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Celebrating Accomplishments

Annual Promotion & Awards Ceremony

The law enforcement community is near and dear to State Senator John Miller's heart. "As a father of a law enforcement officer, I have a great appreciation for the sacrifices and stresses of your job," said Senator Miller. He was the Keynote Speaker at the Newport News Sheriff's Office Annual



John Miller, State Senator

Promotion and Awards Ceremony held Friday, December 3, 2010.

He spoke of his son, "My son John started his career at Virginia Tech where he worked for the campus police department. He served for almost a decade with the State



Brian Murray was promoted to Lieutenant. He was pinned by his wife Amy.

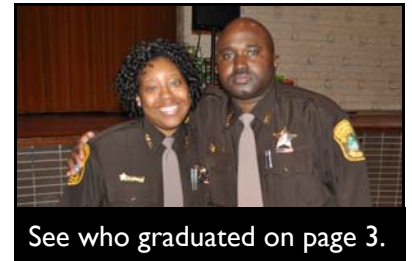
Police and on Thursday (12/9/10), he will graduate from the FBI Academy up in Quantico."

Senator Miller was not the only person with bragging rights this day. After all, the point of the ceremony was for family, friends and colleagues to celebrate all kinds of outstanding achievements that took place throughout the year.

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OTHER STORIES

A TURN OF THE PAGE AWAY:



See who graduated on page 3.



Volunteers find a night to celebrate. See page 4.



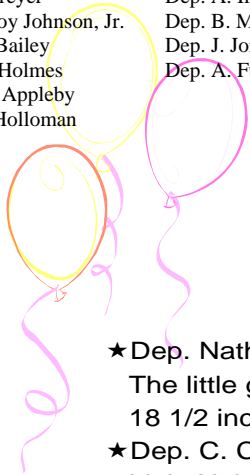
VASAVOR's Sylvia Hill is making it work on the runway. See page 4.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Sgt. D. Sullivan
Valencia White
Sgt. P. Preyer
Col. Leroy Johnson, Jr.
Dep. S. Bailey
Dep. C. Holmes
Dept. T. Appleby
Sharon Holloman

Brenda Charity
Dep. S. Summerford
Dep. A. Ireland
Dep. B. Munji
Dep. J. Jones
Dep. A. Fuller



FEBRUARY

Dep. M. Jones
Dep. M. Henry
Dep. T. Washington
Dep. J. Barham
Dep. K. Roberts
Dep. A. Nutt

Dep. R. Wilkins
Capt. R. Coleman
Dep. V. Williams
Cpl.
D.



MARCH

Dep. T. Brovald
Sgt. D. Clinard
Dep. R. Solomon
MDep. S. Chapman
Lt. A. Morales
Dep. E. Dempsey
Capt. Keith Langford
Dep. D. West
Dep. C. Dancy
Sgt. J. Reisinger

Dep. T. Davis
Cindylou Young
Dep. R. Forrest
Sgt. F. Hubbard
Dep. V. Kelly
Dep. D. Payne
MDep. W. Churchill
Dep. H. Delgado
Lt. M. Daniels
Sgt. V. Scott

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth:

- ★ Dep. Nathan Jones and his wife are the delighted parents of Abigail Ruth. The little girl was born on October 15. She weighed 7 lbs and 5 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long.
- ★ Dep. C. Cowell gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on November 12. Little Nehemiah was 8 lb and 2 oz.

Anniversary:

5 year:

MDep. C. Vincent 11/2005; Dep. J. Barham 11/ 2005; Dep. A. Sherman 11/2005; Dep. S. Wall 11/2005; Gloria Johnson 12/2005

PROMOTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
B. S. Murray	Lieutenant	December 1, 2010
M. Feliciano	Sergeant	September 1, 2010
J. M. Robbins	Sergeant	August 1, 2010
J. C. Brenzel	Corporal	July 1, 2010
R. M. Clayton	Corporal	January 1, 2010
D. A. Perez	Corporal	July 1, 2010
J. G. Phillips	Corporal	July 1, 2010
D. D. Blanch	Master Deputy	January 1, 2010
R. L. Jones	Master Deputy	January 1, 2010
C. Vincent	Master Deputy	January 1, 2010



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

— Dep. M. D. Jones, **Rotation C**, NNSO “Employee of the 4th Quarter” 2010



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS 10-03



The latest deputies to complete the Combined Jailor, Court Security, and Civil Enforcement Academy from left are: Alex Ortiz, Ryan L. Ellis, and Nathan C. Jones. Not pictured: Vernon J. Williams, Mario Washington, Joynisha K. Jones, Rene Zorrilla-Duran, and Pamela Shivers.

