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Newport News goes green with Presidential environmental advisor

Like so many localities across the country, the City of Newport News is looking to save money. They found an innovative approach that placed the city on the cutting edge and into the national spotlight. In 2011, the Department of Vehicle Services began converting a number of vehicles to burn propane autogas. The Sheriff's Office was the first agency selected for the pilot program and started with two marked cruisers. Deputies assigned to the civil enforcement division hit the road daily, making them perfect candidates for the program test. They were instructed on how to gather information that would later be used as research to rollout the program citywide. There are now twenty-six

vehicles throughout the city running on propane. The green initiative earned a visit from a White House advisor only one year after the pilot program began.

On August 8, 2012, Nancy Sutley, President Barack Obama's principal environmental advisor and chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, visited Newport News for a propane vehicle display and fueling demonstration that illustrated the city's dedication to clean energy and to energy efficiency. Using propane autogas is beneficial for our community: it reduces harmful emissions; it is domestically produced; and it will save the City

of Newport News on fuel costs. At today's price of gasoline, the City of Newport News is saving about \$1.28/ per gallon. That calculates to an annual savings of \$22,000. That is essentially the purchase price of a new car. Running on an alternative fuel is aiding the replacement costs of city cars.

The conversion cost of \$5,800 per vehicle was funded entirely by a Southeast Propane AutoGas Development Program grant administered by James Madison

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(L-R) Deputy Todd Davis, Nancy Sutley, chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott.



BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

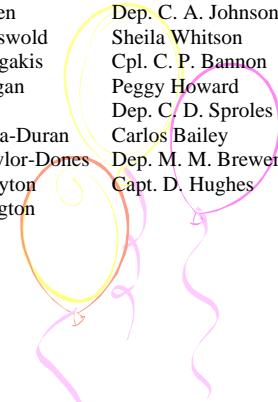
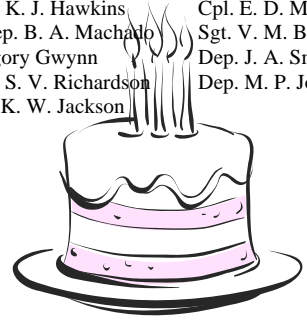
Dep. M. Washington	Dep. P. Shivers
MDep. A. Aikens	Dep. T. L. Jackson
Sgt. R. Daniels	Lt. M. A. Moore
Dep. R. B. Allen	Dep. C. A. Johnson
Dep. T. L. Lofswold	Sheila Whitson
Capt. J. L. Vergakis	Cpl. C. P. Bannon
Dep. B. K. Logan	Peggy Howard
Dep. J. Troy	Dep. C. D. Sproles
Dep. R. Zorrilla-Duran	Carlos Bailey
Dep. G. V. Taylor-Dones	Dep. M. M. Brewer
Cpl. R. M. Clayton	Capt. D. Hughes
Dep. D. Covington	

NOVEMBER

Dep. C. L. Durham	MDep. Q. Abdullah
Cpl. T. A. Grey	Dep. D.M. ONeal-Brooks
Dep. M. D. Hardy	Dep. A. I. Sherman
Sgt. R. J. Summerford	Sgt. R. V. Elias
Dep. K. M. Gregory	Sgt. L. Saunders
Dep. D. M. Tolson	Gloria Johnson
Dep. L. A. Whitaker	Dep. W. R. Sarian
James Andreano	Dep. C. C. Green

DECEMBER

Cpl. J. G. Phillips	Dep. V. N. Harris
Dep. S. N. Brinkley	MDep. A. V. Ledet
Dep. D. T. Hopkins	Dep. O. S. Ashley
Dep. K. J. Hawkins	Cpl. E. D. Morales
MDep. B. A. Machado	Sgt. V. M. Barfield-Allen
Gregory Gwynn	Dep. J. A. Smith
Dep. S. V. Richardson	Dep. M. P. Johnson
Cpl. K. W. Jackson	



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth:



★ Deputy K. M. Roberts-Odom gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on July 31st. She weighed 8 lbs and 14 oz.

