

# THE GUARDIAN



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## Park Police Officers Provide Security at Inauguration

With temperatures in the 20's, a contingent of Park Police officers put in a long day at the Inauguration on January 20th. Leaving at 3 a.m., officers boarded a bus for Washington, D.C. and returned after 10 p.m. that evening. Park Police foot officers were stationed along the parade route on that historic day and our horse-mounted officers assisted with crowd control along with a dozen mounted officers from the Prince George's Division. Following is an excerpt of an e-mail sent to all Park Police members by Acting Chief Darien L. Manley.

To all staff,

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to everyone that played a part in our agency's role in this historic Presidential Inauguration. I can only hope that everyone involved, regardless of their political beliefs, understands the significance of both your individual and our agency-wide contributions to such a momentous event. Whether you were in the midst of the celebration in Washington or here in the County, everyone played a part. When an event of this magnitude occurs with few significant problems, it is hard to understand the impact each person has on the day; however, I think we all know that without the extensive planning/preparation that went into the last few days and the high visibility that the law enforcement community had in D.C., who knows what may have occurred. *(Continued on page 2.)*



*Photo by  
Lt. Brian Smith*

Detective Bill Kellogg on the bus to the Inauguration.



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For the officers who represented our Division so proudly and professionally in the face of the severe temperatures yesterday, I commend each of you for having the fortitude to do the job we asked of you for so many hours. The feedback I received from the Commanders that were with you, from the Metropolitan Police and your peers, proves to me that we made the right decision to send such a large contingent to aid in this event. I have heard references made to “professionalism, integrity, served with pride, looked sharp, and stepped up without complaint” all used to describe how you performed. I can only imagine what it was like to be exposed to the elements for such a long time, while having to maintain the decorum and appearance that our group exhibited. What you did and how you did it, makes me proud to be a part of this agency!

I would also like to thank all those who were involved in the preparations for the deployment in D.C. and who were willing to stay behind to give others the opportunity to be “on the scene.” We could not have had the same involvement in this piece of history, without the support of the civilian and sworn staff who played their role “behind the scenes.”

.... Thank you all for your continuing support of this agency and our profession!

Sincerely,  
Darien L. Manley  
Acting Chief, Maryland-National Capital Park Police 

*Photos by  
Lt. Brian Smith*



Officers take their positions at a check point along the parade route.



# Congratulations to New Park Police Officer Charles Holmes

Congratulations to new Park Police Officer Charles Holmes. Graduating from the 53rd session of the Montgomery County Police Academy, a ceremony was held January 8 celebrating his class' accomplishments. An intense six-month program, the Academy teaches police officer candidates what they need to know to be successful as an officer. Officer Holmes will now complete his field training program. Please welcome Officer Holmes to the Park Police family. **G**



*Photo by  
Sgt. Pam Skaiife*

Officer Charles Holmes

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# Congratulations to Sergeant Nicole Adams

Congratulations to Officer Nicole Adams on her promotion to Sergeant on March 5, 2009. Sergeant Adams is a 13 year Park Police veteran who has served as a Patrol Officer and a Detective. She is also a police and firearms instructor. Best wishes to Sergeant Adams. **G**



*Photo by  
Francine Bethea*

Sergeant Nicole Adams



# Park Police Hold 7th Annual Keith Joseph Basketball Tournament

*by Officer Nancy Jones*

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Keith Joseph Basketball Tournament, organized by Officers Nancy Jones and Alfredo LaPorte, was held on January 26 at the Germantown Community Center. This year's tournament included six teams: Wheaton, Plum Gar, Praisner, Upper County, Germantown 1 and Germantown 2. Each team consisted of area youth in grades 8-10, and was coached by a recreation center representative. Park Police officers and civilian volunteers refereed all games, kept score, coached, served lunch, set up and cleaned up after the tournament.

Park Police Officer Keith Joseph was hired in 1995. Officer Joseph was involved with the youth of Montgomery County, particularly Good Hope's PAL program. He created the Y2K basketball challenge, which took place in January of 2000. Officer Joseph's dream was to have an annual basketball tournament to provide a fun, competitive environment for the youth of Montgomery County. Unfortunately, Officer Joseph passed away shortly after the first tournament. His wife Anita, and two sons, Keith Jr. and Aubree, survive him.

The Keith Joseph tournament honors Officer Joseph's commitment to provide an annual event for the youth of Montgomery County. The tournament has been held annually since 2003, growing and gaining popularity among the youth that use Montgomery County Recreation Centers. *(Continued on page 5.)*



*Photo by  
Julie  
Gilliam*

Tournament Winner Upper County Recreation Center




# Park Police Hold 7th Annual Keith Joseph Basketball Tournament

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This year's tournament was another success, thanks to all who participated and volunteered to help before and during the tournament. Upper County won the championship game and Germantown 1 took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Anita, Keith Jr., and Aubree Joseph attended and presented the awards to the winning teams along with Acting Chief Darien L. Manley.