The Graduation Ceremony was held Dec. 22 at Warwick High School.

Photo Courtesy: Dep. C. Agee

JOB WELL DONE!

Deputy Robert Forrest graduated Dec. 22 from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, otherwise known as BLE. The ceremony was held at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center.

CONGRATULATIONS

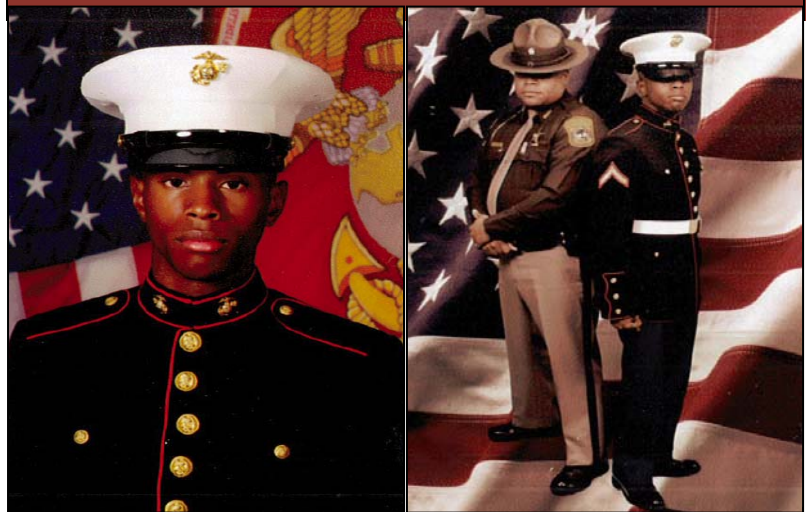
Sgt. M. Feliciano was certified Oct. 29th by the Chesapeake Bay Police Motorcycle School in basic police motorcycle operation.

He rode in the Nov. 20 Grand Illumination parade in Norfolk as his first official order of business.



"OohRah!"

An Expression of High Morale and Pride



Deputy Ricardo Donato is the proud father of a Marine! His son, Private First Class (PFC) Rickey R. F. Donato, graduated from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) in Parris Island, SC. on November 11, 2010. The 19-year old is now attending the School of Infantry Training Command at Camp Lejeune, NC.

FLASHBACK



To EVENTS



Each volunteer received a Certificate of Appreciation preceded by dinner and inspirational remarks from Delegates Glenn Oder and Robin Abbot, and from Councilman Joe Whitaker.

The 5th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held October 14 at the Marriott at City Center. There is an average of 150 volunteers who assist the Newport News inmate population with an average of 40 programs. By year's end, more than 1400 classes were completed with individual inmates graduating from multiple classes. Richard Pittman was named "Volunteer of the Year." He is with CASA, Christians Against Substance Abuse. He began volunteering at the City jail in 2006. The Rev. Dr. Kirk Houston, Sr. was the guest speaker. He is the author of "The Church's Return to Policy: Equipping the Church to Minister to Ex-Offenders."

Compassion, Love, and Understanding hits the runway *"One day you're in; the next day you're out."*

Those are the words made famous by Heidi Klum, host of the hit TV show "Project Runway."

We think Sylvia Hill is "in". Hill is not only a VASAVOR employee at the Newport News Jail Annex, she is

a clothing designer with her own line called "CLU," which stands for: Compassion, Love, and Understanding.

Sylvia premiered her designs at Virginia Fashion Week (VAFW) in

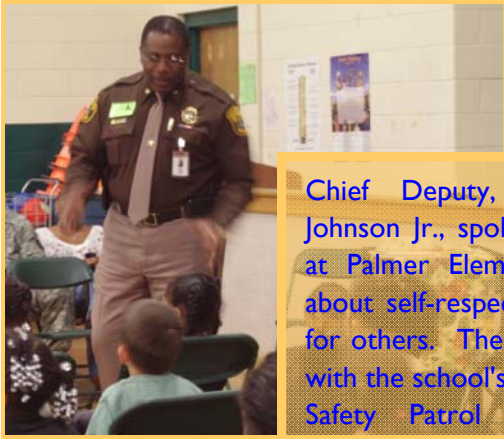
November. A runway show was held at Waterside Festival Marketplace in Norfolk, VA.