Wedding:



- Deputy M. D. Bolden and his bride were married June 2, 2012 and honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico.
- Deputies J. Troy and E. Feliciano exchanged wedding vows on July 26 in a quiet ceremony. They plan a big wedding in 2014.

Engagement:

- Master Deputy D. Velez accepted Cpl. C. Q. Woodhouse's engagement proposal.

NNSO Anniversary:

- 5 year:** Sheila Whitson 07/2007; Sgt. M. T. McGee 09/2007; Dep. H. Delgado 09/2007; Dep. C. L. Holmes 09/2007
- 15 year:** Lt. L. R. Mebane 09/1997; Sgt. P. A. Preyer 09/1997; Cpl. C. V. Hoggard 09/1997
- 20 year:** Deborah Mizelle 07/1992; Sgt. L. Saunders 07/1992
- 25 year:** Maj. B. J. Thomas 09/1987

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Dep. R. S. Forrest, **Civil Enforcement**, NNSO "Employee of the Quarter," 3rd Qtr.
- Sgt. Deborah Blanch, **Annex**, named President of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 368 in Denbigh.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



COMBINED CLASS 12-2



Congratulations to the deputies of Combined Class 12-2. The 14-week long academy culminated with a graduation ceremony held August 20, 2012. Certified as Newport News Sheriff's Office Deputies were R. J. Beale, Y. P. Camacho, D. Covington, Jr., D. T. Washington, and L.A. Whitaker.

EARNs A DOCTORATE



Sgt. Deborah Blanch earned a Doctor of Business Administration

(DBA) from Argosy University. Her dissertation was on Re-entry Programs: How Effective are They for Incarcerated Women. The qualitative study she conducted consisted of ten interview questions from twelve female inmates housed at the Newport News Jail Annex. Congratulations Dr. Blanch!

For additional graduations, see page 4

PROMOTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Grey, T. A.	Corporal	July 1, 2012
Abdullah, Q.	Master Deputy	July 1, 2012
Jones, D. L.	Master Deputy	July 1, 2012
Machado, B. A.	Master Deputy	July 1, 2012
Vincent, C.	Master Deputy	July 1, 2012
Walton, F. F.	Master Deputy	July 1, 2012
Washington, T. S.	Master Deputy	July 1, 2012

FLASH BACK



To EVENTS

DOCUMENT SHRED DAY DRAWS HUNDREDS

Citizens came from all parts of the Peninsula and some from the Southside to take advantage of the August 16th FREE Shred Day event sponsored by the Newport News Sheriff's Office. Corporate partner Stealth Shredding, Inc. out of Chesapeake provided three industrialized trucks and nearly filled each. They estimate 28,000 pounds of paper was shredded at the event.

The destruction of personal identifying information is one way to fight identity theft. The bi-annual Shred Day continues to gain in popularity.

The Home Depot generously roped off a large part of their parking lot to accommodate the shredders, Oyster Point Lions Club mobile sight and eye exam RV, and information providers, including resources aimed at senior citizens—a population preyed upon by fraud artists.

New this year was the collection of unwanted electronics by Synergy Recycling. The recycling firm partners with The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula, a non-profit organization that provides employment opportunities for individuals with developmental and other disabilities. They will be the ones who breakdown the electronics for recycling.

The next *free* Shred Day will be in the Spring of 2013. Details to be announced. ☺

**ADDITIONAL GRADUATIONS — CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

- Major Keith Langford, Operations Bureau Chief, and Lt. Leslye Mebane, Training Manager, both graduated from the National Criminal Justice Command College on September 20, 2012. The NCJCC is taught by the University of Virginia (UVA) and Virginia State Police. The Command College ran 10 weeks and was held at State Police Headquarters in Richmond.
- Sgt. Valare Barfield-Allen, Financial Manager, graduated from the North Carolina State University Administrative Officers Management Program. This was an eleven week course from May 9 through July 26 earning her a total of 15 college course credit hours.

FLASH BACK



To EVENTS



SUMMER MONTHS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

There were a number of community events in which the Newport News Sheriff’s Office was involved this year. Whether as a participant or providing volunteer service, you can count on Team NNSO.

