

## Fitzgerald and Knottingham Estates C.O.P. groups make a <u>combined effort.</u>

Bonnie Bilodeau of Fitzgerald C.O.P. and Gil Ginn of Knottingham Estates C.O.P. have two things in common. They are both huge on teamwork and they both hate to see signs of gang activity in their neighborhoods.

On Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Bonnie noticed a pair of shoes hanging from a telephone wire in Knottingham Estates patrol area. Bonnie is well versed in signs of gang activity. She knew the shoes had been marked by a gang in the area and thrown over the wire as a territory identifier.

Bonnie then contacted Gil to alert him of her findings. Gil contacted the local phone company to have the shoes removed. Gil was not happy with the response he got back from the phone company, so he contacted a C.O.P. member who works for a local utility company. The unnamed C.O.P. member responded to the location and promptly removed the shoes from the phone line. Once the shoes were examined by the members, they indeed were marked by a locally known gang as suspected by Bonnie.

Communication and combining efforts between C.O.P. groups can only strengthen our neighborhoods as proven by Bonnie Bilodeau and Gil Ginn.