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Present **Presidential Volunteer Service Awards**.

BACKGROUND:

America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to helping others and making new connections that bring us closer together as families, neighbors, communities, and a Nation.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The President's Volunteer Service Award program is a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a central part of their lives. The Presidential Volunteer Service Award honors individual volunteers who contribute at least 100 hours per year. Last year, 39 Carrollton Police Department volunteers have achieved this feat.

In 2015, Citizen Volunteers of the Carrollton Police Department donated 15,163.46 hours of service which translates into an approximate savings of \$313,065.00 to the City budget. The Carrollton City Council joins President Barack Obama in honoring the volunteers for their service.