



OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Each month the Citizen Advisory Committee recognizes an officer for his or her outstanding performance and dedication. This month we would like to recognize Officer Scott Burris.

On Saturday, August 28, 2004, at approximately 3:22 a.m., Officer Burris was on routine patrol when he observed a vehicle traveling northbound on Backlick Road. The driver of the vehicle shut off his lights and made an abrupt left turn onto Leestone Street and then a right onto Leestone Court. At this point, all three occupants bailed out of the vehicle and ran away. Officer Burris initiated a foot pursuit and advised the dispatcher of what was going on. Other officers responded to the area to set up a perimeter. All three suspects were apprehended by K-9.

As it turns out, the vehicle had been stolen the night before, and there were three handguns left in the vehicle by the owner. One of the arrested subjects was an adult, and the other two subjects were juveniles. Officer Burris transported the adult to the Adult Detention Center where he obtained warrants charging him with receiving stolen property, grand larceny of a firearm and possession of a firearm by an alien. He was held without bond. Petitions were obtained for the two juveniles.

If it had not been for Officer Burris' quick response to this incident, the suspects could have easily gotten away. He is commended for his dedication and hard work on this case.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.

~George Washington

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Dates to remember:

- February 12—Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14—Valentine's Day
- February 16—CAC Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- February 21—President's Day
- February 22—Washington's Birthday

RECENT CRIME TRENDS

Robberies:

There continues to be street robberies occurring throughout the district. In most incidents, a weapon was used during the robbery.

Larcenies from Vehicles:

Work trucks and vans are being targeted and various tools stolen from them throughout the district.

Gang Graffiti:

MS13 and SSL graffiti is showing up throughout the district on fences, buildings, etc.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is seeking participants to attend the 7th CPA session this spring. The CPA is a 30-hour program designed to provide members of the public a better understanding of the operation of the police department and the daily challenges faced by our officers. Students will be afforded the opportunity to learn about Department resources, programs and most importantly the men and women who comprise an organization nationally recognized as a leader in the law enforcement community.

The next academy will begin March 31, 2005, at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy and will run until June 4, 2005. Nine of the ten classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The final class will be held on a Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class locations will rotate to various police facilities throughout the county.

Applicants are required to live or work in Fairfax County and be at least 18 years of age and able to provide their own transportation to and from training. Acceptance into the course is subject to review of the applicant's criminal record and police contact history. Only two class absences are permitted. For more information, or to register for the class, please call Donna Spiewak at (703) 280-0524 or email her at Donna.Spiewak@fairfaxcounty.gov.

PROJECT LIFESAVER

The sheriff's office has recently initiated a program called "Project Lifesaver" that is designed to locate individual's with autism, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's and related diseases and disabilities. Project Lifesaver's state-of-the-art equipment is the most reliable and practical technology available for missing persons. The transmitter that is worn is a personalized wristband that emits a silent signal every second, 24 hours a day. This signal is tracked on the ground or air over several miles. Since each wristband has a unique frequency, the Project Lifesaver search team can quickly locate the person who has wandered away from home.

The Project Lifesaver team is made up of over 100 volunteers from within the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and is comprised of sworn deputies and civilian staff members. They are highly trained and certified to provide clients with the most effective electronic search and rescue program in Fairfax County.

For more information or to see if someone qualifies to be entered into the program, please contact the Project Lifesaver coordinator at (703) 246-2805.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

MATURE OPERATOR'S DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MODIP)

The Fairfax County Police Department offers residents 55 years of age and older enrollment in the Mature Operator's Driver Improvement Program (MODIP). This eight-hour course, which provides safe driving information, is sanctioned by the American Automobile Association (AAA) and is presented by certified Fairfax County Auxiliary Police Officers. Upon completion of this course, drivers are eligible for the Virginia state-mandated insurance premium reduction (check with individual insurance carriers for the amount). The classes are held the second Saturday of each month at the Franconia Police Station located at 6121 Franconia Road. The next MODIP class will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Subsequent classes are scheduled for March 12, 2005, and April 9, 2005. Registration is required and can be done by contacting the MODIP reservation line at (703) 924-6588 or (703) 280-0621. The fee for this course is \$10.00 per person for books and materials.

SEXUAL ASSAULT FREE AND EMPOWERED (SAFE)

In the United States a woman is assaulted every six minutes. Three out of four women will experience at least one violent crime in their lifetimes. Could you effectively defend yourself if attacked? SAFE is a woman's self-defense program that teaches realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. The program begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance. It then progresses to the basics of hands-on defense training. To learn more about SAFE or to register for the course, please call (703) 246-7806.

Franconia Police Station Services

Please contact the crime prevention office at (703) 922-8263 or e-mail us at fracpo@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information on the following services:

Eye on Crime Newsletter and Weekly Crime Report: If you are interested in being on our e-mail / mailing list for the monthly Eye on Crime Newsletter or on the e-mail list for the Weekly Crime Report, please contact us to sign up.

Home/Business Security Assessments: Are you concerned about the safety and security of your home or business? If so, call us to schedule a free security assessment. We will make recommendations and offer suggestions on how you can better safeguard your home or business.

Neighborhood Watch Training: We will not be scheduling any more monthly training sessions at the station due to the low turnout of people. If your community is interested in receiving Neighborhood Watch training, please call us and we will schedule a time to come to your community and give the training.

VIN Etching: The vehicle identification number is etched into the windows of your car to help reduce the risk of vehicle theft. Please contact us to schedule an appointment.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Child Safety Seat Inspection Hotline
(703) 280-0559

Citizen Reporting Unit
(703) 922-2230

For reports not requiring an officer
Allow 24-72 hour call back time
OR

On-line Reporting
www.fairfaxcounty.gov, public safety-
police

Fairfax County Crime Solvers
(703) 691-8888 or 1(866) 411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (703) 691-2131