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ON THE INSIDE

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Sheriff Gabe Morgan testifies on Capitol Hill

YOUTH VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

Newport News Sheriff Gabriel "Gabe" Morgan spoke in the Nation's Capitol at a bipartisan briefing titled "Reduce Crime, Reduce Costs, and Improve Lives and Communities through Evidence-Based Prevention." The briefing was held Monday, February 27, 2012 in the Rayburn House Office Building. It was co-hosted by Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, (D-VA-3) and Congressman Walter B. Jones (R-NC-3).

The focus of the discussion was on how to reduce crime and its profound costs - human, economic, and social - by preventing crimes *before* they occur. This briefing was informative and transformative in showing how to cost-effectively reduce crime, bringing relief to those who would otherwise be victims of crime, to young people who would otherwise be caught up in a life of crime, and to tax payers who would otherwise have to pay for the growing costs of crime. Intervention programs targeted at the next generation of at-risk youth have been shown in studies to help end the prison cycle.

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Newport News Sheriff's Office deputies train on use of TASER

NNSO first agency in Virginia to deploy newest TASER—X2 ECD

The Newport News Sheriff's Office is the first law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia to purchase the latest electronic control device, or ECD, from TASER International, Inc.



The X2 model was selected for enhanced safety features.

Each device is equipped with a high definition camera activated when the TASER is pulled from the holster. It begins recording prior to the shot allowing for review of the suspect's action before, during, and after the TASER was fired.

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BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Dep. B. D. Bolden
 Cpl. C. Q. Woodhouse
 Dep. W. P. Loth
 Evaundra Timas
 Dep. G. K. Harris
 Dep. L. R. Araiza
 Sgt. L. M. Chandler
 Dep. R. A. Andrews
 Dep. R. F. Donato
 MDep. G. L. Robertson
 Amy Condon

Cpl. D. A. Perez
 Dep. S. N. Anby
 Lt. S. M. Whitfield
 Lt. A. L. Maule
 Cpl. J. C. Brenzel
 Sgt. M. E. Webb
 Dep. D. J. White
 Dep. R. L. Ellis
 Dep. D. T. Washington
 Dep. S. W. Walls
 Dep. M. A. Ramirez

Maj. B. J. Thomas
 Dep. E. Feliciano
 Jasmine Hughes
 Lt. L. R. Mebane
 Dep. T. W. Strother
 Dep. C. S. Serrette
 MDep. C. R. Agee

MAY

Dep. G. M. Armstrong
 MDep. K. L. Taylor
 Dep. L. M. Winfree
 Maj. J. D. Vergakis
 Cpl. C. T. Zanders
 Dep. M. A. Knight
 Dep. N. Agosto-Gerena

JUNE

Sgt. H. W. McCoy
 MDep. C. D. Daniels
 Dep. D. D. Page
 Dep. J. L. Mitchell
 Alexandria Morgan
 Dep. D. L. Hill
 Sgt. M. T. McGee
 Dep. D. L. Jones

Dep. R. P. Sawyer
 Dep. A. Ortiz
 Dep. A. L. Pinkney
 Dep. S. K. Wall
 MDep. C. A. Peake
 Dep. R. D. Love
 Dep. T. V. Corbett

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birth:



- ★ Dep. Recruit R. Beale and his wife welcomed their baby girl on March 11, 2012. She weighed 6 lbs and 5 oz and measured 19 inches in length.
- ★ Brandy Freeman, Swanson Commissary Manager, gave birth to a baby girl on March 26th. She weighed 7 lbs and 2 oz and measured 19 inches in length.
- ★ Dep. B. Petitfrere is the proud father of a baby girl. His little bundle of joy weighed an amazing 9 lbs and 11 oz and measured 21.5 inches in length.

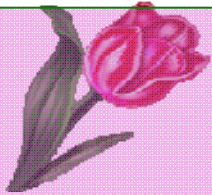
Anniversary:

- 15 year:** Lt. A. L. Maule 03/1997; Cpl. R. L. Jones 03/1997
- 5 year:** Cpl. E. D. Morales 01/2007; Cpl. S. D. Boothe-Hardy 03/2007; MDep. A. V. Ledet 03/2007; Dep. I. R. Araiza 03/2007; Dep. F. F. Walton 03/2007



SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Cpl. C. Woodhouse, **Rotation A**, NNSO "Deputy of the Year, 2011. Congratulations for this special recognition by your peers.



FLOWER FUND HELPS CONSOLE GRIEVING HEARTS

Thank you to those who gave to the "Flower Fund" during the month of February.

It is NOT too late to donate.

