# Prince George County Police Department News *"In Partnership With The Community"*



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## May 2017– Employee of the Month



**Please join us** in congratulating Officer James Shutt as PGPD's May, 2017 "Employee of the Month."

Officer Shutt, while reporting to duty during one of his scheduled days off, located an individual in our community that was suspected of having just committed a violent felony. Through a team effort involving several officers, and after a foot chase, the suspect was apprehended. Officer Shutt's efforts were instrumental with the successful conclusion of this incident.

In addition, Officer Shutt consistently performs his duties with a positive, helpful attitude - always keeping our citizens in the forefront while serving PG.

Thanks "Jimmy" for all you do!

#### June 2017



Thank you to all of the runners that came out to support the Special Olympics by running in the Torch Run. The Torch Run is part of a year-round, grassroots fundraising campaign by law enforcement agencies to benefit their local Special Olympics Program.

A special thanks goes out to the students and faculty at Walton and Beasley Elementary schools and County employees that came out to cheer our runners on.

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# Safe Exchange Zone

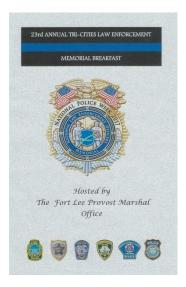


Your Prince George County Police Department is excited to offer a "Safe Exchange Zone" on the parking lot directly beside the Bland Building located at 6600 Courthouse Road, Prince George VA 23875. The Prince George Police Department is one of several law enforcement agencies now offering an Exchange Zone as a safer alternative to other meeting locations, such as a private residence or retail center parking lot.

The "Safe Exchange Zone" is a designated, signed area on our parking lot that may be used for custody transfers, private party exchanges from online purchases, or other private party transfers of property where safety may be a concern. The area is video recorded 24-hours a day. As a matter of routine business, police officers will not be present during transactions, and the video will not always be monitored in real time.

We believe that arranging to meet in these designated areas will potentially deter individuals wanting to engage in criminal activity. These designated areas also allow citizens to maintain a level of privacy by not disclosing the location of their residence. If someone is not willing to come to the Prince George Police Department to complete an exchange, it could be a scam and possibly not worth pursuing.

Our parking lot has been quietly used for years and we are now publicly inviting and encouraging our community to utilize the new "Safe Exchange Zone." The optimal transaction time of Monday - Friday, between 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. is recommended.



# 23<sup>RD</sup> Annual Tri-Cities Law Enforcement Memorial Breakfast



Members of the Prince George Police Department attended the 23rd Annual Tri-Cities Law Enforcement Memorial Breakfast ceremony on May 18th. This day honors the sacrifices of those that we have lost so that they may "Never Be Forgotten."



Chief W. Keith Early

(R-L) Captain Brian Kei Captain Eric Young



(L-R) Lieutenant Earl Crawford, Officer Alvin (R-L) Lieutenant Paul Burroughs, Pastor Robert Jones, Officer Magen Moreno Livesay, Officer Makenzie Brinson, Sergeant Chris Douglas

**Lieutenant Warren**, along with several other law enforcement agencies, attended the 2017 National Peace Officers' Memorial at the United States Capitol. He and others played the bagpipes and drums during the memorial.

Agencies that had representatives included the Hopewell Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Virginia Capitol Police, Chesterfield County Police Department, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office, St. Louis Police Department, and the Metro Richmond Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums.











# **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact Person: Chief Keith Early Prince George County Police 804.733.2773 May 23, 2017

(Prince George, VA) – "Tip A Cop" Fundraiser Deemed a Success

Patrons who arrived at Nanny's Barbeque this past Friday night were surprised when they discovered the restaurant was swarming with PG police officers, PG sheriff's deputies and Riverside Regional Jail staff. Fortunately, no crime had been committed.

The officers and deputies were there to support the Prince George Special Olympics Programs and the Law Enforcement Torch Run by trading in their handcuffs and badges for menus and serving trays. Donations, in the form of tips, were accepted for this worthy cause. This year we were able to raise over \$3,200 hundred dollars for Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. We are proud to report that total monies raised were more than any previous years for this fundraiser.

A special thanks to all those that made the Nanny's Tip-A-Cop such a huge success this year, all to benefit the Virginia Special Olympics, and especially the Prince George Special Olympic Athletes.

Photo below: Officer Vasquez presenting Ken Robinson (PG Special Olympics Coordinator) with a check for funds raised.



