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From the Commander

On behalf of the 1st District station staff, I am pleased to share with you our first edition of the Community Advisory Team newsletter. We intend to publish a copy every four months.

We hope the newsletter will support collaboration between the station and our community by providing you with information about our services, events, safety tips, and other material.

Our mission is to provide the highest quality of service in preventing and solving crimes, enforcing the law, and enhancing public safety and education. You, the community, are our best eyes and ears for what is happening in your neighborhoods as well as helping us find ways to reduce crime. You can help us by staying informed and letting us know your concerns and ideas, or if you see anything suspicious. Your willingness to communicate with us is invaluable to our service to you.

Our district collaborates with the Rockville City Police Department, which serves some of the 1st District areas.

We welcome you to join our Community Advisory Team or share suggestions.

Sincerely,
 Commander James A. Fenner, Jr.

The Command Team



Left to right:
 Back – Deputy Commander David Anderson, Community Services Officer Michael Prather.
 Front – Deputy Commander Jacques Croom, Jr, OSC Tammy Chaney, Commander James A. Fenner, Jr.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2011 U.S. Open Championship

When: June 13th to June 19th

Where: Congressional Country Club, Bethesda

The U.S. Golf Association has selected Congressional Country Club in Bethesda to host the 2011 championship. With at least 250,000 visitors to the area, residents, businesses, and schools should be prepared for unusual traffic patterns and delays. There will also be strict security measures, including screening of spectators.

Police Adventure Camp

Who: Students from Veirs Mill ES

When: June 17th – June 23rd

Where: Veirs Mill ES, 11711 Joseph Mill Rd. Silver Spring

The 1st District will sponsor a camp in an effort to educate children while incorporating life skills such as avoiding peer pressure and making good decisions. The children also participate in arts and crafts and sporting activities such as basketball, soccer, and kickball.

This year, we will also have a career day at the office of the assistant state's attorney to show the campers what lawyers and judges do.

Meet the Commander

When: Saturday, June 18, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Target Store, 5700 Bou Ave., Rockville

A great event for district residents and business owners to meet one on one with the Commander and ask questions.

Motorists & Cyclists Sharing the Road

When: June 20th

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Public Service Training Academy, 9710 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville, MD 20850

We continue to receive numerous concerns about the sharing of MacArthur Boulevard by motorists and cyclists. We have requested officers who patrol this area to be especially vigilant during the warm weather when the number of cyclists increases.

To further our goal of ensuring safety for everyone who uses our roads, we are facilitating a public forum to discuss issues such as laws, safety, and other information about sharing the road. We hope to incorporate a question and answer session as well as time for attendees' suggestions and opinions.

We trust that the meeting will be productive and well attended.

National Night Out (NNO)

When: August 2nd

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Stonemill Square – Veirs Mill Rd/Randolph Rd

NNO is a gathering for neighborhoods to increase awareness and prevention of crime, and to generate participation in local anti-crime programs. NNO strengthens police-community partnerships and sends a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods are organized and they will fight back.

2011 1st District Open House

When: October 1

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: 1st District Station, 1451 Seven Locks Road, Rockville, MD 20854

The Open House is a chance for the community to meet the officers who work in the district, to tour the station, and to see displays such as the police helicopter, fire trucks, a K9 officer with his dog, and the Command Bus.

OTHER STATION NEWS

Officer of the Quarter

Congratulations to **PO III Tamara Lucas** for being selected Officer of the First Quarter! Officer Lucas' diligence, persistence, commitment, and investigative techniques allowed us to arrest a suspect involved in stealing holiday packages from residents' front doors around the Parklawn area.

New Hires



Officer Sheri Rule is a recent graduate of the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Academy. We welcome Officer Rule to our family.



Officer Nicholas Miele is a recent graduate of the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Academy. We welcome Officer Miele to our family.

School Resource Officer



Working with Montgomery County Public Schools, the 1st District's School Resource Officer, **PO III Maureen Connelly**, strives to enhance the safety and security of the learning environment for students, staff, and the school community.

Power Shift

A summer taskforce of officers who work mostly in the evening and night, focusing on areas with criminal trends in the 1st District. The 2011 taskforce will include enforcing traffic, DWI, drug, and alcohol laws.

Community Services Officer

Officer Michael Prather, the 1st District's Community Services Officer, is the link between the community and officers at the station. His work includes frequent in-person and telephone contact with the public, performing tasks such as answering questions, explaining processes, making presentations at community meetings, and providing crime prevention information.

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (CAT)



CAT is a group of residents from different neighborhoods and businesses in the district. Considered a bridge between the community and the police department, the CAT meets regularly with the Commander to address interests and concerns. CAT provides a means for police to hear residents' concerns directly, and to provide information on police issues.

Left to right

Front row: Vira Safi;

Second row: Ofc. Prather, Annette Luyegu, Lee Openhiem, Carolyn Coleman, Mark Miles, Tammy Chaney, Darrel Butler, Pat Lennon, Commander Fenner;

Back row: George Simms, John Wassel, Dave Henning, Capt. Louis Le'Compte (Montgomery County Dept. of Corrections), Vernon Ricks.

SAFETY TIPS

- Lock doors and windows properly when you leave your home. Most burglaries are crimes of opportunity – they happen because residents leave doors open.
- Before going on vacation, stop your mail and paper or have a trusted neighbor collect them for you. Ask the neighbor to pick up flyers left on your door.
- Use timers for interior lights and electronics if you will be away for many days. This will give your home the appearance of being occupied. Use exterior lights that activate automatically or by motion sensors.
- Ask someone to check on your vehicle and home while you are away. Leave emergency contact information with someone you trust, so he or she can reach you in case of an emergency.
- Park your vehicle in a well lit area. Valuables left in plain view invite burglars. Remove all items from the vehicle, including iPods, backpacks, cell phones, purses, money, and shopping bags.

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