

McGruff Speaks



- ### Schedule of Events July-September
- July 12: Crime Prevention Council General Meeting, 7:30pm @ McCoart
 - **August 3: National Night Out**
 - August 9: Crime Prevention Council Board Meeting, 7:30@Safety Connection
 - Teen Police Academy, Session 8: July 12-16; Session 9: Aug. 16-20
 - September 13: Crime Prevention Council General Meeting, 7:30pm @ McCoart
 - Senior Citizen Police Academy, Session 9 Early Fall, date TBA

3rd Quarter July 2004



Come Celebrate National Night Out and Help Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party!

The Prince William County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit is partnering with the Prince William Crime Prevention Council to celebrate the "award winning" 2004 National Night Out. On August 3rd, from 5-8pm, Prince William County will be part of a national effort to reduce crime and drugs while strengthening police-community partnerships.

Regional celebrations will be held at five locations throughout the county.

Lake Ridge
*Hedges Run Executive Park *
(Mike Alvey, 792-4412)

Manassas
*Manassas Mall *
(Ashley York, 792-4425)

Woodbridge
*Ferlazzo Government Building
(Kim Winston, 792-7240)

Dale City
Potomac Mills Mall
(Steve Varvaro, 792-7231)

Gainesville
*Virginia Gateway Shopping Center *
(Dawn Harman, 792-7266)

Fun for the whole Family

Activities may include give-aways, games, moon bounces, music, face painting, static displays by county organizations, Fire & Rescue, food and refreshments, McGruff the Crime Dog visit and more!! Some communities are having their own celebrations, such as the Town of Dumfries, so if you can't make it one of our events, have your own neighborhood event! And remember to turn your porch light on that night, because....

"Lights On Means Lights Out For Crime!"
We encourage your Neighborhood Watch to participate and assist with the set up, operations and clean up of these events. Demonstrations, skits and exhibits are also welcomed!

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News from the Neighborhood

Below are a some great examples of how a Neighborhood Watch can make a difference by being observant in their every day activities.

Bybrook Lane Neighborhood Watch

A Bybrook Lane Neighborhood Watch member observed a subject break into a residence. The Watch member called the police and an officer was able to observe the subject inside the residence. The subject was convinced to come out and was arrested for Burglary. **Great job Bybrook**

Neighborhood Watch!

Courtland Manor Neighborhood Watch

A Courtland Manor Neighborhood Watch member observed a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood. She contacted other members of the Watch to alert them to be on the lookout for this vehicle. This Watch member also reported the license plate number to the police department. An officer followed up on the license plate number and discovered that the vehicle was stolen. Thanks to the Watch members, the car was recovered

and the suspect was charged. **Great job Courtland Manor NW!**

THANK YOU!

A big thank you goes out to Judy Sheldon, the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the Cranmer Mews Neighborhood in Dale City. Judy donated 1000 pencils engraved with the Police Department's name and National Night Out to be used as give-aways for the 2004 National Night Out celebrations. Thank you, Judy, for your help in making these events a success!

President's Corner

National Night Out Motorcades & Celebrations

As I write this article, a number of our Watches have participated in the National Night Out Against Crime Motorcades. We hope the participants had a wonderful time and a great turnout. We also hope all Watches can come out to the larger events to be held on the actual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3rd, from 5-8 pm. Five regional events will be held at the same time so that a message can be sent to criminals that Prince William County is watching.

Picnic & Awards Dinner

On September 26th we will hold the Neighborhood Watch Picnic for the whole county. Come out and meet your neighbors. On November 14th we will hold our awards dinner. Please plan to attend and be sure to nominate someone for a position on next years Board. Look for the nomination forms in the mail.

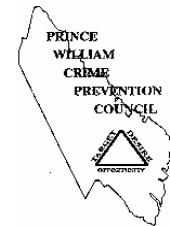
Donations

Our organization needs funds to fulfill our mission. The Prince William Crime Prevention Council Charitable Foundation is a

501 (C) (3) organization. We are looking for donations and turn to you, our membership, for help. If you work for a company or business that makes charitable donations, please contact your Neighborhood Watch Officer for a copy of the donation letter. We thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

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Fact or Fiction: National Do Not E-mail Registry

Everyone has heard about the National "Do Not Call" registry, but is there a National "Do Not E-mail" registry?

In February of 2004, the Federal Trade Commission investigated one "Do Not E-mail" Registry that mimicked the language, look and navigation of the popular National "Do Not Call" registry. People were receiving e-mails from www.unsub.us claiming to be a National "Do Not E-mail" registry and asking for such personal information as their names, physical address and e-mail address.

The FTC's investigations revealed that this website was fraudulent and that there is **NO** registry currently in place to help cut down on Spam, the number of unsolicited e-mails a person receives. They worry that websites like this one and many others claiming to reduce the number of e-mails one gets may be a ploy to obtain

personal information about a person to use for fraudulent purposes, such as identity theft.

The FTC is advising consumers not to give their e-mail address or any other personal information to any site claiming to be a "National Do Not E-mail Registry", even one that claims to be supported by the FTC. If you do receive an e-mail claiming it is a registry to help cut down on spam mail, you can report it to the FTC at www.ftc.gov or call 1877-FTC-HELP.

The FTC is studying the possibility of creating a National Do Not Spam registry, but there is no legitimate "National Do Not E-mail" registry at this time.

To read the entire FTC Press Release regarding this issue, go to www.ftc.gov/opa/2004/02/spamcam.htm or contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 703-792-7270.

Senior Citizen Academy

The Prince William County is currently accepting pre-registrations for the 9th Session of the Senior Citizen Academy. The Academy will take place early fall, however the exact date has yet to be announced. To qualify you must be 55 years of age, have no prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within two years of the application. The Academy provides seniors with insight into the operation of local law enforcement. During the Academy, participants will be introduced to the organization and structure of the Department. Seniors will receive information on a variety of topics that include, but are not limited to: Police Ethics, Pursuit Policy, Communications, Firearms Safety and Use, Critical Incident Stress, Juvenile and Special Operations, and Educational Programs for seniors. To obtain a registration form, go to www.pwcgov.org/docLibrary/PDF/002061.pdf or call the Crime Prevention Office at 703-792-7270.

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Neighborhood Watch Products for Sale

Neighborhood Watch Hat - \$5

Neighborhood Watch Vest - \$13

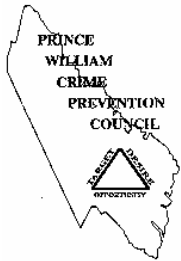
Neighborhood Watch Shirt - \$10

Magnetic Car Sign - \$14

PWCPC Coffee Mug - \$10



If you would like to purchase any of these items, contact your
Crime Prevention Officer



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Woodbridge, VA 22191

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