

## **DALLAS POLICE OFFICERS DELIVER ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE**

One news story in particular that aired on a Dallas television station this summer caught the attention of Senior Corporal Patty Carter with the Dallas Police Department. Meals on Wheels was having problems recruiting volunteers because of high gasoline prices.

Corporal Carter thought it would be a good opportunity for the Dallas Police Department to help out Meals on Wheels while also building community relations in the neighborhoods they serve. Sixteen Dallas police officers working out of the South Central Police Station signed up to deliver Meals on Wheels every Tuesday during July and August for the Visiting Nurse Association.

The number of meals on the Oak Cliff route averages 22. The meals are divided up among six to eight officers, who make the deliveries during their patrols.

“They all enjoy delivering the meals and it provides positive police officer presence in the communities we serve,” states Corporal Carter, who works out of the South Central Police Station. “We hope, too, that it demonstrates how it’s possible for other organizations, as well as individuals, to help out with Meals on Wheels deliveries,” she adds.

Information about delivering Meals on Wheels in Dallas County for the Visiting Nurse Association can be obtained by contacting Betsy Cox at (214) 689-2210 or [coxbe@vnatexas.org](mailto:coxbe@vnatexas.org).



**(Left to right) Dallas Police Officers L. Horne and C. Jackson, Senior Corporal Patty Carter, and Sergeant C. Butler prepare to deliver Meals on Wheels for the Visiting Nurse Association.**