

Prince George County Police Department News “In Partnership With The Community”



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Message from the Chief...



On behalf of the men and women of our Department, we wish everyone a safe, joyful holiday season. Please remember our Police Officers, Fire/EMS personnel, and our Military personnel who will be working during these holidays to keep us all safe.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Hero's Behind the Scenes

The 3rd Annual Crisis Intervention Team Awards was held on November 8th. We are proud to announce that Prince George Communication Officers Judy Chalkley and Sherita Winfield were recipients of the "Dispatcher of the Year Award" for their professional, effective and calm handling of a critical, life-threatening incident. These employees are our heroes behind the scenes!

**Please join us congratulating
Judy and Sherita!**

Pictured left to right are: Chief Early, Judy Chalkley, BOS Chairman Bill Robertson, Kari Wilson (ECC Supervisor representing Sherita Winfield), Captain Brian Kei, and County Administrator Percy Ashcraft.

Congratulations Officer Mayes and Officer Moegling For completing D.A.R.E. School!

Officer Philip Mayes



Officer Tony Moegling



Launched in 1983, D.A.R.E. is a comprehensive K-12 education program taught in thousands of schools in America and 52 other countries. D.A.R.E. curricula address drugs, violence, bullying, internet safety, and other high risk circumstances that today are too often a part of students' lives.

D.A.R.E. officers and other school based law enforcement officers are the first line of defense in America's schools. Their job is to educate children but also to prevent school violence and intruders who may try and enter a school to harm children and others.

Officer Moegling is currently assigned at North Elementary and Officer Mayes will be assigned at Harrison Elementary in January.

D.A.R.E.

Congratulations Graduates

3rd Annual Senior Citizens Police Academy

After 10 weeks of instruction, students of the Senior Citizens Police Academy graduated on November 18th. During a ceremony at the County Administration Building, PGPD staff and County officials were on hand to recognize the graduates.

We commend the students for their perseverance over the past 10 weeks where they received a first-hand look into the inner workings of the Police Department.

Graduates:

Clarence H. Dunn
Robert T. Hawks, III
Larry P. Heidorn
Cheryle G. McCann
Nancy L. Newsom



“No-Shave November” Concludes

This was this first year our local officers and deputies ventured into this bearded territory. We want to take an opportunity to thank all of our citizens, County leaders, County employees, and all of our public safety staff for embracing this endeavor and helping to make it a success!

When we stepped into this hairy situation, we hoped to accomplish the following: Create opportunities for conversations about cancer awareness and prevention; Support one of our own County employees, Ralph Summerson – Fleet Manager, along with any other family, friends or community members that have, or are, battling cancer; Raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital - with the help of County employees, citizens, and all of our public safety folks, we were able to raise \$2,120.00; and lastly, we wanted to shake things up a bit and have a little fun. We believe that we did some good!



December 1st our officers and deputies will return to “clean-shaven” status. And, for the officers that are thinking about making a proposal to grow beards and goatees year around, maybe next November we will do it again

Congratulations To Our First Ever Grizzly King!

Congratulations to Officer Charles Santilli- winner of the 2016 No-Shave November Challenge!

Also, congratulations to our runner-up, Detective Bradley Whitley.

Thank you to ALL of our No Shave November participants!



Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony



Family, friends, officers and deputies, along with County staff, gathered on December 2nd at Merchants Hope and Southlawn Memorial Parks to pay tribute to our fallen law enforcement officers.

In tradition, we honored Officer Shelly Crowder, Deputy Claude Gatewood, Sheriff John Atwood, Sergeant Cliff Scott, and VSP Trooper Leo Whitt for their loyal service to Prince George County.

We are very proud of all of our involved PGPD staff for planning, coordinating and executing these honorable ceremonies.

Thank you Sergeant Mike McCann, VSP, for your representation, help and support. We are very grateful for our Police Chaplains. Chaplains Robert Livesay, Chris Jenkins, Wayne Henry and Clarence Thweatt Jr graciously participated.

Retired Police Chief Ed Frankenstein was among those in attendance. We would like to recognize and thank him for laying the foundation for these, and future ceremonies!



Police Officer Santilli and ACO Hancock brought Coal the department therapy dog to visit with some special students at JEJ Moore Middle School . The students were as excited to meet Coal as he was to be invited to visit with them.



Stay safe for the holidays



Christmas shopping is in full swing and many of you will be stocking up on gifts.

Before you embark on your annual shopping spree, please remember that ‘while you’re out shopping, so are they!’

Burglars and thieves are well aware of the rich pickings this time of year and we want you to have a Christmas to remember for the right reasons.

Please stay safe this Christmas and protect your property whether you are out and about or staying at home.

There are simple steps you can take such as locking your windows and doors, removing your valuables from sight – both at home and in your vehicle – and, most importantly of all, remaining vigilant to suspicious activity and reporting it to us straight away.

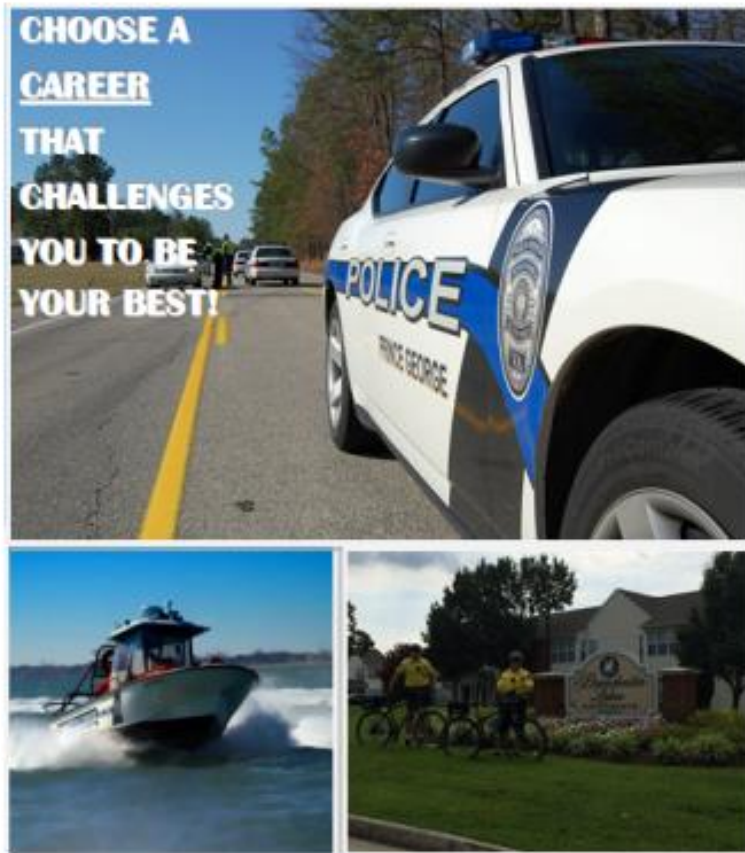
WE ARE HIRING!

Please share with your friends:

Currently we are hiring for the position of Police Officer.

Please visit:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/princegeorgeva/jobs/1603511/police-officer> for more information and to apply online.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



December 17, 2016
Pet Adoption Event
Boulevard Flowers Garden
2100 Ruffin Mill Road
Chesterfield, VA
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

February, 2017
Special Olympics Polar Plunge
February 3 - 4
Virginia Beach

Mission Statement

The Prince George County Police Department, in partnership with the community, will strive to protect and improve the quality of life in Prince George; providing Leadership through Open Communication, Fair and Dignified Service, and Interactive Problem Solving.

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