

# Prince George County Police Department News

## *“In Partnership With The Community”*



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The second full week in April is always National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. We proudly recognize the dedicated men and women who stand ready to help citizens in need every day.

*They should take pride in a job well done.*



**1st Row (L-R) CO**  
Vickey Gurba, CO  
Kelsey Hulcher, CO  
Lisa Hartsell

**2nd Row (L-R) CO**  
Judy Chalkley, CO  
Supervisor Tiffany  
Shutt, CO Supervisor  
Kari Wilson, CO Jessie  
Shaw

**3rd Row (L-R) CO**  
Jessica Loftis, CO  
Jennifer Holt, Captain  
Brian Kei, CO Sherita  
Winfield

# **Public Safety Telecommunicators Week 2016**

4/10/2016

**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur anytime, and can require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property, and the availability of 9-1-1 assistance is integral to the peace of mind of each individual and the security of all communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who call the police-fire communications center; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of dedicated Telecommunicators daily serve the citizens of Virginia by answering requests for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, and by dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional public safety Telecommunicators is the vital link between the citizen or victim and the public safety provider; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated public safety Telecommunicators throughout Virginia handle millions of calls to 9-1-1 each year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for the public to be aware of the responsibility to properly use 9-1-1 services by calling only when lives or property are in peril, thus increasing the efficiency of the system and improving the chances that lives will be saved;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize April 10-16, 2016, as **PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



**On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Animal Control Officer Dana Newmeyer** was working in the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) to provide coverage. She received a call from a male subject that had been out on the river and due to weather conditions had been forced on shore and were stranded. He had two juveniles with him on the boat and they had become wet from the high waves coming into the boat, almost sinking them. ACO Newmeyer went above the call of duty to find these subjects. She was able to ascertain that the subjects were forced ashore in Powell's creek. Knowing that the Marine Unit would not be able to get to them in that area, she dispatched officers to help locate them. While she had a general area, it still was a lot of ground to cover. She had officers call her on 911 from their cellphones and guided them to the subjects using the retransmit button. The subjects were located easily by officers because of this. Her quick thinking helped save these individuals from any further harm. The weather conditions that night were cold and the subjects could have easily suffered from hypothermia if not located in a timely manner. Not only does she do above and beyond on calls received while she is in the ECC but she goes above and beyond to help the ECC with coverage. We always know that if we are in a pinch we can count on her to assist us.



**On April 4<sup>th</sup>,** a call was received from a male stating that the boat he was on was sinking. He could not provide any information regarding his location as he only spoke limited English. The language barrier continued; questioning continued but was making no progress. We were able to ascertain that there were 3 people on board, 2 on top of the boat and one in the water. None of the individuals had on life vests. The subject was placed on hold to get the Marine Unit activated and **Communications Officer Judy Chalkley** was asked to step in to see if she could get any more information from the subject. Communications Officer Chalkley picked up the line and advised the subject that we did not have anyone that spoke Spanish that they were going to have to work together. She was able to get the subject to give her landmarks that assisted the Marine Unit as well as the Coast Guard with a smaller grid to search. During the call, Communications Officer Chalkley remained calm, demonstrated wonderful geographical knowledge, and amazing multi-tasking skills bouncing back and forth between the Coast Guard and our caller. As a result of her actions, all subjects were rescued and one was transported to the hospital with hypothermia.



**On April 4<sup>th</sup>, Communications Officer Sherita Winfield**

received a call with reference to a brush fire. After toning out for that call for service, we received two additional brush fire calls at two separate locations along with several EMS calls for service. During this time the center became inundated with radio traffic. Communications Officer Winfield displayed outstanding multi-tasking abilities when jumping back and forth between radio channels, phone calls, and regular administrative duties. She was able to fulfill the Fire Departments needs by contacting mutual aid requests and providing additional resources needed all while maintaining a positive attitude.

*“In celebration of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, we simply want you to know how much we value the important work that you do 24/7, 365 days a year. I have often times thought that it takes a very special person to do what you do.” - Colonel W. Keith Early, Chief of Police*



You may wonder -  
how many calls come  
into the Emergency  
Communications  
Center?

For the first quarter of  
2016, 7,355 calls came  
into the center!