- ☑ July 4 Independence Day Events — Knights of Columbus, Brandon Heights Parade, and Hilton Parade
- ☑ July 21 Fishing Clinic at James River Pier
- ☑ August 3 National Night Out at Ft. Eustis
- ☑ August 16 Shred Day (story p. 4)
- ☑ Sept. 8 Southeast Community Day Parade
- ☑ Sept. 15 Denbigh Day Parade and Festival
- ☑ Sept. 16 Car & Motorcycle Show (story p. 7)

Deputy C. D. Sproles helps a child catch a fish at the 17th Annual Children’s Fishing Clinic organized by the Rotary Club of Newport News.



FLOODING PROMPTS SHELTERS TO OPEN

Newport News Sheriff’s Office helps with response

The rain was relentless on August 25, 2012. Heavy downpours forced many Newport News residents to evacuate their homes and apartments. Sheriff’s Office personnel were among the public safety agents who responded to the natural disaster.

A temporary shelter was opened at Midtown Community Center. Warwick High School also opened its doors to shelter those driven out of their homes by fast rising storm waters. While the Midtown shelter was eventually

closed, Warwick High School stayed open from noon Saturday the 25th until Monday evening. Deputies with the Newport News Sheriff’s Office provided security around the clock for those 53 hours. They worked in three hour shifts so not to abandon their own family needs at home. A total of 54 residents sought shelter from the rains.



Then NNFD evacuates residents from the Great Oak Apartment complex.

Mark Graziano/Daily Press file photo

PROPANE (contin. from page 1)

University and Virginia Clean Cities. Sutley was quoted in the Daily Press (08/09/12) talking about the worthwhile investment, "What we've seen today between the propane vehicles the Sheriff is using and some of the environmental features here is, a little more on the front end saves you a lot of money on the back end, saves you

A frequently asked question of Deputy Todd Davis is about the performance of the retrofitted car. He assured Ms. Sutley and others that there is no disruption of operations. Also attending the fueling demonstration was U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott, Newport News Mayor McKinley Price, Vice Mayor Bert Bateman and council

money on operating costs, and has a lot of other benefits--benefits to the city and the residents, and also the people working for the city."

members Sharon Scott and Rob Coleman.

The Ford Crown Vic operates with the same power and acceleration as the standard gasoline fueled unit. However, with two fuel tanks, it can run much longer before having to be refueled. This can be essential to the Sheriff's Office when transporting prisoners on long highway runs between correctional facilities. Vehicles using propane autogas can go 750 miles without refueling. The range increase is due to having two tanks of fuel in the vehicle. When the propane tank is empty, the engine automatically switches to the gasoline tank.

Sheriff Gabe Morgan said, "It was a good decision to convert some of our vehicles to a clean-burning fuel and I support the City's efforts to convert additional vehicles." ♣

PAPERLESS LIDS AUDIT FIRST IN THE STATE OF VA

The Newport Sheriff's Office is the first jail in the Commonwealth of Virginia to have a paperless LIDS audit. The Local Inmate Data System audit is conducted by the State Compensation Board. Converting to Laserfiche has reduced waste and is environmentally friendly. Additionally, it has saved storage space and increased operational efficiency. Rather than having to review over 200 files manually — a process that typically takes four days — the LIDS auditor was able to take care of his business at one computer screen and was finished in half the time.

Kudos to those working in Classification and Records for ensuring such a smooth process and for receiving a stamp of "exceptional."

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AUDIT

The Department of Corrections (DOC) conducted its three year audit of the Newport News City Jail in August. Out of 119 standards, we were in compliance with 117 of them. The two deficiencies were administrative and were immediately corrected. Overall this was a great outcome for which jail staff deserve accolades.

The Sheriff's Office received positive feedback on the professionalism and courtesy of its personnel from the DOC auditors. Chief Deputy Eileen Sprinkle said, "I want to thank all of you for all of your hard work in continuing to make the Newport News Sheriff's Office and the City Jail a center of excellence."

Newport News Sheriff's Office

Project Lifesaver

Benefit Car & Motorcycle Show

Nearly 70 cars, trucks and motorcycles rolled into the Kmart parking lot in Denbigh on Sunday, September 16 for the first annual Project Lifesaver Benefit Car & Motorcycle Show.

