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**Newport News Sheriff's Office** — *Committed to Making a Difference*

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## **Celebrations bring the year to a close**

### Promotion and Awards

"December 1st. I think this is such a great way to start out a month and close out a year with a celebration," said Lt. Kathleen Carey, Public Information Officer and emcee of the Annual Awards and Promotion Ceremony. And with that, the program



began. The event gives the Sheriff's Office an opportunity to publically congratulate its deputies,

civilian personnel, and citizens for various accomplishments throughout the year.

As Sheriff Gabe Morgan said, "We stop and recognize the great work you do on a daily basis, often outside public view and outside the media spotlight."

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### Volunteer Appreciation

How do you say thank you to a volunteer? Volunteers do not give of their time for recognition. They do it because they feel called to help others. Those who volunteer at the Newport News City Jail are helping to rebuild broken lives.

The Newport News Sheriff's Office held its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on October 20, 2011. Mayor McKinley Price made remarks; Councilman Joe Whitaker attended, as did former Delegate Flora D. Crittenden. Senator John Miller (D-1st Dist) was keynote speaker. He told the group that there is plenty that government can do and must do for its citizens, but he acknowledged that government does not have all the answers.

"Government can build the jails, but it can't teach the inmates to read. The need for action always exceeds the

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# BIRTHDAYS

## JANUARY

MDep. R. L. Jones	Dep. S. Holloman
Dep. W. S. Ange	Brenda Charity
Valencia White	MDep. S. J. Summerford
Sgt. P. A. Preyer	Dep. A. R. Ireland
Dep. S. M. Bailey	Dep. B. R. Munji
Dep. C. L. Holmes	Dep. J. K. Jones
Dep. W. Cariles	Dep. T. T. Hill
Dep. T. F. Appleby	Dep. D. L. Hoang
Dep. R. J. Beale	Dep. A. R. Fuller



## FEBRUARY

Dep. R. W. Dobkins	Dep. A. S. Nutt
Sgt. V. J. Williams	Dep. R. B. Wilkins
Dep. A. L. Cofield	Lt. A. Morales
Dep. H. Marcellious	Capt. R. S. Coleman
Dep. T. S. Washington	Dep. D. Wright
Dep. J. Barham	Dep. R. E. Spender
Dep. K. M. Roberts	Dep. B. Petitfrere
Dep. M. D. Jones	

## MARCH

Dep. T. R. Brovald	Dep. R. S. Forrest
Dep. R. L. Solomon	Lt. F. L. Hubbard
Cpl. S. L. Chapman	Dep. V. P. Kelly
Maj. K. R. Langford	Dep. S. M. Rocchio
Dep. D. A. West	Cpl. W. G. Churchill
Dep. Y. C. Poggi	Dep. D. M. Payne
Sgt. J. P. Reisinger	Dep. H. Delgado
Dep. T. W. Davis	Sgt. V. M. Scott

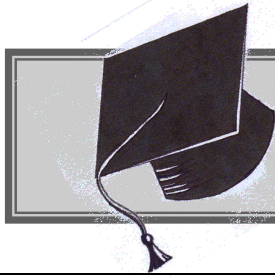


## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birth:** ★ Dep. C.D. Daniels welcomed her granddaughter on December 27, 2011. Little Nevaeh weighed 6 lbs 10 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Congratulations!
- Retirement:**
- Deputy Theodore Wortham retired effective December, 2011. He began his career with the Newport News Sheriff’s Office in June, 1985.
  - Deputy Sharon Logan retired effective September, 2011. She began her career with the Newport News Sheriff’s Office in January, 1993.
- Anniversary:**
- 15 year:** Sgt. V. M. Barfield-Allen 11/1996
- 5 year:** Cpl. R. M. Clayton 10/2006; Dep. S. Ireland 10/2006; Dep. S. Holloman 12/2006; Dep. S. W. Marler 12/2006; Dep. N. D. O’Garro 12/2006; Dep. C. A. Peake 12/2006; Dep. G. A. Taylor-Donnes 12/2006; Dep. L. L. Walker 12/2006

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Cpl. C. Q. Woodhouse, **Rotation A**, NNSO “Employee of the Quarter,” 4th Qtr.



## Congrats Graduates!!



Academy instructors supervise daily calisthenics. Photo above is of an exercise called the "sky crunch" (a.k.a. the "dying cockroach") designed to strengthen abdominal muscles.

### CONGRATULATIONS CLASS 11-03

for completing 13 weeks of training and graduating on December 2, 2011 from the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy. The new deputies are: T. A. Blyth, R. W. Dobkins, O. I. Ruedas-Morales, B. Petitfrere, A. Regis, M. A. Ramirez, and J. Troy.

The training encompasses both academic and practical work like defensive tactics, driving, handcuffing techniques, firearms, and more.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Basic Law Enforcement Class 11-B graduated on September 12th. The BLE training is designed for those individuals who perform police functions. Graduating with this class were Deputy T. Appleby and Deputy T. L. Losfwold. Both are assigned to Civil Enforcement. Deputies in this division are on the street each day serving court ordered papers and the most likely to encounter civil unrest requiring a trained law enforcement response.

