

Prince George County Police Department News “In Partnership With The Community”



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New Look

Happy New Year! Our newsletter is taking on a new look for 2016 and will be published monthly to provide you with the latest news. We look forward to any comments or suggestions.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Although January 9th has passed we can still show our support for those that wear blue. To show support, citizens are encouraged to:

- See a police officer? Thank a police officer
- Wear blue clothing in support of law enforcement
- Send a card of support to your local police department
- Share a story about a positive police experience on social media
- Ask children in your community to write letters in support of law enforcement
- Organize an event or rally in support of your law enforcement officers
- Post support of your local law enforcement on social media

Prince George County “Copsicles”

UPDATE: The Copsicles are currently listed in 10th place for money raised as of 1/11/2016. We are just over half way to our goal and even though we have not yet met our original goal of \$5,000.00, we still have time to strive for it and remember your donation maybe tax deductible. For the members of the Copsicles keep up the good work raising donations for this worthy cause and for anyone that may want to join either team it's not too late. The Polar Plunge is on Saturday February 6th, 2016. We welcome you to come join in the fun and be “freezing” for a good reason!! Should you wish to make a donation then I have attached the “Prince George County Copsicles” team donation site as well as the “CT PGHS Royalty” team donation site to this email as a way to assist you with the donation process...Thank You in advance for your support,

Prince George County “COPSicles” Team Site:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/startup.aspx?eventid=177973&langpref=en-CA>

CT PGHS Royalty Team Site:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?langPref=en-CA&TSID=619463>

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Prince George County: Inoperable Vehicles

The County of Prince George and the Police Department need your help in cleaning up our county by getting rid of inoperable vehicles.

County Code, Sec 78-16.1 – Restriction on keeping inoperable vehicles and removal of such vehicles.

This code section requires that all inoperable motor vehicles that are visible by someone standing at ground level from outside of the property on which the vehicle is located be removed or complied with the Code of Virginia.

An inoperable motor vehicle is defined in Code of Virginia, § 15.2-905 as adopted by county code Sec. 78-16.1 as: "*...any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which is not in operating condition; or does not display valid license plates; or does not display an inspection decal that is valid or does display an inspection decal that has been expired for more than 60 days. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a licensed business that is regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor.*"

For further answers, please contact the Community Policing Unit at communitypolicing@princegeorgecountyva.gov or 804-863-1847.

FAQs

Why is inoperable vehicle removal important to our community?

These inoperable vehicles detract from the aesthetics of its surroundings. Additionally, inoperable vehicles can be hazardous to children and may be inhabited by vermin that may carry diseases that are harmful to the health of the community.

How many inoperable vehicles can I have on my property?

None. It is commonly believed that a homeowner can have one vehicle that is inoperable, but the code does not allow it.

How many days do I have to get my inoperable vehicle in compliance with the law?

You have 10 days without any legal ramifications.

What if I cannot get my inoperable vehicle in compliance with the law within 10 days?

An officer will conduct a follow up after 10 days and provide the County Attorney's Office with specific details of the property, inoperable vehicle owner, inoperable vehicle information, and specific reasons why the inoperable vehicle is still in violation. After the County Attorney's Office has been notified, the property owner and/or inoperable vehicle owner will receive a certified letter requesting the vehicle be brought into compliance within 30 days.

What if I cannot get my inoperable vehicle in compliance with the law within 30 days?

Your inoperable motor vehicle will be towed away and stored.

What other legal consequences am I subject to if I do not get my inoperable vehicle in compliance with the law within 30 days?

The cost of removal and disposal shall be charged to the owner of the property or vehicle. The cost of removal shall be collected as taxes and shall constitute a lien against the property until paid .

What are some ways I can shield my inoperable vehicle from view?

You can house your inoperable vehicle in an enclosed building/structure or behind a fence as long as it is not visible by someone standing at ground level from outside of the property

Where can I find more information about inoperable vehicles?

https://www.municode.com/library/va/prince_george_county/codes/code_of_ordinances

<http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode>

Looking Back As 2015 Came to a Close...

October 1 brought the retirement of Chief Ed Frankenstein after 30 years of service...**October 14** Police Department Open House is a success with over 100 attendees... **October 15** Officer Dillard receives MADD Award...**October 30** Annual Chaplains Breakfast...**November 13** Officer Santilli receives 1st Responder of the Year Award... **November 20** Fire & EMS Director Brad Owens presents an EMS unit citations to Officer Skelton and Officer Townsend for their efforts during a cardiac arrest in April; Officer Pearson receives a Certificate of Appreciation to for his support during the Fire and EMS youth summer camp; 2nd Senior Citizen Police Academy Graduation...**December 4th** Fallen Officers are remembered with the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony...**December 7** Animal Control Officer Dana Newmeyer reaches out for donations and delivers items to help an expecting mother in need...





Prince George County Emergency Communications Center News

The Prince George County Communications Center is staffed by professional communications personnel to provide around the clock service, to the citizens of Prince George County. Due to this high level of service, Communications Officers are required to work a variety of shifts. Their duties include; but are not limited to, receiving emergency 911 and non-emergency requests for Police, Animal Services and Fire/EMS. The Communications Officer must be able to determine the nature and urgency of incoming calls, prioritize the calls and dispatch the appropriate emergency equipment.

October 2015

Communications Officer Jessica Loftis and Retired CO Cynthia Myrick were honored by Fire Services with Lifesaving Awards for a call they handled on James River Drive.

November 2015

Communications Officer Trainees Amiee Beu and Jessie Shaw graduated from the DCJS Dispatch Academy and received their VCIN Level A certifications.

Communications Supervisors Tiffany Shutt and Kari Wilson attended the General Instructor Apprenticeship School at CCJA and both are now officially certified General Instructors.

December 2015

CAD switchover was conducted to the new Fire Services CAD Policies.

Don't forget to register your Alarm system! The new ordinance went into effect January 1, 2016. Registration forms are available from the Police Department or on the county website www.princegeorgecountyva.gov. Need additional information? Contact Tamie Perryman at 804-733-2773.



Animal Services Unit

Reminder:

2016 Dog Licenses are due by January 31st. You may purchase your license at the Prince George County Animal Services and Adoption Center or from the Prince George County Treasurer's Office.

Cold Weather and Your Pet:

Make sure your pets are provided with adequate shelter from the elements and insulation from the cold weather. Fresh water is a must at all times! Pets should not be left out for long periods of time in freezing weather.

Feral Cats:

If you have feral cats in your area, this is a great low-cost outdoor shelter for the coming winter.

<http://www.friends-of-felines.com/diy.php>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE 2016

BETWEEN 31ST – 34TH STREETS IN VIRGINIA BEACH
FEBRUARY 5 – 6, 2016
http://polarplunge.com/View/Page/Plunge_Events

DMV2GO

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
PARKING LOT
FEBRUARY 16, 2016
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

We're on the WEB!
www.princegeorgecountyva.gov

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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