If you still wish to become a member, please give \$12 to Sgt. C. Zanders.

A gift of \$1 per month brings immeasurable comfort to those who lose a loved one.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES of BLE CLASS 11-C

Basic Law Enforcement Class 11-C graduated January 26, 2012. The BLE training is designed for those individuals who perform police functions. Graduating with this class were **Sgt. R. Daniels and Deputy V. Kelly.**

Congratulations to both for completing this 18-week academy and demonstrating their professional development.



Sixteen agencies were represented in this graduating class: NNSO, Eastern VA Medical School PD, York/Poquoson SO, Portsmouth PD, Christian Broadcast Network PD, Suffolk PD, NN Parks & Rec PD, Williamsburg PD, Old Dominion Univ. PD, Christopher Newport Univ. PD, Mathews County SO, Hampton Univ. PD, Accomack County SO, Northampton County SO, Kingsmill PD, and Virginia Marine PD.

PROMOTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jones, R. L.	Corporal	January 31, 2012
Agee, C.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Bailey, S.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Brown, T.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Daniels, C.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Handwerk, P.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Ledet, A.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Peake, C.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Robertson, G.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Smith, L.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Taylor, K.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Velez, D.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012
Woodson, V.	Master Deputy	January 31, 2012

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To EVENTS



TOP DEPUTY SHERIFF HONORED by AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion Braxton-Perkins Post #25 recognizes the City's top deputy, cop, and firefighter/EMT each year at an annual banquet. This year the banquet was held March 15. Cpl. Cornell Woodhouse was surrounded by supportive commanders and colleagues:

Pictured L-R: Col. E. Sprinkle; Dep. S. Ireland; Sgt. V. Williams; Cpl. C. Woodhouse; MDep. D. Velez; Maj. J. Vergakis and Maj. K. Langford.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATES TO PROJECT LIFESAVER

The Knights of Columbus Council 5480 held their annual Public Safety Appreciation Dinner on January 28. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. True to that principle, the local council made a generous donation to the Newport News Sheriff's Office search and rescue program called Project Lifesaver. Chief Deputy, Col. Eileen Sprinkle was honored to accept a check for \$250.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Virginia Peninsula Bowl for Kids' Sake 2012

The Newport News Sheriff's Office put together several teams for the March 10th Bowl for Kids' Sake. This annual event is always a favorite for the department. It's a way to help Big Brothers Big Sisters, and it is a way to build camaraderie outside the work environment.



Randy Davis Office of Atty. Gen. and Vicky Gaffney, NNSO.

Special guest Randy Davis spoke at the February TRIAD meeting in Newport News. Davis is the Office of the Attorney General community outreach coordinator and is part of its Medicaid Fraud Unit and also works with the Abuse and Neglect Squad. His discussion centered around

how billions of dollars are scammed from Medicare and Medicaid.

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To EVENTS *(continued)*



YOUTH CAREER EXPO

On March 6, 2012, bus loads of students from across the Peninsula descended on the Hampton Convention Center for the Youth Career Expo: A World of Opportunity. Sgt. Valerie Scott and Evaundra Timas, both with the NNSO, shared information about the Sheriff's Office and its Explorers program aimed at 14-20 year olds interested in a law enforcement career.



**SLITHERY
"FRIEND"
@
CAREER DAY.**

Sgt. V. Scott proves fearless as she handles a snake at Huntington Middle School's Career Day. City of Newport News Public Works was at a neighboring table. Their staff brought the snake to illustrate what they find in storm drains (proving themselves fearless, as well).

**FELLOW OFFICERS PAY THEIR RESPECTS
TO A FALLEN BROTHER WITH A
MEMORIAL BICYCLE RIDE**

Law enforcement officers from across the region braved frigid winter temperatures to take part in a benefit bicycle ride. Fallen Officer Timothy Schock was a member of the Chesapeake Police Underwater Search and Rescue Team. He died tragically in a dive training exercise days before Christmas, 2011, leaving behind a child and his fiancée. About 300 cyclists raised money to help support Schock's family.

Among them were Sgt. Henry McCoy and Cpl. William Churchill.



On March 23, 2012, students from the Hampton Roads International Montessori School visited the Honorable Judge Gary Mills in his General District Courtroom. Deputies with the NNSO assisted in accommodating this educational field trip.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A PERSON IS RELEASED FROM JAIL OR PRISON?

What happens after a person is released from jail or prison? The answer to this question is an essential part of public safety. Do we want them coming back to the community with no place to live? no job skills? no support system? If you answered "yes" to those questions, you are begging for them to commit another crime and create more victims. If you answered "no," you are interested in making your community safer.

