



McGruff Speaks



May 2005, Issue 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prince William Crime Prevention Council:

Monday, May 9th @ 7:30 pm, McCoart Building.

Child Safety Seat Checks:

May 7th, 9 am to 11 am, Prince William Hospital, Also, June 4th, 9 am to 11 am, Potomac Hospital.

2005 DARE Day: May 7th, 10 am to 2 pm, Prince William County Fairgrounds.

Citizen's Police Academy:

Tuesday, June 14th @ 7 pm, Public Service Training Academy, Nokesville. Nine week course. Applications available online: www.pwcgov.org/police or call 703-729-6599.

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Changing Faces In Crime Prevention Unit

TIME TO SAY A SAD GOODBYE

Sgt. William Anzenberger has been reassigned to a midnight patrol squad in the Western District. We want to thank him and let him know how much we appreciate his time, leadership and dedication to Crime Prevention values in Prince William County. We wish him good luck in his new assignment.

Officer Dawn Harman has been promoted to Sergeant and reassigned to an evening patrol squad in the Western District. We will miss her hard work, humor, and wholehearted support to the Crime Prevention Unit. We wish her best wishes in the new assignment. Her watches will now be covered by Officer Alex Dominguez.

WELCOME BACK

The new supervisor of the Crime Prevention Unit is Sgt. Mark Merriman, a Certified Crime Prevention Officer and prior member of CPU. He brings with him over 15 years of police experience and talents. We are very glad he has returned!

A MESSAGE FROM THE SERGEANT

What goes around, comes around. Four years ago I left the Crime Prevention Unit for my first supervisory assignment as a new Sergeant. Since then I have had the experience of working in Administration and both districts as a patrol supervisor; but it is hard to forget your first love. And so here I am getting used to a new desk and new responsibilities in some very comfortable surroundings.

I believe that crime prevention is an integral part of good community policing and that we all have a responsibility to look out for our homes and our neighbors. We are always looking for fresh ideas and input as to what we can do to improve our services to you and I would encourage you to join with us in rocketing into the 21st Century and all of the challenges that will come with it. I am looking forward to serving with all of you as the new Supervisor of the Crime Prevention Unit and I would invite you to drop by the office sometime to say, "Hi."

In closing, I hope you will join me in thanking Sgt. Bill Anzenberger for all of his hard work and dedication to the unit during his time here and wish him well in his next assignment. I am looking forward to seeing some familiar faces at the next Council meeting on May 9 as well as meeting many of you that have partnered with us since I left the unit the first time.

Mark Merriman

Thank You to Our Contributors

The Crime Prevention Council gratefully acknowledges the recent contributions:

The Prince William County Police for its donation of \$3000.

To Mr. Michael Curtis at NOVEC for their donation of \$400 for Halloween bags.

To Mr. Phil Rick at R&B, NAPA Auto Care for its time and talents in restoring our 1972 Plymouth Police Vehicle.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS



DID YOU KNOW?

SIGN REPLACEMENT

One of our Watches had a few of its signs vandalized. They contacted the County and learned that if any neighborhood has a sign stolen or damaged it may contact **the County Sign Shop at (703) 792-6666** and get a free replacement sign at any time. This includes road signs, street signs, stop signs and Watch signs.

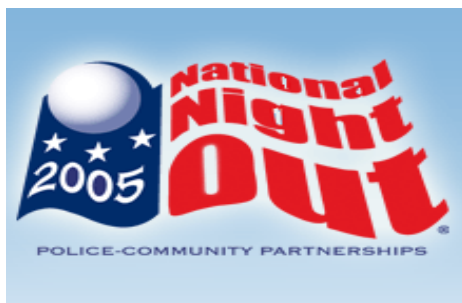
Dumfries Spotlight on: NEWPORT ESTATES

Location: Off Neabsco Road close to Leesylvania State Park.

Neighborhood Characteristics: Large single-family housing development nestled in the Leesylvania woods, homes behind and Pohick Creek refuge to the north.

Neighborhood Watch: Active since March 2003.

Of Note: In one particular area of Newport Estates we have had several incidents where speeding has caused property damage and posed a threat to the community; but vigilance and the Neighborhood Watch Program pays off. Recently, as a vehicle approached a stop sign at the corner on one of the streets in the neighborhood it veered over to the side of oncoming traffic, jumped a curb, knocked over a mail box and a tree and came back onto the adjoining road after crossing the front lawn. The spouse of one of the Watch members saw the vehicle when it came to a stop and was able to identify the driver before he left the scene. When the Watch member arrived home moments later, they went looking for the driver and his car and were able to locate the residence and get the license plate and street address. They then notified police and waited for them to arrive. Because of their quick thinking, the police were able to find the person responsible for the property damage.



SAVE THE DATE!!

August 2, 2005

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

"Building Community One Neighbor at a Time"

Help us celebrate this year at

1. Eastern Motorcade
Saturday, July 23rd
2. Western Motorcade
Saturday, July 30th
3. Potomac Mills Mall
Tuesday, August 2nd, 5 to 8 PM

Your participation at our event last year was greatly appreciated and helped make the event a success! For further info call
(703) 792-7270

Join the Prince William Crime Prevention Council

Come to our Next Meeting:

Monday, May 9th

7:30 PM

McCoart Building

Speaker:

Michelle Casciato

PWC Public Works

Subject:

Zoning & Code Enforcement

BUSINESS & FLEET WATCH NEWS

COMMUTER LOT WATCH



LOT PATROLLED BY
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
FLEET WATCH

New Watch Program

The Commuter Lot Watch is a new program that has just been activated by the Crime Prevention Unit. The CPU identified sixteen commuter lots that have experienced crimes against vehicles over the course of the past two years. Commuter Lot Watch asks that Fleet Watches help the Police Department address criminal activity in these lots by adopting one or more of the lots as places that they agree to pass through once or twice a week as they drive by during the course of their business day. Fleet Watch members are trained in how to watch for suspicious activity and their efforts will help provide more eyes and ears to monitor the lots for suspicious activity.