Animal Control Officer Dana Newmeyer



(L-R) Officers Magen Moreno, John Vasquez, Harold Shreves



#### IN APPRECIATION

Nanny's Restaurant we have all heard that name, but here at the Police Department they provide the support that we have come to appreciate more and more ever year. Nanny's has been a strong supporter and provider of the "Tip a Cop" fundraiser event for Special Olympics. And we wanted to provide them with a little thank you from the Chief and the Prince George Special Olympics Coordinator's. The Chief presented them with a custom made Plaque in appreciation on Friday June 23, 2017.

Thank you on behalf of everyone at the Police Department!



# THANK

Small Act of Kindness:

I stumbled across a nice story that represents your police officers. Yesterday, a PGPD officer was in a County establishment where a couple of well-mannered, young boys frequent. The boys were splitting a single order of fries between the two of them. Your officer, on his dime, advised staff to invite the boys to order anything they wanted. The boys graciously took the officer up on the offer.

This is one of many examples of small acts of kindness that our officers and police officers in general, do without looking for any recognition; In fact, most of them go out of their way to avoid the spotlight.

Kudos to the fine men and women that are the "boots on the ground" serving this community.

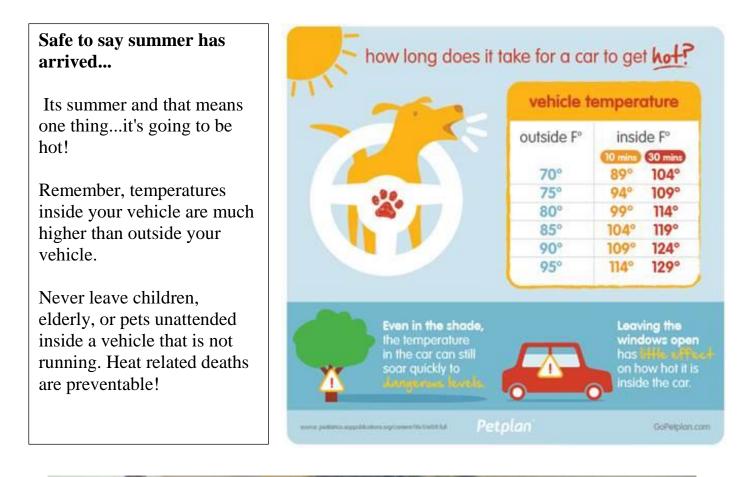
Chief W. Keith Early

### ANIMAL SERVICES AND ADOPTION CENTER NEWS

Animal Services will be participating in the student summer jobs program. Kaliyah Queen, a Prince George County student, will be working at the Adoption Center.

Welcome new volunteers Brenda Thompson and Chase Devon Powers at the Adoption Center.

ACO Samantha Hancock completed her training at the National Animal Control Academy. All department Animal Control Officers are now nationally certified.





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#### <u>Kidco Academy</u>





## Safety First:

The Bike Rodeo was a great success! We had a great time at Branchester Lakes this past Saturday! We had several participants and volunteers to make it a great community event despite the rising temperatures.

The Community Services Unit was able to show safe riding techniques along with helmet safety while riding a bicycle.

Thanks to Prince George Fire, Safe Kids and Branchester Neighborhood Watch for helping make this event a success for all!

If you are interested in Bike safety or have general questions please contact the Community Services unit at: (804) 863-1847!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



TRAPEZIUM BREWERY PET ADOPTION EVENT

423 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET, PETERSBURG, VA 23803 JULY 8, 2017 12 NOON – 3 P.M.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

COUNTYWIDE **AUGUST 1, 2017** 5 P.M. – 9.P.M.



**SOUTHERN KNIGHTS CAR SHOW** 

RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE **AUGUST 5, 2017** 11 A.M. – 3 P.M.



#### BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR PET ADOPTION EVENT

Scott Park, 6380 Scott Park Memorial Drive, Prince George, VA AUGUST 4, 2017 4 P.M. – 7 P.M.



FORT LEE CREDIT UNION, 4495 CROSSINGS BLVD., PRINCE GEORGE, VA OCTOBER 7, 2017 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.



#### PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

6600 COURTHOUSE ROAD, PRINCE GEORGE, VA OCTOBER 12, 2017 5 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.



#### WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

MERCHANTS HOPE CEMETERY AND SOUTH LAWN MEMORIAL PARK, PRINCE GEORGE, VA **DECEMBER 1, 2017** 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Virginia State Police Special Agent Michael T. Walter EOW May 26, 2017



In Memory of Edward Victor Wisneski November 28, 1944 – June 16, 2017



Charter Member of the Prince George County Auxiliary Police Officers Deputy Sheriff for the Prince George County Sheriff's Office



#### 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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