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Please Welcome Two New Park Police Officers

Congratulations go to Park Police Officers Chris Gayle and Gary Raghubar on their graduation from the Montgomery County Police Training Academy, Session 46, on July 8, 2005. The Academy is a demanding six-month program designed to teach and prepare candidates for their new roles as police officers.

Both graduates will now complete a 14- to 16-week field training program under the supervision of Field Training Coordinator Officer Neita White. Best wishes go to our new police officers! **G**

Photos by Officer Ed Rivera



Captain Dan McNickle (L) and Montgomery County Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Romer (R) congratulate Officer Christopher Gayle.



Captain Dan McNickle (L) and Montgomery County Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Romer (R) congratulate Officer Gary Raghubar.





Four Graduate from Horse-Mounted Class

Congratulations go to Officers Gregory Ford (Prince George's County Division), Lakeisha Hudson-Robinson, Nancy Jones, and Alfredo LaPorte on their successful completion of the horse-mounted training class. In an intense two-month program, class participants learned how to patrol the parks, perform at ceremonies, and manage large crowds at special events while on horseback.

A graduation ceremony on July 1, 2005 honored the graduates. Showing off their new skills, the officers executed a synchronized ride set to music. Instructors Megan Lau and John Ardovini (Prince George's County) presented the officers with certificates. Captain Daniel McNickle and Lt. Linus Louketis expressed their congratulations to the participants. Chiefs Nathaniel J. Barber (Montgomery County) and Larry Brownlee, Sr. (Prince George's County) attended the ceremony as well as friends and family of the graduates. Kudos go to the graduates and instructors on the successful completion of this class. **G**



L-R: Officers Megan Lau, Gregory Ford, Alfredo LaPorte, Lakeisha Hudson-Robinson, Nancy Jones, and John Ardovini

Photos by Margaret Kingsley



Four Graduate from Horse-Mounted Class

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Officer
Lakeisha
Hudson-
Robinson

Officer Gregory Ford
(Prince Georges
County)



Officer Nancy Jones



Officer Alfredo
LaPorte



Park Police Ride in July 4th Parade


Takoma Park's 116th Annual Independence Day Parade drew people of all races and ages together on July 4th to celebrate America's independence. Montgomery County Park Police horse-mounted officers proudly rode in the parade on horseback carrying the American, Maryland, and Montgomery County flags. Representing the Division were Officers Jeff Adcock, Dennis Benden, Nancy Jones, Adam Sengbusch, and Noell White. Good job, everyone! 

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L-R: Officers Dennis Benden, Adam Sengbusch, Jeff Adcock, Nancy Jones, and Noell White



Park Police Participate in National Night Out

by *Officer Cheri Winter*

National Night Out, a national police/community partnership event, celebrated its 22nd year on August 2, 2005. Created for communities to reach out, get involved, and become aware of their neighborhoods, the evening also provides an opportunity for residents to interact and get to know their law enforcement representatives.

This year our division participated at several locations throughout Montgomery County including Olney, North Gate, Coffield Community Center, Indian Spring Recreation Center, North Four Corners Recreation Center, Flower Branch Apartments, New Hampshire

Estates, General Getty Park, and Emory Grove Village. Olney was the largest site with over 3,000 attendees.

Officer Rich Roberts became indoctrinated to his new Special Services position as he ran the Park Police booth and made the Fatal Vision demo a success. Wearing special glasses that simulate driving while intoxicated, participants drove a golf cart around a cone course. Many people were surprised how difficult it was to drive with the glasses on. Thanks to all the Park Police members and volunteers who helped make this event such a hit!



Officer Rosemary Whelan at Manchester Mavis Group National Night Out event.



Lt. Lisa Vasco at Seek Lane Park.

Photos by Lt. Darien Manley



Park Police Host Golf Outing in Support of Troops

by Lt. Darien Manley

Officer John McIntosh wanted to do something special for U.S. Army soldiers wounded in Iraq. He came up with an idea to bring a group of soldiers recuperating from war wounds at Walter Reed Army Medical Center together with Park Police officers for a day of golf. After checking with Park Police command staff, Walter Reed staff, Northwest Park Golf Course manager John Metzger, and Enterprise Division Chief Bill Mooney (who approved the free rounds), the event took off and kept on going.

On a beautiful Monday morning in late June, seven Army vets from across the country were paired with Park Police officers for a Captain's Choice, or best

ball, golf game at Northwest. In spite of recovering from spinal cord injuries, an amputation, an artificial eye, and other disabilities, the soldiers happily teed off, chipped, and putted their way around the 18-hole course with their Park Police partners.

John raised nearly \$1,000 for prepaid phone cards and planned a big dinner at Mama Lucia's in Olney for the soldiers. Mama Lucia's owner surprised the group by announcing dinner for the soldiers was on the house, letting Park Police officers make a donation to Fisher House, a temporary home for patients' families on the hospital grounds. Many thanks go to the Park Police members who organized the event, donated funds, and/or entertained the recovering soldiers. **G**



Park Police Officers and recuperating Iraq War veterans gather at Northwest Park Golf Course before playing 18 holes.

Photo by Officer Ed Rivera



1st Annual Community Fundraiser to Benefit a New Public Safety Memorial


The first annual community fundraiser to benefit a new Montgomery County public safety memorial is being held on Sunday, September 4, 2005, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the main pavilion at Smokey Glen Farm, 16407 Riffleford Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Event proceeds will support the construction and on-going maintenance of a memorial to honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty while serving the residents of Montgomery County.

The Public Safety Memorial will be dedicated to our own Park Police Officer Kristin Marie Pataki who died in the line of duty on May 4, 2002, and other fallen heroes from Montgomery County Fire and Rescue, Montgomery County Police, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Montgomery County Department of Corrections. Please join Officer Pataki's family and many of our supporters in making this a successful event.

Activities and entertainment such as basketball, horseshoes, mini-golf, moon bounce, volleyball, and more will be held throughout the day. Radio station Big 100.3 FM

will provide music and karaoke. Delicious food including barbequed chicken and ribs, hot dogs, chips, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, salads, dessert, soft drinks, beer, and wine will be served.

Public safety awareness and outreach activities will also be held throughout the day. There will be K-9 and horse demonstrations, child fingerprinting, crime prevention techniques, and various police, sheriff, and fire/rescue vehicles on display. Free parking is available on-site.

Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$15 for children (ages 3-11) and include all food and activities. Tickets may be purchased at the Montgomery County Park Police Headquarters at 12751 Layhill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or you can call 240-777-2450 for additional ticket information. All proceeds go to the Public Safety Officers Memorial Fund. The event will be held rain or shine, no refunds. Hope to see you there! 



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The Latest Scoop

Welcome to Newest Park Police Members

Please welcome our newest Communication Technician Trainees, Ms. Marsha Woodland and Marcia Livingston. Marsha worked in customer service for Verizon and Sprint before joining us. When not busy with her four children, Marsha enjoys reading and dancing. Marcia joins us from Prince George's Park and Planning Commission where she worked in the Recreation Department for seven years. Please stop by Communications and say hello to our newest members.



Communication Technician Trainee Marsha Woodland



Communication Technician Trainee Marcia Livingston

Photos by Margaret Kingsley

Birth Announcements

Congratulations go to Sergeant Mike Young and his wife, Elizabeth, on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Elizabeth. Rachel was born on July 21, 2005 and weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

Congratulations also go to Officer Shibu Philipose and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Dhanya Susan. Weighing in at five pounds, three ounces, Dhanya was born on July 27, 2005.