As the recently formed Newport News Re-Entry Council gained traction, it held a series of town hall meetings throughout the city. The Council's mission is to develop strategies to help meet a person's needs for a *successful* transition back into society. Public input is an important element in accomplishing this goal.

On January 30, 2012, the Re-Entry Council held its third town hall meeting. This one took place in the City's central district at South Morrison Community Center. Like at the other meetings, a panel of experts opened with statements about their respective agencies/ organizations and how they are tied to prisoner re-entry. Panelists included: Sandra Brandt, Step-Up Inc.; Dr. Cynthia Cooper,



Newport News Public Schools; Lee Williams, Child Support Enforcement; Jo Holland, VA Department of Corrections; and Lotus Johnson, Newport News Court Services.

Sheriff Gabe Morgan emceed the evening and acted as facilitator ensuring audience

members with questions and comments could be heard. As for audience members -- they ranged from several ex-offenders to Commonwealth Attorney Howard Gwynn to Judge Timothy Fisher to Mayor McKinley Price to neighborhood citizens.

The Council is working in collaboration with the Mayor's Task Force on Teenage and Young Adult Violence Reduction and other stakeholders. The Newport News Sheriff's Office is a proud member of the Re-Entry Council.

Newport News TV filmed the hour-long program and rebroadcast it in its entirety on Cox Channel 48 and Verizon Channel 19. Anyone wishing to see the program can contact the Newport News Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Lt. Kathleen Carey for a copy. Her email is: kcarey@nngov.com. 🌟

Forward

→ to these events:

1 Are You Man Enough?



The Annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" will be held Saturday, April 14th at the Peninsula Town Center in Hampton, VA.

The men's march benefits the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors.

Join Team NNSO or start your own!

- What:** Walk a Mile in Her Shoes
- When:** April 14 — Registration @ 10am
Walk @ 11am
- Where:** Peninsula Town Center
Hampton, VA
- More Info:** call 599-9844 or visit
www.visitthecenter.org

2 Summer Kicks Off with a Parade



The Denbigh Day Youth Baseball League Parade is scheduled for Saturday April 14th

Come join us for the "unofficial" kick off to summer.

3 Protect Yourself from Identity Theft



The Newport News Sheriff's Office continues its commitment to fight identity theft with a FREE Shred Day in partnership with Stealth Shredding, Inc.

- When:** Saturday, April 28th from 11 a.m. -- 2 p.m.
- Where:** Farmers Market; Jefferson Ave. & 29th St.

The next NNSO Shred Day will be in August in the north end of the City.

4 Car Wash FUND-raiser



The Law Enforcement Exploring program is aimed at young adults ages 14 to 20 who are interested in a career in law enforcement. They receive a hands-on introduction to various aspects of the Newport News Sheriff's Office.

The "Explorers Post 32" will be holding a car wash to help support the endeavor.

- DATE:** Saturday, April 14
- HOURS:** from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
- LOCATION:** BP Gas Station
5009 Victory Blvd
Yorktown, VA

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Morgan was joined by other experts at Monday's event: Dr. Catherine Gallagher, Associate Professor, Criminology, Law, and Society at George Mason University; Pat Nolan, Prison Fellowship; and Tracy Velazquez, Justice Policy Institute.

This is not the only time for Sheriff Morgan to address Members of Congress on reducing juvenile crime and gang violence. In May, 2009, he was an invited panelist on the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act, or "PROMISE" Act. ⚡



Sheriff Gabe Morgan addressed members of Congress February 27, 2012 on youth violence and intervention strategies. Also pictured: Congressman Robert "Bobby" Scott (D-VA-3) and Dr. Catherine Gallagher, Associate Professor, Criminology, Law, and Society at George Mason University.

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The camera is for the protection of the deputy, the department and the public. Additionally, the X2 model has two cartridges allowing for immediate re-fire in case the target was missed during the initial deployment of the device.

Now that the Newport News Sheriff's Office has received shipment of the TASER X2, its personnel underwent training on its use.

ECD technology provides another layer to the use of force continuum. This intermediate level of force is proven to reduce injuries to the suspect and to the officer if used properly. Not only do TASERS provide the least ratio of injuries as compared to other levels of force (bare or open hands techniques, OC spray, or batons), they are a visual deterrent. Just the threat of the TASER will stop a lot of actions. ⚡



NNSO First Agency In Virginia To Deploy New TASER X2 ECD

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The Newport News Sheriff's Office quarterly newsletter

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Captain David Hughes handles the X2, the latest ECD from TASER International, Inc.

Deployment of TASER X2 ECD covered in Spring 2012 issue of "Virginia Sheriff."