department

Number of sworn officers: 100

Number of non-sworn: 68

Saving our planet may seem like an overwhelming task, but even the simplest everyday activities can make a real difference to the environment. At our Police Department along with our partnership with the City of Citrus Heights we take action for our living planet and our efforts are making major contributions every day.

Our Department is progressive and leading the way by installing water filtration systems from a kitchen sink which produces drinkable water, thus eliminating the need for bottled water. Eliminating the need to have plastic bottles in the work place helps conserve in the production and manufacturing of plastic. We have eliminated the purchasing of throw-away cups and replaced that with reusable cups which reduce hundreds of paper and Styrofoam cups from having to be disposed of. The more we throw away, the more space we take up in landfills. The less we throw away, the longer our landfills will last.

The Citrus Heights Police Department has gone to a paperless report writing system, where scanning reports are the preferred method and we no longer make hard copies of reports. Our Department has taken a “no color” stance on paper and prints the necessary documents in black ink.

By turning off office lighting even during peak hours and letting natural light in to illuminate instead efflorescent lights the energy costs are resounding. We unplug

electronic equipment like ' cell phone and battery chargers because if left still plugged in they are still using power and contributing to global warming.

The Citrus Heights Police Department continues to look for innovative ways to "Go Green" and will continue to be resourceful in our efforts to contributing to be "Green".