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RE: CERT assistance at Soroptimist event

Dear Chief Grider,

On behalf of Soroptimist International of Sequim, I'd like to extend our sincere thanks to Blaine Zechenelly, Keith Koeller, John Viada and all the other CERT volunteers who helped provide parking and traffic control for our 25th Gala Garden Show at the Sequim Boys and Girls Club the weekend of March 16th and 17th.

The group was extremely well organized and well versed in what was required to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow. Most importantly, they were gracious to the public, while at the same time assisting them to locate what parking spaces were available. There were a few instances where a member of the public expressed frustration about the parking and traffic. The team explained what was happening and helped diffuse the person's frustration.

Finally, we are extremely glad Mr. Zechenelly and Mr. Koeller were on scene as a young girl injured herself on the playground adjacent to the Club during the event. They assisted the young lady and spoke with her mother. Thanks to their EMT training, they were able to recommend the child be taken to the emergency room.

CERT is an effective public relations tool for your department, and while they were helping us, a great PR tool for Soroptimist. Once again, this CERT team was outstanding, and we thank you, the department and the men and women of CERT for their help.

Sincerely,

Natasha Merkuloff Nichols
Garden Show Co-Chair
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Cc: Blaine Zechenelly
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