Many thanks to the following: Papa John's, Pizza Boli's, Mama Lucia's, Pizza Hut, Harris Teeter, Giant Food, and Vivian Gardiner, who generously donated food to provide lunch for everyone; Crown Trophy and Brian Hagen, Farrier Services, for donating all of the awards and trophies; Walter Brown and Chona Arpon for doing a wonderful job on the flyers and programs; and John Kennedy and Mindy Williams of Germantown Community Center for hosting the tournament.

Thanks also to all of the command staff, officers, and civilians who came by on game day in support of the tournament. Special thanks to all of the officers and civilians who helped out in preparation and/or on game day: Acting Chief Darien Manley, Lt. Karen Petrarca, Lt. Brian Smith, Sgt. Rick Haas, Sgt. Vickie Warehime (Baltimore County), Officers Alfredo LaPorte, Cylda Hodo, Kelley Hagen, Rosemary Whelan, Jeff Coe, Jimmy Ahn, Nicole Adams, Sabrina Oglesby, Johnie Fennell, Clay Goldston, Greg Worsey, Codi Evans, Greg Ford (Prince George's County Division), Howard Battle, Marc Fanelli, Megan Lau, Shanda Berry (Montgomery County Police), Senior Park Ranger Michael Tchou, Stable Manager Mindy Welch and Julie Gilliam. 



*Photo by  
Ofc. Nancy Jones*


Tournament game in play.



# Gaywood Garden Club Hosts Park Police

by Lt. Karen Petrarca

Officers and civilians from the Maryland-National Capital Park Police were treated to their 7<sup>th</sup> annual tour of the Gaywood Garden Club’s “winter wonderland.” This year was another testament to the Club members’ knack for cooking, baking, decorating and making the Park Police feel like a part of their family. We marvel every year at the ever changing decorations festooning the numerous trees and the vivid displays of holiday memorabilia. And as one officer remarked, “The food is darn good too.”

This year, Division members got into the spirit by purchasing and decorating a police-themed tree to present to the Club. The tree featured police horses, handcuffs, pigs with cop hats, and many more creative items concocted by officers and civilians to show our appreciation and devotion. Thanks to the Gaywood Garden Club for being a part of our “police family.” 



Gaywood Garden Club Members



*Photos by  
Dr. Donald Ian  
Macdonald*

L-R: Detective Sarah Mikalauskas, Officers Megan Lau and Alfredo LaPorte in front of “blue” tree.



# Officers Sabrina Oglesby and Mary McDonnell Teach Women How to Defend Themselves

Certified Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) System Instructors Mary McDonnell and Sabrina Oglesby recently taught a R.A.D. class in Gaithersburg, Maryland. R.A.D. is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System focuses on awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. The class meets for three hours a week for four weeks.

Donning a padded RedMan suit, Officer Sabrina Oglesby imitated an attacker to provide the women with hands-on training. The women wore helmets and pads and went one-on-one with the aggressor for one minute. They were taught how to yell, strike and kick to get away as soon as they can. Many of the participants said they did not realize how long a minute can last. They said they were exhausted and scared.

Thanks to Officers Oglesby and McDonnell for providing this important training to Montgomery County residents. **G**



Officer Sabrina Oglesby in RedMan suit.



Officer Sabrina Oglesby (left) stalks a "victim."

*Photos by  
Margaret Kingsley*





# The Latest Scoop

## Congratulations to Captain Harvey Baker

Congratulations to Harvey R. Baker on his promotion to Captain effective February 9, 2009. Captain Baker is a 20-year veteran with the Park Police. Having served both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties of Park Police, Captain Baker has worked in various assignments including Patrol Commander, Investigative Services supervisor, Internal Affairs supervisor, and Patrol Squad supervisor. He will assume command of Field Operations in Prince George's County. Best wishes to Captain Harvey Baker. **G**



*Photo by  
Lt. Brian Smith*

Prince George's Division Chief Larry Brownlee, Sr. (right) congratulates Captain Harvey Baker.

## Fire Truck Dedicated to Retired Park Police Officer Mike Kerr

On January 11, the Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department dedicated a fire truck in honor of Retired Fire Chief Michael R. Kerr. Chief Kerr served many years at the fire department, originally as the first real "Training Officer" for the Department, and then for 15 years as Fire Chief. Mike Kerr joined the Maryland-National Capital Park Police where he served as the Training Officer for 22 years. He retired from the Park Police in 2003 and moved to St. Mary's County. Congratulations to Retired Chief Kerr for this well-deserved honor. **G**