## MARINE UNIT – A job well done Lieutenant Moore and Officer Nicholas!



### POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE

#### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact Person:  
Chief W. K. Early  
Prince George County Police  
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April 4, 2016

*(Prince George, VA) – Boat in Distress call leads to the safe recovery of three people in the James River.*

*On Sunday April 3, 2016 at approximately 11am the Prince George County Marine Unit responded to a 911 call from a male subject advising his boat was sinking and three people were onboard. Two Prince George Police Officers and one member of Prince George Fire & EMS located a 17 foot boat upside down with three people holding on to the hull of the boat. The sinking vessel was located approximately one mile north of the Benjamin Harrison Bridge in the James River. The three people were pulled from the water and transported to Jordan Point Marina where they were checked by Prince George Fire & EMS. One subject was transported by ambulance to John Randolph Hospital and the other two declined treatment. U.S. Coast Guard provided assistance with air support and the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries responded to take over the boat accident investigation. The Prince George County Marine Unit is a valuable asset to the people of Prince George and the visitors that use the County's 28 miles of waterways for recreation.*

**“As we celebrate National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week, please accept our thanks for the truly amazing work that you do.” – Colonel W. Keith Early, Chief of Police**



(L-R) AC Supervisor Job Greene, Office Associate Marion Carmichael, Kennel Attendant Erika Gunn, ACO Rachel Dlugos, ACO Danna Newmeyer, Kennel Attendant Jessica Wicker, Kennel Attendant Ruth Ann Silvey, and ACO Samantha Hancock

## **ANIMAL SERVICES**

### **Prince George Adoption Center**

8391 County Drive

Disputanta, VA 23842

804-991-3200

M, T, T, F 8 AM - 4 PM

Wed. 8 AM - 6 PM

Sat. 10 AM - 1 PM



# National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week 2016

4/10/2016

**WHEREAS**, the National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA) is committed to setting the standard of professionalism in animal welfare and public safety through training, networking, and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, NACA has designated the second week of April each year as Animal Control Officer **Appreciation Week**; and

**WHEREAS**, animal care and control professionals dedicate their lives to the health and safety of at-risk, helpless animals; and

**WHEREAS**, they work to rescue and protect animals from injury, disease, abuse, and starvation; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, state, and local government officials throughout the country take this time of the year to recognize, thank, and commend all Animal Care and Control Professionals for the dedicated service they provide to the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia recognizes and commends Animal Care and Control Professionals for the many dedicated and long hours of service they perform in serving Virginia, and for fulfilling the commitment to providing the highest and most efficient level of customer service;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize April 10-16, 2016, as **ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**Ruth Ann Silvey** started working as an Animal Shelter Attendant with Prince George in 2008. Ruth Ann oversees the daily cleaning operations at the center as well as making sure all of the pets receive their prescribed treatments, vaccinations, and preventative care. Ruth Ann is a compassionate worker who is dedicated to ensuring every animal that enters the center is treated with the respect and humane care they deserve.



## ***NEW MOBILE ADOPTION TRAILER***



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*Animal Services picked up the new mobile adoption trailer. The trailer was purchased through a grant from Maddie's Fund. The trailer has both heat and air conditioning, stainless steel animal holding areas, large windows for pet viewing, a generator and hot and cold water. The trailer may also be used in the event of a disaster to temporarily house pets in need.*

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*ACO Dlugos and ACO Hancock are attending the National Animal Control and Humane Officer Academy in Kannapolis N.C. the week of May 2nd. This is the first of two weeks of training that lead to National Certification.*



# ADOPTIONS

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*We have had several adoptions of senior pets recently.*

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Blue 13 years old



Rupert 10 years old



Jake 12 years old



Calvin 11 years old



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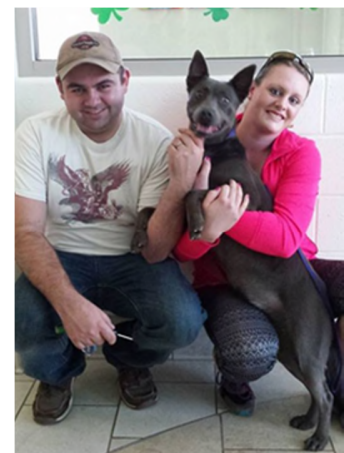
*Animal Services recently adopted out two puppies that needed to have their rear legs amputated due to traumatic injuries. Both puppies, Sawyer and Zepp, were placed in loving homes and are doing great.*

