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Newport News Sheriff's Office — *Committed to Making a Difference*

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LOOK Forward

→ To these events:

1 Are You Man Enough?



The Annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" will be held Saturday, April 2nd at the Peninsula Town Center in Hampton, VA. The men's march benefits the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors.

The new location is not going to scare the Newport News Sheriff's Office away. Team NNSO will cross city lines and outshine their Hampton Sheriff's Office counterpart.

What: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

When: April 2 — Registration @ 10am
Walk @ 11am

Where: Peninsula Town Center
Hampton, VA

More Info: call 599-9844 or visit
www.visitthecenter.org

2 Arresting Hunger Together"

"Hunger and poverty can be directly linked to crime," explained Sheriff Gabe Morgan about his reasons to host a food bank fundraiser.

ALL donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE and all proceeds benefit the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank capital campaign to pay for a new building. ☘

FOODBANK
of the Virginia Peninsula
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Hosted by
Newport News Sheriff's Office
KILN CREEK GOLF CLUB
Newport News, VA
Friday, May 6, 2011
Additional Information: (757) 358-9131



3 Protect Yourself from Identity Theft



The Newport News Sheriff's Office continues its commitment to fight identity theft with a FREE Shred Day.

Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m. @ Farmers Market; Jefferson Avenue and 29th Street in Southeast Newport News.

Don't let a thief get a hold of your personal information. Gather important documents you want destroyed and bring them to the Shred Day.

The Sheriff's Office will host another free shredding in the north end of the City in August. ☘

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Dep. B. D. Bolden	Dep. G. L. Robertson
Sgt. M. Feliciano	Nurse C. L. Judkins
Dep. W. P. Loth	Cpl. D. A. Perez
Cpl. C. Q. Woodhouse	Dep. S. N. Anby
Ms. E. J. Timas	Lt. A. L. Maule
Dep. I. R. Araiza	Lt. S. M. Whitfield
Dep. G. K. Harris	Cpl. J. C. Brenzel
Sgt. C. L. Chandler	Sgt. M. E. Webb
Lt. J. L. Smith	Dep. D. J. White
Dep. D. A. Turner	Dep. R. L. Ellis
Dep. R. F. Donato	Dep. S. W. Walls

MAY

Maj. B. J. Thomas	Dep. C. S. Serrette
Dep. E. Feliciano	Dep. G. M. Armstrong
Nurse S. R. Rankin	Dep. K. L. Taylor
Sgt. L. R. Mebane	Dep. L. M. Winfree
Nurse. H. M. Hasan	Ms. R. M. Carson
Dep. T. W. Strother	Maj. J. D. Vergakis
Dep. D. C. Adams	Cpl. T. Zanders
Dep. C. R. Agee	Dep. N. Agosto-Gerena

JUNE

Sgt. H. W. McCoy	Nurse D. J. Greggs
Dep. C. D. Daniels	Dep. A. Ortiz
Dep. D. D. Page	Dep. A. L. Pinkney
Mr. J. Brumbaugh	Dep. S. K. Wall
Dep. D. L. Hill	Dep. C. A. Peake
Civil Clerk, A. Morgan	Dep. R. D. Love
MDep. M. T. McGee	Dep. T. V. Corbett
Dep. D. L. Jones	

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birth:** ★ Dep. D. L. Hill gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Little Raeniyah was born on January 2nd! Congratulations!
- Engagement:** ♡ Dep. S. V. Richardson, court security, got engaged on March 15th. Congratulations!
- Anniversary:** **15 year:** Capt. R. S. Coleman 2/96; Lt. S. M. Whitfield 2/96
10 year: Sgt. L. M. Chandler 2/01
5 year: Sheriff Gabe Morgan 1/06; Lt. K. Carey 2/06; Lt. J. L. Smith 2/06;
 Cpl. J. C. Brenzel 3/06; MDep. P. A. Chapman 2/06; Dep. K. L. Taylor 2/06



Thank you to those who gave to the "Flower Fund" during the month of February. There was 39% participation.

If you still wish to become a member, please give \$12 to Sgt. C. Zanders. What equals a dollar a month brings immeasurable comfort to those who lose a loved one.

PROMOTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bannon, C. P.	Corporal	January 1, 2011
Boothe-Hardy, S. D.	Corporal	January 1, 2011
Chapman, S. L.	Corporal	January 1, 2011
Churchill, W. G.	Corporal	January 1, 2011
Morales, E. D.	Corporal	January 1, 2011
Woodhouse, C. Q.	Corporal	January 1, 2011
Aikins, A.	Master Deputy	January 1, 2011
McGee, M. T.	Master Deputy	January 1, 2011

Turkish civil servants tour jail and courts

The Newport News Sheriff's Office was presented with a rare opportunity to exchange ideas with a foreign delegation of civil servants. The group from Turkey consisted of professionals being groomed for senior leadership positions in their own country.

