

grateful members of the police forces in the hurricane-ravaged areas, who did everything in their power to make their Canadian guests welcome and comfortable while they were there.

Describing the response of the peace officers whose homes they reconstructed, Cst. L. Russo-Lemay (TLBPIA) said they couldn't express enough gratitude and that they were treated very well and with the utmost respect.

Sgt. A. Stack of the Metro-Dade PD and member of the Police Officers' Assistance Trust, remarked that the morale and enthusiasm of the relief effort team was a positive influence that served as a catalyst to lifting the spirits of all Dade County police officers. Their combined efforts have fostered a close-knit camaraderie heretofore unseen.

The major functions performed by the Canadian team included: installing new roofs, effecting minor plumbing and electrical repairs and clearing away interior and exterior debris to permit necessary repair work to be performed. At each job

site the Canadian flag was proudly displayed as an ever-present reminder of a helping hand being extended by their Canadian brothers and sisters "North of 60".

Once all of the reconstruction work had been completed and the damaged homes restored to their former state before Hurricane Andrew struck, it was time for the Canadian contingent to return home to their regular police duties. Prior to their departure from Fort Lauderdale Airport, on November 8, 1992, members of the group were presented with Guardian Angel pins by Homestead Police Chaplain G. Hackett, in recognition of their Christian and humanitarian service. Hackett expressed that "the contingent was a big morale booster, coming at a time when we were no longer the focus of attention. You people reached out and showed us how much you care."

Anytime you can do anything for a fellow police officer in need, that's what it's all about — helping each other as "Brothers and Sisters-in-Law". ■

Friendship Visit In Former East Germany

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The concept of the Twin City is a relatively new phenomenon, conceived to promote international trade and improve understanding and cooperation between cities of similar demographic characteristics in different parts of the world. The cities of Kitchener, Ontario, and Potsdam, Germany, are currently in the process

of becoming twin cities. Potsdam, in former East Germany, is perhaps best known as the location of castle Sancoussi, where the Peace Treaty was signed between Germany and the Allies in 1945, after World War II.

In 1993, it was the 1000th anniversary of this historic city, and to celebrate