Watch Partners

The following Fleet Watch members have agreed to participate in the program by covering one, two or three lots:

Prince William REACT
Yellow Cab
Washington Post
Baker's Wrecker Service
Woodbridge Wireless Inc.
Potomac Mills Security
Cornwell's Texaco
Henry's Wrecker Service
Ole Virginia Amateur Radio Club
Potomac Rappahannock Transit Commission
Battlefield Service Center
Nowell's Wrecker Service
Mid-Atlantic Wrecker Service
Ward's Truck Center
Cropper's Towing
Evans Auto Repair and Towing
Gainesville Towing
Rogers Service Center
Pinecrest Towing
Waggy's Towing
Finish Line Towing
Scotties Wrecker Service

Additionally, Prince William County Public Works, Prince William County Code Enforcement and the Prince William County Service Authority, will cover all of the lots as they are able.



FLEET WATCH

WE REPORT SUSPICIOUS & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

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Training Offered by the Crime Prevention Unit

- Personal Safety*
- Home Security*
- Business Security*
- Robbery Prevention*
- Internet Safety*
- Identity Theft*
- Safety for Seniors*
- Workplace Safety*
- Neighborhood Watch*

The Prince William County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit is dedicated to providing education and training to the citizens of Prince William County. Crime prevention is more than just security — it is a community.

The Crime Prevention Unit offers professional training programs for housing communities as well as community organizations. These programs will teach you how you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim by raising your

awareness level and teaching commonly used crime prevention techniques.

Schedule a training for your neighborhood or group today by calling 703-792-7270.

Business Crime Prevention

The Prince William County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit is dedicated to training businesses on how they can minimize their chances of becoming victims of crime.

Businesses in the County have taken advantage of such training as Personal Safety, Identity Theft, Robbery Prevention and Workplace Safety.

Any training can be tailored to your business. Call now and make safety a priority for your business! Please contact 703-792-7270 for more information.



Want to learn more about the Prince William County fire and rescue service?
 Apply now for the Citizen Fire/EMS Academy!
 Starts May 2nd
 To apply, visit <http://www.pwcgov.org/default.aspx?topic=04002600010> or call
 (703) 792-5823.
 All applicants must live and/or work in the County, be at least 18-years of age and have own transportation.

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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

Crime Prevention Commandments

At Home:

1. Keep doors and windows locked (use good quality dead bolt locks.)
2. Keep trees and shrubs trimmed so they never block the view to any door or window.
3. Assure your address markings are clearly visible from the street.
4. Garages should be kept closed and locked.
5. Keep the front and rear of your home lighted at night (photoelectric cells are best).
6. Make certain your home looks "lived in" when you are away (use timers for interior lights and radios).
7. Immediately report all suspicious activity to the Police.

Away or Shopping:

1. Be alert to your surroundings.
2. Don't take short cuts or use poorly lighted areas where you can't be seen, use highly traveled areas that are well lit.
3. Carry as little cash as possible, only take what you need with you.
4. Have your keys in your hand to save time going from house to car, car to shopping, etc.
5. Lock packages in the trunk of your car out of sight.
6. Always lock your car, while in the car or when you leave it.



If your watch has any pictures of McGruff, the Crime Dog, please forward them to our unit. Our McGruff volunteer is compiling an album of programs from the last 25 years for use in the McGruff anniversary this year. Your help is appreciated. Please call us @ (703) 792-7270



The Department of Fire and Rescue is now accepting applications for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Session 1 begins Tuesday, April 12th and Session 8 concludes Saturday, May 7th. Most sessions are held at the Public Safety Training Academy, Nokesville. This program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. CERT training includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue operations. For more information, please call 703-792-4362 or visit the website: www.pwcgov.org/fire.



DARE DAY 2005

May 7th, 10 am to 2 pm
PW County Fairgrounds

67 Sponsors
With exhibits and Information

- U.S. Coast Guard Flag Ceremony
- Jump Rope Team Performance
- Dance Team Show
- Sky Diving Team Demo
- Fire & Rescue Demo
- Martial Arts Show
- Monster Truck Demo

Bring the Kids and Have a Great Day!

Important Numbers & Assigned Areas

Lake Ridge Neighborhood Watches 703-792-4412	Officer Mike Alvey malvey@pwcgov.org
Woodbridge, Dumfries, Triangle/Quantico Neighborhood Watches 703-792-7240	Officer Kim Winston kwinston@pwcgov.org
Dale City Neighborhood Watches 703-792-7231	Officer Steve Varvaro svarvaro@pwcgov.org
Manassas & Gainesville Neighborhood Watches, Spanish Speaking Events 703-792-7232	Officer Alex Dominguez adominguez@pwcgov.org
Business Watch, Fleet Watch, Inn Watch, Worship Watch 703-792-4425 or 4446	Ashley York, Crime Prevention Coord. ayork@pwcgov.org Rich Buchholz, Crime Prevention Coord. rbuchholz@pwcgov.org

Police Non-Emergency 703-792-6500

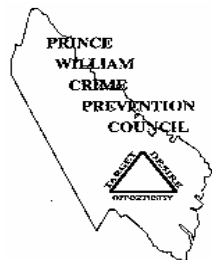
Emergency/ fire/ rescue/ police 911

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