On February 2, 2013, 27 members of the Prince George County “Copsicles” braved the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean to participate in the 2013 Annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. A total of over 3,000 people participated and raised $1,250,000.00 for Special Olympics! The Prince George Copsicles raised a total of $11,258. This amount represents the most donations raised in the 4 years since the Copsicles have been participating in the Polar Plunge.

On April 27, 2013, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will coordinate and facilitate the sixth national prescription drug take-back with state and local law enforcement agencies to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. In the last drug take-back in September of 2012, citizens across the nation turned in 244 tons of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal. In Virginia, 125 agencies collected over 14,700 pounds at 177 take-back sites. Our communities are safer because of the robust response by the public to this initiative.

(Intra-venous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted due to the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.)
Patrol Division News and Events

Officer Charles E. Santilli, III is our newest Officer in Patrol. A graduate of Henrico County Police Academy, he began his Police Career in the Henrico Police Department. To be closer to home, Charles joined the Richard Bland College Police Department in 2009. He began with Prince George on December 1st and is currently assigned to the evening shift. We welcome his knowledge and experience.

Rachel Golonka will graduate from Crater Academy on March 15th. The graduation ceremony will be held in the Douglas Wilder Building at Virginia State University at 11:00 AM.

Brief highlights from the Department Meeting 2/14/2013:

- **12-hour Shifts** - Effective July 1, 2013.
- **Physical Fitness**—Tests possibly in June but practice dates will be announced.

Hazardous Areas in County—VDOT partners with Public Safety to provide extra eyes in identifying hazardous spots.

Inoperable Vehicles—Responsibility of all Officers, not just Community Policing.

Alvin Jones has accepted a position as a Police Officer. He will start at the Police Academy on April 1, 2013.

Detective Division Feature - Polygraphs

During 2012 Detective Reed assisted in providing two agencies with Polygraph Intern Positions.

Virginia State Police Special Agent T. Goodpasture started 5/4/12 and successfully completed in January 2013. He was able to obtain his Polygraph License through The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

Dinwiddie Sheriff’s Office Detective D. Bunch started 8/14/12 and is continuing to work with Detective Reed in order to be able to successfully complete his training to get his license.

Detective Reed obtained his Polygraph Training through the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center in 2007. He obtained his Polygraph License through The Department Of Professional and Occupational Regulation in 2008. Detective Reed has conducted approximately 150 exams since 2008.

First District 1 School Resource Officer Meeting

The Prince George County Police Department hosted the first School Resource Officer meeting for District 1. The group S.T.A.N.D (SRO Tactics and Networking for District 1) consists of the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan, Prince George and Sussex and also the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg and Richmond.

The purpose of this meeting was to bring local representatives together to share ideas and gain knowledge for safer schools and to build a network among all District 1 School Resource Officers so they can share information. Discussed at the meeting were topics of securing schools, school safety and administrator and teacher training.
The new voice on the radio belongs to our new Animal Services Officer, Rachel F. Dlugos. Rachel is a County resident and a graduate of Prince George High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from James Madison University. Before being employed by Prince George County, she was an Admissions Counselor at the Richmond SPCA. Welcome aboard Rachel! We all look forward to working with you.

Rachel Williamson is the new Office Associate at the Animal Services Center. She has been working as a Kennel Attendant since 2009. Rachel successfully competed for the position of Office Associate and will officially begin that role on March 1st. Rachel graduated in 2012 from Virginia State with a B.A. in Pre-Veterinary Medicine/Animal Science. Her hobbies include watching Netflix and spending time with her dog Lilly.

**Escapees From Crater Detention Captured**

On Saturday, February 9, 2013, four juveniles escaped from Crater Detention during an apparent inmate uprising. On Sunday morning, February 10 at around 7:30 AM, a citizen driving in the 10000 block of Prince George Drive was flagged down by four males asking for help. Knowing a search was underway for the four escapees; the citizen fled the area and contacted police. Arriving officers canvassed the area and located a residence that appeared to have been burglarized. Officers conducted a search of the home and located four juveniles inside and confirmed they were the escapees from Crater Detention Center. At the time of the break-in, the homeowner was out of town. The juveniles have been charged with felony escape and potentially face additional charges from the incident as well as the burglary.

County leaders and the Police Department would like to thank all of the participating agencies and vigilant citizens who contributed in the search and capture of the four escapees.

**Communications**

We have a new Communications Officer, Beverly M. Trainum, who will begin her training on March 1st. The ECC will still have 2 vacant positions to fill.

Recently, all of the Communications Staff completed Crisis Intervention Training. In order to keep current on new techniques and information, staff members will attend training throughout 2013. At this time we are looking to send staff to classes on such topics as Dispatchers Role in Active Shooter Incidents and the Evolution of Terrorism.
The First Annual Top Stick
Team Tournament for Special Olympics

Where: Smith Mountain Lake—Parkway Marina
When: Saturday March 30, 2013  7AM to 3PM
Who: Presented by Angler’s Choice Marine in association with the Virginia State Police and the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office with all proceeds to benefit Special Olympics of Virginia through the Law Enforcement Torch Run

Rules: Angler’s Choice Tournament Trail Rules apply (a copy will be provided at registration) to this two man team format. Mr. Chris Lucas will be the rules official for this tournament.

Costs: Pre-registration costs $120 per boat—This includes $20 for big fish pots (big largemouth and smallmouth—2 different 50/50 pots) and must be postmarked by March 25th, 2013. Teams may register the day of the event, but the cost will be $140 per boat. There will be a 70% payback based on entry fees for this event—the number of places paid is contingent on the number of boats entered in the tournament. Go to torchrunva.com to get your forms!

To Register: Make checks payable to Special Olympics of Virginia. Mail your completed registration form, waivers, and entry Fees to: SOVA Top Stick c/o VSP, 15148 State Police Road, Culpeper, Virginia 22701. (Don’t forget the 3-25-13 deadline for postmarked entries to get the reduced rate!)


Many of our sponsors have donated items to be raffled and/or silent auctioned at this event. Bring your wallet and your checkbook to support this worthy cause!!
2013 Law Enforcement Torch Run
Shirts and Hats are on sale **NOW!!!**

To purchase your 2013 TORCH RUN gear, contact either: Officer Earl Crawford or Officer Harold Shreves.

[communitypolicing@princegeorgeva.org](mailto:communitypolicing@princegeorgeva.org) or (804) 863-1847.

Items are $15 each or two of any combination for $25.

All Proceeds Benefit Special Olympics Virginia.
An internal letter sent to Police Department personnel:

On Saturday, February 9, 2013, during the evening hours, four juveniles fled from the Crater Detention Center on County Drive. This occurred during an uprising of inmates and a malicious attack on Corrections Officers. An exhaustive search began and continued into the night. In the morning hours, we received a call from a citizen who had spotted the juveniles on Prince George Drive. Our efforts were then concentrated on that particular location where the juveniles were apprehended.

The Staff and I have thoroughly reviewed all information logged during this incident. To see the total picture of the events involved and how they developed from beginning to end is quite remarkable. From the initial call into the Communications Center to the intense apprehension of all four juveniles, I feel that every section of the Department contributed to the conclusion; that includes Dispatch, Patrol, Detectives, K9’s, and Staff.

I would just like to thank you all for your professionalism and dedication to the successful conclusion of a potentially violent situation. Everyone pulled together and implemented their respective roles without hesitation. I am very proud of the way you all worked together for the protection of County citizens as well as each other.