Officer E.L. McQuage Graduates from 83rd Session of Forensic Science Academy

On April 12, 2013, Officer McQuage completed 9 weeks of Forensic Science training. Students learned to properly recognize, document, collect & preserve items of physical evidence found at crime scenes for laboratory examination. The course provides the necessary background information and practical techniques to permit maximum utilization of forensic science in the apprehension and prosecution of criminals in Virginia. Congratulations Officer McQuage!

Drug Take-Back Event Results

On April 27, 2013, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) coordinated and facilitated the Sixth National Prescription Drug Take-Back with state and local law enforcement agencies to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances and other unused, unwanted and unneeded pharmaceutical preparations from our nation’s homes. This event provided the opportunity for the public to surrender dispensed pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to Law Enforcement Officers for destruction. County citizens turned in 165 pounds of materials! Our communities are safer because of the robust response by the public to this initiative.

In Memory of Shelly…

April 9, 2013, marked one year since we lost Officer Shelly Sherman Crowder. Shelly, you will always be with us and we miss your spirit and enthusiasm.

Walk Against Drugs and Alcohol, May 4, Scott Park

This will be the 3rd Annual 5K Walk organized by Prince George County Government, Public Schools, Woman’s Club and the Tri-City Road Runners. Registration @ 7:15 AM with the race starting @ 8:00 AM.

For information on the 5K registration and fees, visit pgs.k12.va.us.

Hopewell / Prince George Gang Prevention & Awareness Community Forum at Hopewell High School

May 4, 10:00 AM ‘til 2:00 PM

Topics Include: Information on gang trends locally and statewide; signs of gang activity; what to look for in our youth; warning signs at home and prevention strategies.

Sponsored by the Prince George and Hopewell Commonwealth’s Attorney’s.
Route 460 Corridor Improvements Design-Build Team Coming to Prince George County Beginning in April

The Commonwealth Transportation Board of Virginia selected the joint-venture team of American Infrastructure-Virginia and Ferrovial Agromán of Spain as the builders of the proposed U.S. Route 460. The joint-venture team, operating as US 460 Mobility Partners, is scheduled to begin work on the project in 2014 for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Scheduled completion is in 2019.

The 55-mile roadway will be a four-lane, limited-access highway with seven interchanges and 60 bridges, and it will parallel the current Route 460 corridor, a congested surface artery that no longer can accommodate the traffic volume in and through the five counties it traverses.

A representative from US 460 Mobility Partners recently paid a visit to Chief Frankenstein to let him know that sub-contracting companies will have people “in the field” beginning in late April. These individuals will all have proper ID’s if they are challenged by citizens who want to know why they are on private property. US 460 Mobility Partners hopes to soon have a list of the sub-contracting companies that they can share with us. According to their representative, they will be in close contact with Mr. Ashcraft and Chief Frankenstein to keep them informed. The local office for US 460 Mobility Partners is located on Concourse Boulevard in Glen Allen.

County Administration has also announced that property owners along the route of the proposed new 460 will be receiving letters from VDOT and the Contractor regarding the project.
Animal Services and Adoption Center
“Otto” Update

Otto, the injured dog that caught the attention of pet lovers all over the tri-cities area finally received his long awaited surgery to repair his injured hip. He is recovering in good spirits and will be available for adoption upon clearance from his doctor.

New York Couple Adopts Puppy After Viewing Video

The staff at the Prince George Adoption Center created another video release highlighting adoptable pets at the shelter. Shiloh, a 1 year-old male beagle was one of the featured pets. Shiloh was brought to the shelter in early January. He was completely withdrawn, malnourished and wary of everyone. Four months later, Shiloh is a playful energetic pup that loves playing with the other dogs and having his belly rubbed. His shining personality was captured on video and touched the heart of Michael Farrell and his wife all the way in Freehold, New York, a town just outside of Albany. With a spotless application and excellent referrals the adoption was finalized and Shiloh the mistreated, unloved beagle we first met began a much happier chapter in his life.

