Winter Storm – January 2016

The end of January brought blizzard conditions in Prince George. Please use the following tips to keep everyone safe, including our first responders:

- If you don’t have to go out, stay at home. Allow road crews to do the job of getting the roadways clear.
- Always turn on your headlights.
- Slow down and follow at a safe distance.
- Make sure your vehicles are full of gas.
- Remove all snow and ice from all windows and windshields so that you can see 360 degrees around the vehicle. Also, remove snow from your roof top.
- Never try to pass sand/plow trucks.
- Steer in smooth, precise movements to prevent skidding or losing control.
- Keep an ice scraper with a brush in your vehicle. Check your wiper fluid/de-icer.

HELPFUL LINKS FOR WINTER WEATHER:

National Weather Service: http://www.weather.gov/
VDOT Plows: http://vdotplows.org/
VDOT Traffic Cams: http://www.511virginia.org/
Dominion Power Outage Map: https://www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power
Prince George Electric Outage: http://www.pgec.coop/content/outage-texting

Thank you to all of our first responders and Emergency Communication Officers who braved the elements.
Prince George County has a New Police Chief

On February 24th, Interim Chief Eric A. Young announced to the Police Department that the County had hired a new Police Chief. On March 14th, Keith Early began his career in Prince George County as the new Chief of Police. Keith has over 20 years of police experience with Colonial Heights and Petersburg Police. When you get the opportunity to meet Chief Early please welcome him to our Police Department.

Captain Young also expressed his appreciation for the support shown to him over the last five months as he proudly served in the Interim Chief position.

Circuit Court Clerk, Bishop Knott swears in Chief Early on March 14, 2016

County Administrator, Percy Ashcraft presents Chief Early with his badge.
The “Prince George County COPsicles” wanted to let everyone know this year’s “Polar Plunge” events raised over 1 million dollars for Special Olympics for a fifth year in a row.

The 2016 Polar Plunge-Winter Festival-Virginia Beach event was held on February 6th with almost 4,000 brave souls taking the plunge into sub 40-degree temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean.

This year the “Prince George County COPsicles” had 17 team members and were able to raise over $11,290.00 for Special Olympics. As of today, the “COPsicles” were ranked 8th out of 250+ different teams at the Polar Plunge-Winter Festival for money raised.

*We want to say thank you to everyone that donated and participated. Great job!*
February 1, 2016
Auxiliary Officer

Richard R. Esque, Jr. “RJ”

(L-R) Captain Brian Keith, Officer Esque, Interim Chief Eric Young

March 1, 2016
Patrol Officers

Roman Borsch
Kelly Chamberlain
Christopher Womack

(L-R) Interim Chief Eric Young, Officer Borsch, Officer Chamberlain, Officer Womack, Captain Brian Kei
We absolutely love the support the critters here at the Adoption Center get from the local schools! Amazing job Harrison Bears! Thank you!

During the months of November and December, students at Harrison Elementary showed that team work can make a dream work by creating ceramic holiday ornaments in art class, selling them for $1.00 each, and donating 100% of the profits to Prince George County Animal Shelter.

The students’ initial goal was $300.00 and they exceeded that by raising a total of $419.00!

Way to pay it forward, Bears!
Boating season is upon us and several members of the Marine Unit attended the 10th Annual Search and Rescue Forum in Hampton, VA for 5 days of training.

The SAR Forum was hosted by The United States Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads and the Port of Virginia Maritime Incident Response Team and was attended by over 25 local Fire, EMS, and Police Marine Units.

The SAR forum is designed to sharpen Marine Units’ skills in a variety of maritime operations and build collaborative relationships with other Marine Units who may respond to maritime emergencies in the Port of Virginia area, which includes the James and Appomattox Rivers.

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.
HELP PREVENT AUTOMOBILE THEFTS AND DON'T BE A VICTIM!!

Don't leave your car running and unattended! I know its cold outside and it's tempting to warm-up your vehicle before hitting the road, but DON'T for any reason.

Thieves target automobiles for theft when vehicles are left idling and unattended while warming-up outside the owners' home. Thieves' also standby waiting on drivers to leave their vehicle running while pumping gas or while the driver goes into the store to pay for their gas or purchase an item. TURN THE IGNITION OFF AND TAKE YOUR KEYS WITH YOU- LOCK THE DOOR!

Know the facts about auto thefts and what makes an auto thief's job easy- what attracts a car theft?

- Leaving a car unlocked
- Leaving car windows down
- Leaving the keys in the car
- Leaving a car running and unattended
- Parking in poorly lit places with low visibility
- Leaving valuables in a car

So, make sure you bundle up and allow yourself extra time to sit with your vehicle while it's warming up- don't leave it running and unattended!!

Be safe-
MARCH

Pet Adoption Event
Boulevard Flowers – Spring Fling
2100 Ruffin Mill Road
Colonial Heights
March 19, 2016
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Welcome Reception – Chief Early
Prince George County Library
March 23, 2016
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

APRIL

Pet Rabies Clinic
Prince George County Adoption Center
April date TBD, 2016

Pet Adoption Event
Prince George Tractor Supply
April date TBD, 2016

Clean Community Day
County Complex
April 16, 2016
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Welcome Reception – Chief Early
Disputanta Community Center
April 13, 2016
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Welcome Reception – Chief Early
Burrowsville Community Center
April 20, 2016
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

National Drug Take-Back
Prince George Police Department
April 30, 2016
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
"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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On this date, we remember.....

Master Trooper Junius A. Walker
On March 7, 2013, Master Trooper Walker was shot and killed during a welfare check on a motorist stopped on the shoulder of Interstate 85 in Dinwiddie County. We will never forget.

Ofc. Jacai D. Colson
EOW 03/13/2016
Prince George's County Police Department,
Maryland

Ofc. Ashley Guindon
EOO 02/27/2016
Prince William County Police, VA

On this date, we remember.....

Blue Line Across America

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