Chino Hills, CA – When Melba Brown retired after 32 years as a registered nurse, she was not ready to sit home and started thinking about her next adventure. She found her next adventure when she attended the City of Chino Hill’s 25th Anniversary celebration and met Chino Hills Police Department Captain Darren Goodman. He suggested Melba look into Citizen’s On Patrol (COP), a program aimed at aiding law enforcement by being the eyes and ears of the community. Melba investigated the COP program and decided it would give her something new to try, something she might otherwise never have done.

“Volunteering allows me to try something new and to do things that others may not expect of a nurse with 40 years of work experience behind her,” said Melba.

She completed 40 hours of training and now helps the Chino Hills Police Department in a non-law enforcement role. Some of her duties include providing vacation security checks while residents are away; patrolling neighborhoods, businesses, and shopping centers watching for criminal activity; writing citations for illegal use of handicap parking; and, assisting with traffic control during City events or after a traffic accident.

Over the years, Melba has also volunteered with Priceless Pets, and been involved with Neighborhood Watch, and the Council of African-American Parents. Melba has been a resident of Chino Hills for 30 years.

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