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FULL-TIME SPOT ENDS ROTATIONS

By GEORGE WILKENS

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Barbara Hevel has worn several hats during her 12 years with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

The former jail worker and property technician is the first full-time community service officer staffing the sheriff's New Tampa substation.

"I've worked in all of the substations, but this is one of the nicest," said Hevel, whose desk is in the reception area of the 700-squarefoot office in the Cory Lake Isles Professional Center.

Robert Rodriguez, New Tampa's community resource deputy since January 2003, is assigned to the substation, which opened in March 2004. His varied duties preclude regular office hours, however.

For a while, community service officers rotated, each spending two days a week at the substation. "That wasn't a satisfactory answer for what was needed," said Hevel, a 36-year resident of Lutz who volunteered for the post.

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Word is getting out about daily office hours, said Hevel, noting an increase in walk-ins and telephone inquiries.

of the services, fingerprinting ranks No. 1, mostly for employment applications and concealed weapon permits, Hevel said. The service is free, but those needing the service must bring their own fingerprint card.

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(CHART) AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office New Tampa substation

WHERE: 10329 Cross Creek Blvd., Suite G (Cory Lake Isles Professional Center)

WHEN: Open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

INFORMATION: Call (813) 903-2229

Reporter George Wilkens can be reached at (813) 977-2854, Ext. 22.

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