Please join us in congratulating Lt. Noel Watson, as our March, 2019 “Employee of the Month” recipient.

During the month of March, Lt. Watson responded to a burglary in progress of an occupied residence. Once on scene, several masked intruders were observed inside of the dwelling. As an opportunity presented itself, Lt. Watson made a decision to enter the residence and confront the suspects. With the assistance of other officers, all of the suspects were placed into custody without further incident. Several firearms, along with stolen property, were located and recovered from the immediate vicinity of the arrestees.

Noel’s leadership, experience, and quick decision making brought this potentially volatile situation to an expeditious, safe conclusion.

Please join me in congratulating Lt. Watson, and our involved night-shift officers, for a job, well done!
Retirement Commendation

We had the pleasure alongside county staff, citizens, and Prince George County board members on April 9, 2019, to recognize Officer Chris Helmer at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

We thank Officer Helmer for his dedication to the department and we wish him all the best in retirement. Congratulations!

4th Annual Appomattox Trail Run – April 6, 2019

PGPD representing at the 4th Annual 5K Appomattox Trail Run.

(L-R, Russell Blystone, Det. Christina Noblin, Officer Charlie Santilli, ACO Samantha Santilli, Officer Brad Whitley, Captain Michael Taber, Officer Justin Gilbert, Chief Keith Early – Center front – Lady Sansa)
PGPD WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES!

On April 17, Officers Blake Bryant and Ross West began their careers with the Prince George County Police Department and will begin field training. Please join us in congratulating these new officers. We wish them much success as they begin a new chapter in their professional lives.

Recruit Amber Renner-Bajana began her career on April 1, 2019 with the Prince George Police Department. Recruit Renner-Bajana started her training for the next 22 weeks at the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy to become a Prince George Officer and will receive valuable training to help her join her fellow officers on the roads of PG! Join us in congratulating her and wishing her success in her career.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

We are so proud to announce that Lady Sansa and handler Officer Santilli earned national certification as a therapy dog! Starting her prep at only eight weeks old, it’s no wonder that Sansa scored best in class on the rigorous 13-part test. Congratulations to PG’s top therapy dog team!
National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week

Thank you, Officers of the Prince George County Animal Services and Adoption Center for all that you do to keep us safe, but also our furry friends!

#PGPD #ACLife #ThankYou

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Communication Officers are the first link in the public safety chain.

*These are ordinary people doing extraordinary things, thank you for ALL you do!*

#family #PGPDProud #TelecommunicatorsWeek2019
As you may remember, back in November of 2018, K-9 Chace sustained a serious injury to one of his hind legs during a training exercise. Unfortunately, after several surgical attempts to save his leg, the best course of action for Chace was an amputation.

Chace is a dual purpose, Patrol K-9. He is certified in both drug detection and patrol (tracking and apprehension). On the business end of things, Chace has already earned every penny of investment during his short career with his PGPD Team. Moving forward, Chace’s patrol abilities may be limited, but he will remain in service as a narcotics detection K-9. Chace is in great spirits, and he seems to be unaware of his limitations.

Regarding K-9 Chace, his recovery, and our plan to put him back in service in a limited narcotics detection capacity, we have received several inquiries about how our community partners can contribute monetary donations towards him and our K-9 Program.

In addition to Chace, we are expeditiously working towards adding another K-9 to our force. Our new K-9 will be a patrol resource, specializing in tracking and apprehension. Police K-9 programs are a significant investment, but these assets provide specialized resources that help our officers protect our community.

Any individual or organization wishing to donate to our K-9 Program can do so in one of two ways:

First, we accept cash or checks made payable to the Prince George County Police Department, attention K-9 program. Donations can be made in person or via mail.

Prince George County Police Department
Attention: Police K-9 Program
6600 Courthouse Road
Prince George, VA 23875

Second, donations can be accepted by our non-profit, Prince George County Public Safety Foundation.

Prince George County Public Safety Foundation, Inc.
Attention: Police K-9 Program
P.O. Box 1193
Prince George, VA 23875

For questions concerning the Prince George Police Department K-9 section, please contact Captain Mike Taber at mtaber@princegeorgecountyva.gov.

As always, we appreciate our community support!
SPECIAL OLYMPIC LITTLE & BIG FEET MEET

We had a fantastic time on April 10th participating in the Special Olympics “Little & Big Feet Meet” at the High School. All of the young athletes did an outstanding job and had a wonderful time!

#CommunityPartnerships #PGPD
**DRUG TAKEBACK DAY A SUCCESS!**

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, 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 extremely successful with a staggering 397 pounds of drugs collected.*

Prince George Police Department would like to thank the DEA, the volunteers, and the citizens whose participation made the event a huge success.

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**Youth Public Safety Academy – Rising Ninth Graders to Seniors**

The ultimate summer adventure!

We’re requesting you and your friends assume the role of a Prince George Police Officer and a Prince George Firefighter. It’s a heavy responsibility but, you’ll spend two weeks finding bad guys, solving crimes as a leading detective, and playing hard while learning specialty skills.

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

Lunch and academy t-shirts are provided to all students at no charge thanks to our generous sponsors. The hours are from 8:00am-5:00pm, daily. The academy is limited to Thirty (30) students in each class, with a minimum of 10 students.

Applications:

Paper applications are due by May 31, 2019; Applicants will be notified of status by June 5, 2019.

Program Location: Central Wellness Center, 11033 Prince George Dr., Disputanta, VA 23842

Mandatory Orientation at the Central Wellness Center: Friday, June 7, 2018 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Classes Dates & Times: June 17 – June 28, 2018 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested please contact Community Services Unit at: (804) 733-2773.
UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY**

**Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser**
Nanny’s Restaurant
Date: May 3, 2019
5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

**Pet Adoption Event**
Hometown Heroes 5K & Little Feet Meet Fun Run 1-Miler and Kinder-Dash Event
Scott Park Pavilion
Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George
May 4, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 12N

**National Police Week**
May 6 – 10, 2019

**Ft. Lee Safety Day**
Fort Lee Px
Date: May 22, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 2 P.M.

**JUNE**

**Youth Public Safety Academy Orientation**
Central Wellness Center
June 7, 2019
6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

**Youth Public Safety Academy (Applications due by June 1, 2019)**
Central Wellness Center, 11033 Prince George Dr., Disputanta, VA
June 17 – 28, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Special Olympic Torch Run**
Courthouse Road (Walton Elementary to Beazley Elementary)
Date: June 6, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Runners meet by 8:30 a.m.)
**Bike Rodeo**
Scott Park – Farmers Market
Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George
Date: June 22, 2019
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**July**
Guns & Hoses Softball Game
Scott Park – Upper Field
July 31, 2019
6:00 P.M.

**August**
National Night Out
August 6, 2019
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**October**
Shred Day & Food Drive
Ft. Lee Credit Union
4495 Crossings Blvd., Prince George, VA
October 12, 2019
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**Prince George County Animal Services and Adoption Center Open House**
8391 County Drive, Disputanta, VA
Date: TBD
11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**Pet Adoption Event - TBD**
Richard Bland Pecan Festival
October 12, 2019
11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic**
Date & Time TBD
Prince George Animal Services and Adoption Center
8391 County Dr., Disputanta

**December**
Wreath Laying Ceremony (Two Events)
Merchants Hope Cemetery and South Lawn Memorial Park, Prince George, VA
December 6, 2019
9:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M.
April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month - so BE AWARE!

On the road with friends? Ask a passenger to be your “designated texter” and keep everyone safe. Texting and driving not only endangers you, it endangers everyone around you!

#PhoneDown #JustDrive #PGPD

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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