Congratulations to both for completing this 16-week academy and demonstrating their professional development.

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**FLASH BACK****To EVENTS**

Just call them “Santa’s Elves.” NNSO deputies volunteered along with several groups to wrap as many as 4,000 gifts for Home Instead Senior Care’s annual “Be a Santa to a Senior.” Pictured l-r: MDep. C. Vincent, Dep. R. Forrest, CRO V. Gaffney, Dep. A. Ledet, MDep. R. Jones, and Lt. K. Patrick-Gross.



### **ANNUAL YULETIDE GREETINGS**

The Newport News Sheriff’s Office joined in on the fun at the Annual “Yuletide Greetings Program” held December 15, 2011. After helping serve up a traditional holiday meal, they put their dancing shoes to work!

The event is sponsored by Newport News Parks, Recreation & Tourism’s Active Lifestyle, the Peninsula Agency on Aging, and Knights of Columbus. It is always a favorite for community senior citizens who are treated to lunch and entertainment.

The Peninsula Seniors & Law Enforcement Together, or S.A.L.T., held its 16th Annual Senior Safety Summit on October at the Northside Christian Church in Yorktown. The Newport News Sheriff’s Office is a proud member of S.A.L.T. This year 260 senior citizens attended. There were 28 vendors, and informative workshops were conducted. Topics included how to end financial abuse, frauds and scams that target seniors, exercise and wellness, travel opportunities for seniors, and government benefits to help keep seniors in their homes. Boxed lunches were provided by Jason’s Deli.

## **City’s EPTF Employee Pride Task Force**

*Newport News Sheriff’s Office is a Proud Member*

**The Newport News Sheriff’s Office was successful in its charitable collection for the “Making a Difference Campaign.” Team leader, Deputy D. Velez, said together we donated 133 pairs of socks; 120 bars of soap; 107 toothbrushes; 35 tubes of toothpaste; 15 bottles of shampoo; 15 deodorants; bags full of slippers.**

**All of the goods went to “Clean Comfort,” a showering facility for the homeless. Thank you for your help! 😊**



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Mayor McKinley Price was happy to shine the spotlight on each of the deserving recipients when he said, "Public safety is a noble profession and I take great pride in being able to pay tribute to those of you who have embarked on this career path."



Keynote

speaker FBI Special Agent in Charge Alex Turner used the word

"dedication" to collectively describe all the recipients, be they sworn personnel, civilian staff, or community partners.



"You serve to protect against the enemies of life, liberty, security, and justice. With the goal of protecting the citizens of Newport News, you also provide inmate services aimed at rehabilitating and educating inmates, reducing recidivism and giving each inmate an opportunity to succeed upon release." ★



**VOLUNTEERS** (contin. from page 1)

limits of government. That's where folks like you come in. You are active and engaged citizens." Miller quoted one of the country's most iconic volunteers, "The late Danny Thomas who founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis said 'success has nothing to do with what we gain in life or accomplish ourselves. It is based on what we do for others.'"



Perhaps the most valuable "thank you" of the evening came in the form of a short film produced by the Newport News Sheriff's Office.

Inmates spoke from the heart as they discussed the importance of program facilitators. One inmate said,



"Without the volunteers, I don't know where we'd be because it takes dedicated people to volunteer their time to help someone else. There was never concern about my charges. No one asked. They just came straight from the heart to give and to help." Another had this to say, "They helped me find my problem and now I want to correct it. I didn't believe I had a drug problem until I was in a group setting. And I will try my hardest not to relapse." And yet another said, "Definitely I will learn from everything I've learned here. What I'll take from this is peace and a sense of hope." ★

## FROM THE HEART

Volunteer of the Year, 2011 was 90-year old Joseph Clarke.

When most people are already retired, Joseph Clarke was just picking up steam. In his seventies, he began volunteering at the Newport News City Jail. That was seventeen years ago.



Clarke, now 90-years old, continues to dedicate his time to help a population that often goes ignored. Clarke teaches a self-esteem class. On October 20th, he was singled out at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner as the 2011

Volunteer of the Year. On the 1st of December, Sheriff Gabriel A. Morgan presented Clarke with a Citizen Service Medal at the department's

Promotion and Awards Ceremony.

Most of the 45 inmate programs offered by the Newport News Sheriff's Office are facilitated by some 120 volunteers. In addition to self-esteem, programs include, but

are not limited to money management, brick masonry, substance abuse counseling, English as a second language, GED, and building bridges with books--creating an audio CD with parents reading to their children. 🌟

## NNSO first agency in Virginia to deploy new TASER X2 ECD

The Newport News Sheriff's Office was the first law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia to purchase the latest electronic control device, or ECD, from TASER International, Inc. "We are excited to announce the first deployment of X2 ECDs in Virginia and welcome the Newport News Sheriff's Office as a first time customer of our technology," said Rick Smith, CEO of TASER International.