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*Officer Talley recently added a new family member to his life by adopting Izzie from the Adoption Center.*

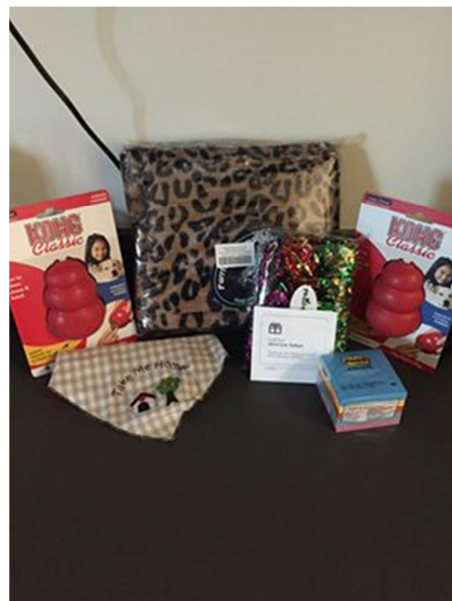
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*ACO Hancock and her certified therapy dog Coal participated in Math and Science Day at Walton Elementary School.*



*Citizen's wishing to donate supplies on our "Wish List" to the Adoption Center, can now do so directly via Amazon.com by using a link on our Facebook page.*







*We have recently received donations of pet food and treats from local businesses including Tractor Supply and Food Lion Distribution.*

*Donations also allow for some of our budgeted funds to be used for other needs for the animals.*



**You Don't See this  
Everyday!**

**ACO Newmeyer  
assisted with the  
capture and transport  
of an injured bald  
eagle that was located  
at Jefferson Park Rd  
to a wildlife  
rehabilitator.**



## PERSONNEL

Congratulations to our newest Sergeant, James M. Nicholas.

Sergeant Nicholas joined the Prince George Police Department in May 2008 as a Patrol Officer. In August 2015, Nicholas assumed additional responsibilities as a Field Training Officer.

Good Luck Sergeant Nicholas!



(R-L) Chief Keith Early and Sergeant James Nicholas



(L-R) Captain Eric Young, Sergeant James Nicholas, Chief Keith Early, Captain Brian Kei



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPDATED 4/18/2016

### APRIL

**APRIL 10 – 16, 2016**  
**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

**APRIL 10 – 16, 2016**  
**NATIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL**  
**WEEK**

**WELCOME RECEPTION – CHIEF EARLY**  
DISPUTANTA COMMUNITY CENTER  
APRIL 13, 2016  
TIME: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**CLEAN COMMUNITY DAY**  
COUNTY COMPLEX  
APRIL 16, 2016  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**THE GIRL SCOUTS BRONZE AWARDS -**  
**PET ADOPTION EVENT**  
TEMPLE PARK  
APRIL 16, 2016  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**WELCOME RECEPTION – CHIEF EARLY**  
BURROWSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
APRIL 20, 2016  
TIME: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**CHAMPIONS SPECIAL OLYMPICS MEET**  
PRINCE GEORGE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK  
APRIL 26, 2016  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK**  
PRINCE GEORGE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
APRIL 30, 2016  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### MAY

**MAY 15 – 21, 2016**  
**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

**HOMETOWN HEROES 5K**  
SCOTT PARK  
MAY 14, 2016  
8:00 AM START

**HOMETOWN HEROES PET ADOPTION**  
SCOTT PARK  
MAY 14, 2016  
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**PET RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC**  
PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY ADOPTION  
CENTER  
MAY 14, 2016  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
VACCINATIONS ARE \$10 EACH

**“TIP-A-COP” FUNDRAISER**  
NANNY’S RESTAURANT  
MAY 20, 2016  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**DMV2GO**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT SIDE PARKING LOT  
MAY 23, 2016  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**FT. LEE SAFETY DAY**  
FT. LEE MAIN PX  
MAY 25, 2016  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**We're on the WEB!**  
**[www.princegeorgecountyva.gov](http://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov)**

***"When a police officer is killed, it's not an agency that loses an officer, it's an entire nation." -Chris Cosgriff, ODMP Founder***



#### ***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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