

# McGruff Speaks



- Schedule of Events**  
**October thru December**
- October 14: Safety Connection Open House and Sponsors Ceremony
  - November 12: **Special Gang Presentation @** Ferlazzo Government Building (Locust Shade Room) @7:00pm
  - November 15: Crime Prevention Council General Meeting, Elections and **Awards Banquet:** 7:30pm @ McCoart

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**4th Quarter** **October 2004**



The Prince William Crime Prevention Council would like to thank all of the sponsors that helped to make this year's National Night Out a huge success:

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The Prince William Crime Prevention Council would also like to thank all of our annual supporters:  
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**News from the Neighborhood**

**Neighborhood Watch Works!**

Below is a great example of how a Neighborhood Watch can make a difference by being observant in their every day activities.

In August, a Jennings Street Neighborhood Watch member noticed a group of suspicious juveniles in the area. This member contacted the police to report the group of juveniles. Officers responded to the call and came upon five juveniles who were trespassing in a nearby park

smoking marijuana, and took action. Great job

**Neighborhood Watch Picnic**

The annual Neighborhood Watch picnic was held on September 26 at Leesylvania Park in Woodbridge along the Potomac River. Watch members enjoyed food cooked by staff from Outback Restaurant, drinks donated by Pepsi and prizes donated by a variety of businesses. Kids enjoyed candy from a piñata and adults got wet with a balloon toss.

Council board member Bob Huisman did an outstanding job organizing this event! Thanks Bob!

**Welcome Officer Dominguez!**

Officer Alex Dominguez was recently transferred to the Crime Prevention from the Western District Station. He is assigned to the Manassas area and brings with him a thorough knowledge of the area, as well as being fluent in Spanish.

*Welcome Officer Dominguez!*

## Danger Zones: Top 10 Most Dangerous Intersections in Prince William County for 2003

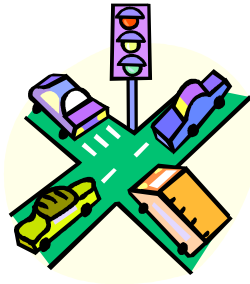
One of the biggest killers in our society today is traffic related fatalities. Below are the top ten most dangerous intersections in Prince William County, followed by some practical suggestions from the National Highway Transportation Safety Assoc. to keep you safe.

**To avoid being an aggressive driver:**

- ~ Allow plenty of time to get to your destination and plan your journey to avoid rush hours.
- ~ Improve the comfort in your vehicle and understand that you cannot control the traffic.
- ~ Don't drive when you are angry.
- ~ Listen to soothing music when you drive.
- ~ Listen to traffic and weather reports to learn of potential delays and hazards.

**To be a courteous driver:**

- ~ Do not tailgate.
- ~ Do not block the passing lane.
- ~ Provide appropriate distance when cutting in after passing another vehicle.
- ~ Use your signals to indicate a turn or lane change.



- ~ Concentrate on your driving-not on your cell phone, stereo, passengers or other distractions.
- ~ Avoid unnecessary use of your high beam headlights.

**To handle an aggressive driver:**

- ~ Get out the way and let an aggressive driver pass.
- ~ Avoid direct eye contact.
- ~ Never try to teach an aggressive driver a lesson.
- ~ Do not react to provocation.
  - ~ If you are followed, drive to a police station or a busy public place.
  - ~ Do not drive home or get out of your car.
  - ~ Ignore gestures and refuse to return them.
  - ~ Report an aggressive driver to the police (call 703-792-6500) and provide a description of the driver's vehicle and its license number, location, and direction of travel.
  - ~ If an aggressive driver is involved in a crash farther down the road, stop a safe distance from the crash scene, wait for the police to arrive, and report the driving behavior that you witnessed.

