Volunteers Search for Evidence in ComSta Double Homicide

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Coastguardsman Mike Yrjana helps with the search. Jennifer Canfield photo

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The volunteers were split into groups of twenty and then dispatched to various sections of Anton Larsen Bay Road, beginning at the ComSta and going all the way out to the main road, Rezanof Drive West..
They were instructed to comb both sides of the road 15 to 20 feet out and to watch for a gun or pieces of a gun, clothing, boots, plastic bags or anything else that looked out of place. Nearly a dozen people showed up with metal detectors.

The search ended just after 11 this morning. A small group of volunteers headed over to the Dumpsters in Bells Flats to search. No evidence was found in either area.

April 12, 2012 Two Dead in USCG ComSta Kodiak Shooting

April 13, 2012 Coast Guard Releases Names of Shooting Victims

April 16, 2012 Community Meeting Over Slayings Called for Tonight

April 17, 2012 Town Hall Meeting Provides Few Answers About Murders

April 18, 2012 Memorial Held for Murdered Coastguardsmen

April 20, 2012 FBI Looking for Info on Two Cars in Connection to ComSta Killings

April 25, 2012 Investigators Need Information on Car Possibly Connected to Murders