Dog Licenses Now Available for Purchase at the Adoption Center

County license tags are now available for purchase at the Adoption Center. Pat Hutzell was the first to buy a tag at the center after complying with a notice left by the officers during their first neighborhood license sweep. Sweeps will be conducted throughout the summer to ensure a higher rate of compliance by dog owners.
A valid rabies certificate is required in order to purchase a tag.
All dogs are required to be licensed annually and wear the tag on their collars.
Fees are-
$5.00 unsexed dog
$10.00 intact dogs
Kennels up to 20 dogs $30.00
Kennels of 20-50 dogs $50.00
**Personnel News**

**Police Officer Ernest E. Dillard** - Officer Dillard comes to Prince George County as a fully certified Officer from the Petersburg Bureau of Police with over 3 years of experience there. A resident of Prince George County, Officer Dillard desired to work in the County where he lived and we welcome him to our Police force.

**Communications Officer Lisa R. Hartsell** - Lisa began working in our Communications Center on April 15th. She has been an active member of the Prince George Volunteer Fire Department since December of 2000 so she is definitely not a stranger to the County. We look forward to working with Lisa in the Communications Center.

**Animal Control Officer Dana M. Newmeyer** - While Dana is not new to the Police Department, she is new to the Animal Services and Adoption Center as an Animal Control Officer. Dana was hired in 2003 as a Communications Officer but has always wanted to work with animals. She was transferred to Animal Services on April 1st and is very happy with her new assignments.
Business Watch

In January 2013, The Prince George County Police Department started a “Business Watch” Program for area businesses designed with focus on Crime Prevention and Business Security. The program's goal is to reduce crime, or the fear of crime, while promoting communication between the area businesses and the Police Department. The Business Watch program is a form of Neighborhood Watch and will allow “neighbors” to have an avenue for sharing information as well as understanding/promoting basic crime prevention. This program was started in the area of the Crossings Shopping Center with Ms. Traci Hackley of the Baymont Inn and Suites being the first to register as a member. Since then, 24 other businesses have signed up as members. The Business Watch has started to expand to other County businesses along the Temple Avenue corridor with both Crossroads car dealerships and the Work Zone as members.

If you’re a business owner/manager and want more information or wish to join in as a member of the Prince George County Business Watch then please contact Officer Harold Shreves or Officer Earl Crawford of the Prince George Community Policing Unit at (804) 863-1847 or you may e-mail communitypolicing@princegeorgeva.org.

Find Us On Facebook!

In an effort to enhance our communication with the community, the Prince George County Police Department has launched a new Facebook page. Citizens can expect to see news releases, department events, along with other programs and services offered by our department. County leaders to include the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, Mr. Percy Ashcraft and Chief of Police Ed Frankenstei

Law Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics June 6, 2013 at 8:30 AM
Contact Community Policing for complete information. 804-863-1847 or communitypolicing@princegeorgeva.org
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.

Ending Thoughts from Chief Frankenstein

Tri-Cities Police Memorial Service....

Each year, Law Enforcement Officers from the cities of Petersburg, Hopewell, and Colonial Heights, along with the County of Prince George and the Fort Lee Military Police gather to honor those Officers from each of our local jurisdictions who were killed in the line of duty. This year, my thoughts turn to Virginia State Police Master Trooper Junius A. Walker who was killed in the line of duty on March 7th. Let us all continue to honor him in our thoughts and prayers.

In 2013, May 12 through May 18 has been designated National Police Memorial Week to recognize those Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities. The Petersburg Bureau of Police is hosting the annual Tri-Cities Police Memorial Breakfast and Ceremony this year on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at the Hopewell Moose Lodge No. 1472, 4701 Western Street, Hopewell. This Memorial Service is to honor and remember those who went before us and to share in the fellowship with Law Enforcement Officers from our surrounding jurisdictions.