# of Accidents	Street Name	Cross Street Name	District: East or West	Injuries	Deaths
41	Sudley Manor Drive	Sudley Road	West	13	0
40	Lomond Drive	Sudley Road	West	21	0
38	Balls Ford Road	Sudley Road	West	14	0
36	John Marshall Hwy	Lee Hwy	West	15	0
35	Prince William Pkwy	Smoketown Road	East	22	0
31	INT 66 Hwy	Sudley Road	West	10	0
28	Jefferson Davis Hwy	Longview Drive	East	18	0
28	Minnieville Road	Prince William Pkwy	East	11	0
28	Prince William Pkwy	Worth Avenue	East	16	1
26	Featherstone Road	Jefferson Davis Hwy	East	14	0

### Important Numbers & Assigned Areas

Police Non-Emergency 703-792-6500

Emergency/ fire/ rescue/ police 911

**Crime Prevention Unit**

Sgt. Bill Anzenberger 703-792-7267  
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Officer Mike Alvey 703-792-4412

Officer Dawn Harman 703-792-7266

Officer Steve Varvaro 703-792-7231

Officer Kim Winston 703-792-7240

Officer Alex Dominguez 703-792-7232

Ashley York 703-792-4425

Rich Buchholz 703-792-4446

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Gainesville Neighborhood Watches	Officer Dawn Harman dharman@pwcgov.org
Woodbridge, Dumfries, Triangle/ Quantico Neighborhood Watches	Officer Kim Winston kwinston@pwcgov.org
Dale City Neighborhood Watches	Officer Steve Varvaro svarvaro@pwcgov.org
Manassas Neighborhood Watches	Officer Alex Dominguez adominguez@pwcgov.org
Business Watch, Fleet Watch, Inn Watch, Worship Watch	Ashley York, Crime Prevention Coord. ayork@pwcgov.org Rich Buchholz, Crime Prevention Coord. rbuchholz@pwcgov.org

## President's Corner

### Neighborhood Watch Picnic

We hope all who attended the Neighborhood Watch Picnic this past month had an enjoyable time. Bob Huisman deserves a round of applause for his hard work in coordinating the picnic. If you did not attend, you missed a great water balloon toss contest! As usual, the food was very delicious, thanks to the Outback Steakhouse.

### Awards Banquet

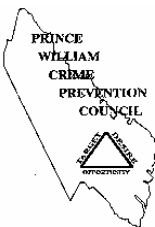
The Awards banquet and Dance we had hoped to have will not be taking place. Instead, come to our November General Meeting and enjoy the spread of food that we will provide as we hand out awards to this year's Neighborhood Watch winners!

### Elections

Crime Prevention Board Elections are in November, so please come out and vote for the candi-

dates of your choice. Each Watch has one vote.

I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to make Neighborhood Watch work in Prince William County. We have an excellent Police Department that works well with all of the Watches.

*Steve Nugent*  
  
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 President

## Scenes from National Night Out



## Halloween Safety

Here are some quick safety tips to make Halloween a treat for all:

- ✦ Have children carry a flashlight or glow stick to help them see and be seen
- ✦ Trick-or-treat in groups
- ✦ Have children walk only in well lit areas
- ✦ Only trick-or-treat at homes with porch lights on
- ✦ Parents should check all candy for signs of tampering before a child eats it
- ✦ All items unpacked or with open wrapping should be discarded
- ✦ If driving a car, be extra alert for pedestrians
- ✦ Any suspicious behavior or criminal activity should be reported to the police immediately
- ✦ Neighborhood Watches should extend their active patrols past trick-or-treat times

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**Neighborhood Watch Products for Sale**

Neighborhood Watch Hat - \$5

Neighborhood Watch Vest - \$13

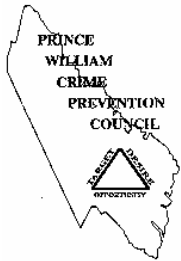
Neighborhood Watch Shirt - \$10

Magnetic Car Sign - \$14

PWCPC Coffee Mug - \$10



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



Prince William Crime Prevention Council  
15948 Donald Curtis Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22191

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