Sylvia has submitted a proposal to Macy's to have her clothes sold in their stores.



Photos Courtesy: Archie Whitehill

FLASHBACK



Chief Deputy, Col. Leroy Johnson Jr., spoke to students at Palmer Elementary School about self-respect and respect for others. The talk coincided with the school's October 13th Safety Patrol Day. The Colonel also spoke November 30th (pictured) at Greenwood Elementary School's Citizen Reception.

MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE NNSO

Big Brothers Big Sisters held its Mentor Rally at the Boo Williams Sports Complex in Hampton on October 17. The Sheriff's Office Executive Director of Community Outreach and Programs, Peggy Howard, is pictured talking to WAVY TV 10's Don Roberts about "Exploring," a career education program open to boys and girls.

Vickie Gaffney also manned the information booth and talked to citizens about community outreach programs for youth and senior citizens.



FLOWER FUND

Become a Member
for only \$12 a year.

A death in the family is difficult.
Help ease that sorrow.

A gift of flowers shows your
colleagues you care.

Please give your \$12 to
Sgt. C. Zanders.

**Thank you for your
participation.**

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FLOWER FUND MONTH**

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AWARDS (contin. from page 1)

Among the awards this year was the Sheriff's Medal, which is given for acts of heroism and meritorious service. Four such medals were presented this year including one to man's best friend.

Canine handler Corporal Wayne Hill and his partner Vader received the medal for apprehending two armed robbery suspects. Cpl. Hill was the first to respond to a dispatch call. Intimidated by the dog, the suspects dropped to the ground and complied with the Corporal's orders. Once the suspects were in handcuffs, Vader was ordered to search for evidence in some tall grass. When Hill approached, he found Vader lying down with a weapon between his paws and pushing it with his nose.

Deputy Kyle Taylor earned the Sheriff's Medal for a separate instance where he assisted police in the apprehension of three burglary suspects. The fourth Sheriff's Medal was presented to Vickie Gaffney for her body of work as the Community Resource Officer.

City Manager Neil Morgan made remarks at the awards ceremony. "It is my view that a great organization is composed of three things: good people, the tools to do the job, and a plan of action that everyone understands," he said. He acknowledged there is no shortage of good people at the Newport News Sheriff's Office (NNSO).



Rebecca Jones was promoted to Master Deputy. She is congratulated by Sheriff Morgan and her family.



Life Saving Medal recipients. L-R: Lt. Kandyce Patrick, Cpl. Clay Chapman, Deputy Anthony Ledet, Nurse Sherita Hall, and Nurse Sharon Leonard.



Renewing their oath

Remarkable work is being done by the NNSO including efforts to fight against drug trafficking on the Peninsula. Members of the Narcotics Criminal Interdiction Unit, or NCIU, were presented with a Group Achievement Award. So far, the undercover unit has pulled large amounts of illegal narcotics out of the drug trade. Nearly 200 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$816,000 has been seized; and another \$31,000 worth of cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, OxyContin, and drug money has been confiscated.

The NCIU has also seized dozens of weapons and made dozens of arrests. Their operations are making City streets and neighborhoods safer.

Sheriff Morgan closed the ceremony by thanking the families for their daily show of support and for taking the time out of their schedules to attend the afternoon ceremony. He said, "I know the award recipients and those being promoted appreciate it. We look forward to doing more great things in the coming year. Thank you." 🌟

NNPD RECOGNIZES MEMBERS OF NNSO AT SEMI-ANNUAL CEREMONY

In October, the Newport News Police Department included a few Sheriff's Office employees in its Semi-Annual Awards Ceremony. Inmate Program Coordinator Vernessa Graves is pictured (right) with Police Chief Jim Fox receiving the Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement Award. Graves was part of a team that helped with research strategies to address the prostitution problem in the City.

