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Protect yourself from identity theft at
Newport News Sheriff's Office FREE Shred Day

UPDATE 08/17/12:

The August 16th "Shred Day" event sponsored by the Newport News Sheriff's Office served hundreds of citizens helping to protect them from falling victim to identity theft. Stealth Shredding, Inc. brought three large trucks, each of which was almost filled. They estimate approximately 26,000 pounds of paper was destroyed. Synergy Electronics also collected a large load of unwanted electronics. 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 Lion's Club mobile van was busy providing citizens with eye and hearing exams. And The Home Depot, one of many exhibitors, kept children busy with its Kids Workshop teaching painting, hammering, and other crafty skills.

All of the services were provided free of charge.

The next "Shred Day" will take place in April, 2013 and will coincide with the DEA Drug Take Back.

Protect yourself from identity theft at
Newport News Sheriff's Office FREE Shred Day

The Newport News Sheriff's Office is committed to protecting citizens from being victimized by identity theft. They continue their partnership with Stealth Shredding, Inc. and will offer a **Shred Day, Thursday, August 16th from 10:00am-1:00pm**. This bi-annual event is **FREE** and Open to the Public. It will be held at The Home Depot on Jefferson Avenue near Bland Boulevard in Newport News.

Destroying personal identifying documents is one way to keep a thief from using your good name to conduct unscrupulous business. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), nine-million Americans have their identities stolen each year. What do the thieves do with those identities? They can rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, and establish utility accounts in the victim's names, etc. The victim may not discover the theft until a debt collector comes knocking.

Something *new this year: electronics collection*. Synergy Recycling has agreed to collect unwanted electronic equipment free of charge. One other free service will be provided by the Oyster Point Mariner Lions Club. They will be offering sight and hearing tests for all ages. This is a good time for parents to have their child's vision checked before the start of a new school year.

WHO: Newport News Sheriff's Office and Stealth Shredding, Inc.

WHAT: FREE SHRED DAY! *Open to the Public*

WHEN: Thursday, August 16th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Home Depot
Jefferson Avenue near Bland Blvd.
Newport News, VA

OTHER: FREE sight and hearing tests and FREE electronics collection & recycling

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