Over \$3,800 was raised that afternoon for the not-for-profit search and rescue program operated in Newport News by the Newport News Sheriff's Office (NNSO).

Additionally, a total of 220 pounds of food was donated to the Food Bank of the Virginia Peninsula. September is National Hunger Action Month.

A lot of the drivers said they go from show to show not so much for recognition, but to do their part to help the community.

Spectators also had plenty of opportunity to help donate to Project Lifesaver. One of the most popular events was the "smash car." For \$2 a whack, people could take a turn at hitting a clunker provided by Mid Atlantic Towing. Sledge hammers were swinging all afternoon at that sideshow. A silent auction was another money maker. Favorite items were a Pittsburg Steelers' Troy Polamalu signed photo and an Indianapolis Colts' Antoine Bethea signed jersey. Music from Play It Again DJs kept everyone entertained, informed, and dancing. Posters were displayed at the car show naming all of the event sponsors. Unfortunately, there simply isn't room to list them in this brief article. But their support was greatly appreciated!

Project Lifesaver helps provide rapid response to save lives and to reduce the potential of serious injury for adults



and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, Down syndrome, dementia, traumatic brain injury, and other related disorders. Project Lifesaver clients are equipped with a tiny transmitter coded with a unique frequency number. The transmitter is worn like a watch or ankle bracelet. Trained and certified deputies enter the individualized frequency number into a receiver to begin a search.

Project Lifesaver International was founded in 1999. The Newport News Sheriff's Office joined in 2003. Research shows the average search time with Project Lifesaver is less than 30 minutes compared to 9 hours without it. The international program has a 100% success rate.

Project Lifesaver is offered FREE of charge in the City of Newport News by the NNSO. It is sustained financially solely through the support of individuals and corporations.

The NNSO and its Project Lifesaver clients are grateful for donor generosity and wish to thank all of the car and motor enthusiasts

for their charitable giving!

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year — already scheduled for September 22, 2013. 🌟

SHERIFF'S Last Word

As a wrap-up to the newsletter, I want to share words of thanks, encouragement, and invitation.

Project Lifesaver receives donations from a brand new source:

You have read on the previous page about the success of the First Annual Project Lifesaver Car & Motorcycle Show.

I wanted to add my voice of appreciation and acknowledgement. To those employees of the Newport News Sheriff's Office who worked on this fundraiser, congratulations. Some of you were out in front, others worked in the background. No matter your role, you were the tip of the spear in making this event what it was. \$3,827 was raised for Project Lifesaver. Wow! For a first time effort, that is awesome.

The community must also be congratulated and thanked. Seventy vehicles registered. That means that there were 70 generous donors to the Project Lifesaver program. Thank you... each of you... for spending the day with us.

By sharing your love of cars, you have shared the invaluable gift of 'peace of mind' to the caregivers of people with Alzheimer's, Autism, and Down syndrome.

Also, I wish to thank the



Boy Scouts ,Troop 143 from Christ United Methodist Church of Newport News and the Shell Road Boys and Girls Club Steppers (photo above). Young people volunteering in the community is proof for a promising tomorrow.

Congratulating staff for a job well done:

The Newport News Sheriff's Office underwent two scheduled audits this last quarter: LIDS and DOC.

It is your individual and collective efforts that earned us a resounding stamp of approval on both.

The corrections side of the house really worked diligently to prepare for the DOC three year audit. I want you to know I saw your hard work. Your dedication to this department does not go unnoticed.

Also important was the LIDS audit. The NNSO made history by being the first jail in the

entire state of Virginia to conduct its audit without paper. We are setting an example of excellence with our embrace of technology. Twenty-first century advancements mean gained efficiencies in performance and a reduction of waste.

Mark your calendar:

Lastly, mark your calendar for Friday, December 21, 2012. That is the date we celebrate the holiday season with the NNSO 6th Annual Holiday Party at the Hampton Convention Center. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Details from the planning committee are forthcoming. Be sure to save the date.

This is our chance to kick up our heels, let down our hair, set aside any heavy loads, and have a good time. Please join me for this end of year celebration.

I thank each and every one of you and may God bless you.

Your Coach,

Gabriel A. "Gabe" Morgan
Sheriff, City of Newport News