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DEPUTY CHIEF PATRICIA POWERS TO RETIRE

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 10/7/10) – Temple Terrace *Deputy Chief Patricia Powers* will retire later this month after 30 years of service with the Temple Terrace Police Department.

Her last day on duty is Oct. 22, 2010, and a retirement celebration is planned in her honor that afternoon, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Public Works building, 11210 N. 53rd St. It is open to everyone who would like to stop by and wish her well.

“Deputy Chief Powers is without a doubt one of the finest law enforcement professionals I have had the privilege to work with,” said Temple Terrace Police Chief Kenneth Albano.

“For as long as I have known her, she has always placed the needs of others above her own,” he said. “Her retirement will be bittersweet for me, and her considerable skills, experience, knowledge and expertise won’t easily be replaced. While she has clearly earned the privilege to retire, I will sincerely miss her.”

Powers began her police career with the City of Temple Terrace in 1980 as a patrol officer. During her career, she has served in many capacities:

- * Special investigations officer
- * Corporal in both the Patrol Division and Criminal Investigations Division
- * Sergeant in both the Patrol Division and Criminal Investigations Division
- * Lieutenant over the Services Division
- * Promoted to Deputy Chief in 2002

Powers was named *Police Officer of the Year* in 1986 and has been honored with more than a dozen awards during her tenure.

An avid bicyclist, Powers has participated several times in the Police Unity Tour, a 250-mile trek from various points in the country to the Police Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Police Unity Tour raises awareness of police officers who have died in the line of duty and raises funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial and Museum.

Powers was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana and graduated from Shawnee High School in Springfield, Ohio. She moved to Florida in 1980 after graduating from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in forensics. She lives in Pasco County with her husband, Tim, who is a lieutenant with the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office.

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