April 2017– Employee of the Month

Please join us in congratulating Officer Charles E. Santilli as PGPD’s April, 2017 "Employee of the Month."

Officer Santilli is very dependable; he works very well with both coworkers and his supervisors. He never lets the stressors of the job affect his attitude, and always maintains a positive outlook.

Officer Santilli is an asset to our Agency and we commend him for his exemplary performance and dedication.

VA Child ID Program Event

The Prince George Masonic Lodge #115 will be conducting a Virginia Child Identification Program (VACHIP) Event at the 6th Annual Prince George Community Day at Scott Park. The event will be Saturday May 13th from 8AM-1PM.

VACHIP creates a CD Disk free of charge for parents with their child's picture, fingerprints, and other identifying information. In the event of that child being abducted or going missing, the disk can be uploaded by any police officer to law enforcement across the country as part of the Amber Alert system. Every second counts in the event of a child abduction and this is a vital tool we hope you will never need but every parent should have.

This system is also good for those who have Elderly family members who may suffer from dementia or other ailments. These disks help law enforcement in the case of Silver Alerts. The parents or guardians keep all the information collected from the event. They do not keep any of the data so please keep it in a safe place.

To learn more about the program please visit https://vachip.org/about
**National Police Week**  
**May 15 – 21, 2017**

**HISTORY**
In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Additional information can be found at [http://policeweek.org/index.html](http://policeweek.org/index.html).

**2016 Line of Duty Deaths**  
**Virginia**

"When a police officer is killed, it's not an agency that loses an officer, it's an entire nation."

- Chris Cosgriff, ODMP Founder

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**Corporal**  
Harvey Snook, III  
Arlington County Police Department, Virginia  
End of Watch: Thursday, January 14, 2016

**Officer**  
Ashley Marie Guindon  
Prince William County Police Department, Virginia  
End of Watch: Saturday, February 27, 2016

**Trooper II**  
Chad Phillip Dermyer  
Virginia State Police, Virginia  
End of Watch: Thursday, March 31, 2016
New Employee...

Please welcome our newest Officer. Officer Sarah Tollison was sworn in by Circuit Court Clerk, Bishop Knott on May 1st.

In The News...

A Successful Drug Take Back Day April 29th, 2017

Drug Take Back Event:

On Saturday, April 29th, the Prince George Police Department participated in the DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

The goal of this service is to help prevent misuse of unused, unwanted, or possibly dangerous prescription or over-the-counter medications, and to prevent potential health and safety hazards by using the old method of throwing the medications in the garbage or flushing them.

The event was our most successful yet with 266 pounds of drugs collected. Prince George Police Department would like to thank the DEA, the Crater Health District and the citizens whose participation made the event a huge success.
School Resource Officer Day

On May 9, 2011, the School Board approved to annually celebrate the third Wednesday in May as School Resource Officer Day which coincides with National Law Enforcement Week in May.

The Student Resource Officer Services Program was started in 1998 to promote a partnership between the police and school system to provide a safe school environment, assist with crime prevention and intervention and support school staff in teaching students citizenship skills.

School Resource Officers John Pearson, Eric McQuage, Cliff Skelton, Anthony Moegling and Philip Mayes were recognized on May 8, 2017 by the School Board at their annual meeting in celebration of School Resource Officer Day/National Law Enforcement Week.

School Board Chairman, Kevin Foster, commended the officers for their dedication to the students, staff and our community.

Thank you!

Animal Services & Adoption Center

Pinky and Yaeya wanted to give a special thank you to everyone who donated items from our Amazon wish list. It’s kitten season here and we appreciate the assistance with keeping them happy and healthy!

Our Amazon wish list is below if you are able to donate! Donations are also welcome in person if you prefer to not use Amazon.

http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/2JM2UI2V6USUG
Prince George County
Youth Public Safety Academy

**June 19- June 30, 2017**

Experience two weeks of hands on activities and exercises that will expose our youth to the world of Public Safety promoting team building, volunteerism, and leadership. We put the fun in learning while challenging them both physically and mentally! They will enjoy a “Behind The Scenes” for an inside look at fire and police services.

Prince George YPSA is a two week-long camp designed to expose our young citizens to role models in public safety – namely their local police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, as well as to teach them valuable life and safety lessons.

Lunch and academy t-shirts are provided to all students at no charge thanks to our generous sponsors and runs from 8:00am-4:00pm, daily. The academy is limited to twenty five students in each class, with a minimum of 10 students for the class to run.

Applications:

**Paper applications are due by June 1, 2017**  Applicants will be notified of status by June 6, 2017.

**Program Location:**

PG County EOC Building

6600 Courthouse Rd.

Prince George, VA 23875

**Mandatory Orientation:**

Friday June 9, 2017 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Classes Dates & Times:**

June 19 – June 30 1, 2017  8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Learn what emergency personnel do!

Experience what being Firefighter & Police Officer is like in Prince George County. As a student, you will learn all aspects of police, fire and emergency medical services while participating in discussions and hands on exercises.

**Why attend and how?**

You will gain understanding of fire and emergency medical services in your community, while getting an opportunity to explore possible career choices. If you would like to be a Fire Cadet or Police Explorer, this is a great opportunity to get your feet wet!

**To apply:**

Complete the application (click here for application) and get required recommendation letter by a staff member at your current school, you will receive notification to attend registration once selected.

**Requirements:**

- Interest in Public Safety (Fire or EMS)
- Commitment to successfully complete the academy.
- Prince George County students, rising 9th Thru 12th grade
- One written reference letter from a staff member at the applicant’s current school

**Topics Include:**

- Crime Scene Investigations
- Fire Suppression
- Evidence Collection
- Vehicle Extrications
- Crisis Intervention
- Search and Rescue
- Building Searches
- High Angle Rescues
- Defensive Driving
- Traffic Laws
- Judicial Process
- Investigations
- K-9 (dogs in police activities)
- AND MORE!!!

Please [click here](#) for an application.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**HOMETOWN HEROES PET ADOPTION EVENT**
Scott Park, 6380 Scott Park Memorial Drive, Prince George, VA
**May 13, 2017**
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**
May 15 – 21, 2017

**TIP-A-COP FUNDRAISER**
Nanny’s Restaurant, 11900 S. Crater Road, S. Prince George, VA
**May 19, 2017**
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN**
Courthouse Road, Prince George, VA
**June 8, 2017**
8 a.m. – 11 a.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.

**SHRED DAY**
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.

Hometown Hero 5K Run
Important – Road Closure Information on May 13, 2017

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, The Prince George County Hometown Hero’s 5K Run will take place. The following segment of Courthouse Road will be closed during the run: Courthouse Road between Laurel Spring Road (Rt. 106) and Prince George Drive (Rt. 156). The road will be closed from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 p.m.

The Prince George County Hometown Hero’s 5K Run will raise money to benefit citizens of our County looking to pursue careers in the Military, Law Enforcement, and Fire & EMS.

Access to the Prince George County Police Department, Luca’s Restaurant and the Post Office will be available on the Laurel Springs Road side. Please consider your arrangements ahead of time if you have plans to use this route.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Please contact the Prince George County Police Department’s Community Service Unit at (804)863-1847 if you have any questions or concerns in reference to this matter.
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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