Other NNSO employees who were awarded by the NNPD: Sgt. C. Wilberg for assisting the Gang Enforcement Unit uncover a newly forming gang;

Sgt. R. O'Halloran, Cpl. W. Hill, and Deputy S. Sheridan for helping to expose a crime ring that used Craigslist to sell stolen property; and Deputy K. Taylor for his part in the capture of three burglary suspects.



SHOE BOX SANTA AND HIS ELVES *HELPING KIDS OVERSEAS*

Sergeant Henry McCoy was listening to the radio when he heard the K-LOVE disc jockey talk about "Operation Christmas Child," a ministry of Samaritan's Purse International Relief.

They were telling how to pack a shoe box for disadvantaged children in other countries. "I just thought it would be something nice to do," said McCoy about organizing a shoebox collection at work.

He and colleagues collected a variety of goodies to delight a boy or girl between the age of 2 & 14. Items recommended by Samaritan's Purse included toys, of course.

But these children lack some items that many of us take for granted: toothbrush and toothpaste; soap; a



comb; and other toiletries. They also added school supplies.

McCoy and his elves packed as much as they could fit in a shoebox sized container!



One additional item McCoy thought to include... a label with his name and address... in hopes of

following the box and discovering its destination!

SHERIFF'S Last Word

One year has come to an end while another is just beginning. It is natural to look back and see where we have been and what was accomplished.

The Annual Promotion & Awards Ceremony gave us, as a department, a stage to display a lot of terrific things and good people. You read about a number of them in the Top Story of this edition of the NNSO quarterly newsletter, "On the Inside." I want to draw attention to an award that was not covered.

I was honored to present Ken Jones with the Appreciation for Outstanding Support. Before he retired as the Chief of the Fire Department, Jones advocated for life and safety measures for the main City Jail – infrared cameras, sprinklers, ventilation improvements, and a direct fire escape.



Chief Ken Jones accepts the Appreciation for Outstanding Support Award from Sheriff Gabe Morgan.

Many of the renovations at the jail today would not have come to fruition had it not been for Jones' level of expertise and strong voice. We will continue to work closely with Jones now that he is the Coordinator for Emergency Management.

Thank you to State Senator John Miller for taking time out of his busy schedule to be our guest speaker. In his address, not only did he highlight the efforts of the

NNSO, but he also promised to continue to fight for us in the General Assembly. Senator Miller is a commonsense lawmaker who works to stay above the fray of partisan bickering in order to find solutions to real problems. On behalf of the entire Newport News Sheriff's Office, we say thank you to Senator Miller for your support of the law enforcement community.

Aside from the ceremony, I want to draw your attention to other yearend items of note.

Together Peggy Howard, Exec. Dir. of Community Outreach and

Programs, and Sacil Armstrong, Exec. Dir. of Weed & Seed, secured a \$5,000 Bank of

America "Local Hero Grant." I selected Southeast Weed & Seed, Inc. as my charity of choice knowing that the money would be put to good use.

Speaking of Weed & Seed, an army of 180 volunteers from residents to Hampton University Upward Bound students to City employees to members of various churches joined together on a massive cleanup on November 6. The Weed & Seed Neighborhood Restoration subcommittee organized one of their cleanups to coincide with the City of Newport News and State Attorney General's Office "Community Day" at the 29th and Oak Mini Park. The park,

Newsome House Museum, and private residences got a facelift. No sooner had new playground equipment been installed at the park, there were families laughing and playing on it. What a wonderful sight!

These cleanups are movements to help empower people to take back their neighborhood. A clear message was sent

to the criminals: You are not wanted and you won't be tolerated!

In the coming year, I am going to challenge us to assist with raising money to complete the construction of a new Food Bank. I want you to think of ways we can "fun" raise \$20,000... keeping with our philosophy of "working hard and playing hard!"

As we look ahead to 2011, I want to take this opportunity to send the entire NNSO team my heartfelt appreciation for all you do in the course of your daily duties and for going above and beyond what is required of you. Your interaction with every aspect of the community of Newport News leaves an enduring mark on the fabric of our City.

You do so much for so many, especially the elderly, the mentally ill, the children, and the homeless.

THANK YOU!



Sheriff Morgan presented Weed & Seed Executive Director Sacil Armstrong with \$5,000 he was awarded by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation in its Neighborhood Excellence Initiative program.