Old Dominion University received a grant with the Turkish Ministry of the Interior for a professional development program, and the Norfolk university reached out to Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan for help. As part of the ODU program, the Turkish delegation visited a variety of civic and public institutions. The Newport News Sheriff's Office was selected to provide an overview of its responsibilities.

"The introduction of our Turkish delegation to the Newport News law enforcement and court system was invaluable," said Dr. Regina Karp, Director of the Graduate Program in International Studies.

"We appreciate Sheriff Morgan's unique assistance with the Professional Development Program," she continued.

The morning of February 10th began with a continental breakfast. "The coffee is not strong enough for you, I know," said Sheriff Morgan as he welcomed the eleven Turkish gentlemen. "I say that because I spent time in Incirlik, Turkey. I was a Provost Marshal for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers." That connection helped break the ice.

In addition to the weak coffee, Morgan noted one major cultural difference: the role of working women. "In the top tier of my command staff, I have two women. In my entire organization, I have 43% women. In America, there is no expectation of privacy in the jail. Women work in the jail and on all floors." That statement elicited an audible gasp from the Turkish men.

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- (top) Akin Guneri, member of the Turkish delegation; Sabine Hirschauer, Old Dominion University; and Sheriff Gabe Morgan.
- (middle) A jail tour was part of a professional development program between ODU and the Turkish Ministry of the Interior.
- (above) Circuit Court Judge C. Peter Tench conducted a question and answer session.
- (left) Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Tyneka Flythe explained the prosecution side of the U.S. criminal justice system.

FLASHBACK



To EVENTS

Bowling Fundraiser Helps Match Children with Mentors



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Virginia Peninsula held its signature event -- Bowl for Kids' Sake -- on February 19 at Spare Times in Hampton. Members of the Newport News Sheriff's Office had a great time throwing strikes, spares, and gutter balls.

Linking Seniors and Services PENINSULA AGENCY ON AGING



The 29th Annual Community Forum on Aging, presented by Peninsula Agency on Aging (PAA) was held March 1st at Christopher Newport University.

Vickie Gaffney, the Sheriff's Office Community Resource Officer, is pictured with Rosemary Chatman. In addition to the exhibit area, there were many workshops offered by the PAA.



NNSO public information officer joins news reporters on media panel



Lt. Kathleen Carey, Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer (PIO), joined Daily Press reporters David Macaulay and Joe Lawlor on a media panel, March 2nd at CNU. Carey and the others were invited by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to help with its Basic Public Information Officer class. Some of the PIOs in the class were more seasoned than Carey – more years in their positions – but none had her unique perspective. "My professional background is that of a television reporter," said Carey. "Having worked in media has aided me with my current responsibilities."

FLASHBACK



Phenomenal Women of Hampton Roads



March is National Women's History Month and celebrates the diverse and historic accomplishments of women. Master Deputy Deborah Blanch, pictured performing her duties in the Sheriff's Office Color Guard, was one

of several local women featured in a special issue of "Diversity Times," a monthly newspaper. Blanch was selected for her work at the Newport News Sheriff's Office, but also for her community service. She was the 2nd Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary and the current 3rd District Chaplain.

ON THE INSIDE

The Newport News Sheriff's Office quarterly newsletter

is written and produced by Lt. Kathleen Carey, PIO.

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Quilts and African American History

In honor of Black History Month, Inmate Program Coordinator Vernessa Graves put on a special program for male and female inmates at the Jail Annex. The program centered around the tradition of quilting and its importance during the slave era.



Vernessa Graves proudly showed quilts that her mother made by hand.

Pat Johnson was the guest speaker. She is a member of the 54-40 African American Quilters

Guild, which is a group that preserves and celebrates the art of African American quilting and quilting in general. Johnson discussed the book "Hidden in Plain Sight," one of many books written about the underground railroad quilt code. Secret messages in the form of quilt patterns may have helped direct slaves to freedom.

In addition to the quilt's symbols having meaning, the quilt



Pat Johnson, left, and Vera Ross, right, modeled outfits quilted by Johnson.

itself was a billboard hanging in plain view. Ms. Johnson said as slaves travelled out of the South to Canada, they would look for a quilt on a clothesline. That meant this was a safe house at which to rest.

Vera Ross, a longtime jail volunteer, also lectured about the Underground Railroad and Harriet Tubman, a free black woman who risked her life to bring other blacks out of slavery. Ross told the group that the Great Dismal Swamp in Chesapeake was one of the paths used by Tubman. 🌟

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The delegation got to see for themselves what Sheriff Morgan described as he took them on a tour of the jail. They began in booking with an explanation of what happens following a person's arrest. They saw housing units, the recreation yard and the medical unit.

In addition to visiting the correctional facility, the group also experienced court proceedings. The Honorable C. Peter Tench graciously cleared time from his Circuit Court docket to accommodate a question & answer session. Turkey does have civil and criminal courts; however, they do not have a jury system. Akin Guneri, a major in his village police department, asked if a judge can overturn a jury's verdict. "I can set aside a jury verdict if it is contrary to the law, but I cannot set aside a verdict based on the facts,"

answered Judge Tench. "In other words, I may disagree with the decision, but I cannot overturn that verdict if it was reached based on fact."

Following the Q&A with Judge Tench, the group observed actual court hearings in the Honorable Bryant L. Sugg's General District courtroom.

For her part in the day's program, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Tyneka Flythe said it was a great opportunity to share ideas from across oceans and seas. "I truly feel that our world is getting smaller. I was just as interested in learning from them as I was in sharing with them." Members of the Turkish delegation were equally appreciative of the opportunity for discussion. "We are learning the differences and whether we can apply what we've learned in our country," said Guneri. 🌟

Welcome to the Team

Food Service Contractor CBM



They had not even been at the Newport News Sheriff's

Office for a week and were tasked to cater a fancy luncheon. CBM Managed Services is the jail's new food service contractor, joining the team on February 3, 2011. Head Chef

Dirk L. Peterson was flown-in from CBM headquarters based in South Dakota (at their cost). Using the kitchen at the Jail Annex, he and his team put together a delicious menu for the Turkish delegation of civil servants. 🌟

SHERIFF GABE MORGAN TESTIFIES ON CAPITOL HILL



Newport News City Sheriff Gabe Morgan traveled to Washington, D.C. March 11, 2011 to ask Congress to help communities fight juvenile crime by investing in evidence-based interventions for youths. The Sheriff testified before the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies. Virginia Representative Frank Wolf chairs that subcommittee.

"Every year, thousands of juveniles will be arrested for serious crimes in our state, and there is no substitute for tough law enforcement when it comes to ensuring public safety," Sheriff Morgan said, "but it's also clear that certain research-based interventions are an effective way to turn around young offenders, reducing repeat offenses and making our

communities safer."

The subcommittee has spending authority over programs funded through the U.S. Department of Justice. In recent years, grant programs for juvenile justice interventions have lost funding. Sheriff Morgan asked Rep. Frank Wolf (VA-10) and other appropriators to maintain funding for effective juvenile justice interventions.

Sheriff Morgan is a member of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a national anti-crime organization of more than 5,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, and violence survivors.

Between 3-6 p.m. is "prime time" for juvenile crime because that's when children

lack proper adult supervision. Title V Local Delinquency Prevention Grants are vital federal dollars for preventing youth crime. They can fund after-school programs that help at-risk youth avoid criminal activity in the first place.

Programs like Boys & Girls Clubs connect children to caring adults and constructive activities during these critical hours. In addition to after-school programs, high-quality juvenile mentoring programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters have been shown to have a marked positive impact. Young people assigned to a mentor are half as likely to begin illegal drug use compared to those who were assigned to a waiting list. ★

SHERIFF'S Last Word

Dear Team:

I believe everyone should be involved in the budget process. I want to bring you into the discussion. Only when you are fully informed can you bring innovation to the operation. I encourage you to do that. If you see things that can be improved upon, share ideas.

The Sheriff's Office receives funding from the state and from the city. Internally, the budget process involves each of the bureau chiefs working together to find ways to streamline, cut costs, and find efficiencies.

For the last three years, we have been in a budget cutting mode. Because the economic climate is still what it is, the state is braced for losses and must pass the cuts down to various agencies, programs and services. We are in competition for funding. What does this mean for us? The Newport News Sheriff's Office is facing a \$900,000 shortfall under the state's projected 2011-12 fiscal year budget.

That is half what we could have lost had it not been for your calls to your legislators.

I want to thank you for recognizing the magnitude of this budgetary matter and stepping up your efforts to contact your delegate and senator. Without your lobbying, we would have faced a \$2-million cut.

We will know for certain in May the state's final budget. Not until June will we learn of the city's budget.

It is my paramount priority to maintain jobs. I intend to slice and save everywhere I can before looking at layoffs. We will reduce line item budget items like utilities, food supplies, and office supplies, before we reduce workforce.

This is where your ideas and practices will be most effective. Please be conservative in your consumption of materials and supplies. The citizens of Newport News entrust us to be good stewards of their tax dollars. We cannot forget they are making sacrifices too.

Noteworthy, however, is that we also bring in money. For FY 2011-12, we are projecting nearly \$8-million in generated revenue.

The Sheriff's Office receives state money for housing inmates. Generated revenue also comes from court fines, medical reimbursement, and inmate co-pays for health services. Inmates participating in home electronic monitoring and work release do so as a privilege that they pay for. The sum total from the fees generated by these two programs is projected to bring in approximately \$42,000. This is a sampling of how monies are generated.

I hope this has been a helpful update on operation costs and how we can work together to find even more efficiencies on our lean budget.

The men and women of the Newport News Sheriff's Office perform their duties with an unshakable commitment to the public they serve. I am proud of each and every one of you. I stand with you and thank you for what you do.

Respectfully,



Gabriel A. Morgan
Your Sheriff