The technology provides another layer -- an intermediate level -- to the use of force continuum. "They are proven to

reduce injuries to the suspect and to the officer if used properly," said Captain David Hughes.

The X2 model was selected by the NNSO for its enhanced safety features, including a high definition camera built-in to each device. The camera is activated when the TASER is pulled from the holster and begins recording prior to the shot. "In reviews, we can watch the suspect's action before, during, and after the TASER was fired. The camera is for the protection of the deputy, the department and the public," explained Hughes.

Training on the proper use of

the device began in mid-December and will continue into the new year, 2012.

Captain Hughes and three others at the department completed instructor school. Each was exposed to a TASER. Being hit by the probes and zapped by an electrical current as part of training helps improve an officer's judgment in deploying the device.

"It was the longest five seconds of my life. It hurts," he said trying to find a diplomatic way to describe the feeling. "It was unlike anything I've ever experienced. I never want to feel it again." 🌟



## NEWPORT NEWS SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SET SAIL TO HELP THE SHRINERS

"When I heard about the 'Apprentice Cardboard Boat Regatta' I knew my division would want to join in on the fun while helping the Shriners Hospital," said Lt. Kandyce Patrick-Gross, Commander of Civil Enforcement. "The team building opportunity was great," she added.

This was the first year for the Newport News Sheriff's Office to enter a boat in the event sponsored by Apprentice School Student Chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME). In fact, of the eighteen entries, the Sheriff's Office was the only one designed and constructed outside of the apprentice school community. "I didn't know how to design one," said Deputy Robert Forrest. "But we put our heads together, and this is what we've got," he

continued pointing at their vessel. The object of the competition is to build a boat out of cardboard, tape, and glue. Teams navigated their cardboard boats through a variety of relay and marathon races.

Showcasing their team spirit and sense of humor, the Newport News Sheriff's Office took the name "Team Paperweight" and named their boat "The Unit." The boat was made to look like a marked police unit, complete with a light bar, license plates, and

decal. With Deputy Todd Davis as its captain, not only did the boat float through its first heat, it was sturdy enough to race in two more. "The only reason I got wet," explained Deputy Davis, "was because of the water pistols at the end." A water pistol range was set up at the finish line as a way for spectators to get in on

the fun. For a small donation they were able to rent a water gun and soak every mariner whose boat was seaworthy enough to complete the race.

Race director Tracey Scudieri reported that a total of \$5,000 was raised for Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Khedive Shrine Patient Transportation Fund where funds stay local.

The effort made by the entire civil enforcement division was a long way from conducting evictions and serving jury summonses, but that was the point: to

improve their public image by showing that behind the uniform is a person who is approachable and who is also a member of the community they serve. "Working with the Newport News Sheriff's Office, I have enjoyed a lot of volunteering and doing a lot of special things," said Davis. "Like we're doing today for the Shriners Hospital." 🌟



# SHERIFF'S Last Word

## Special individuals joined us in celebration:

At the end of the year, the Newport News Sheriff's Office likes to pause and reflect on what transpired over the twelve previous months. And we do that with our Annual Promotion and Awards Ceremony, which you have already read about as the Top Story of this newsletter. I would be remiss if I didn't draw attention to the evening's speakers.

Our Mayor Dr. McKinley Price made time in his busy schedule to share in our celebration. I see the Mayor as the kind of individual who gets things done on the ground. Radio personality Shaggy with 96X had their "Stuff the Bus" toy collection at Patrick Henry Mall on November 30th. Three HRT buses were packed with toys, all of which stay local. Mayor Price was acknowledged as being the first mayor in three years from throughout the Hampton Roads area to be a part of their campaign. That speaks volumes about his character, and it was an honor to have him the next day at our ceremony.

Additionally, we had FBI Special Agent in Charge Alex Turner as our Keynote speaker. It is without hesitation I call him a friend; I call him a mentor; I call him a trailblazer. As a side note, this was a swansong for Alex. He just took on an assignment which is taking him back to Washington DC Headquarters where he is going to head-up the FBI Global Security Initiative. Thank you Alex for clearing your calendar to speak to the men and women of the Newport News Sheriff's Officers and congratulate them as your fellow law enforcement officers.

## Holiday spirit exercised by our staff:

I mention Mayor Price and his involvement in a toy collection in Newport News. He is not the only

person I want to thank for having a giving heart. On December 12th, I had the privilege of serving the seniors at the Knights of Columbus. NNSO showed up in force. You all looked great and interacted with a servant's heart. No leader could ask for any better representation from his people. Again, THANK YOU for support and participation.

TEAM NNSO you make an old warrior soft with the compassion that you show our community and to our NNSO family.

## Setting the bar for 2012:

Thank everyone for your efforts in 2011 as we look ahead to yet another year. My goal for this agency is to be a Center of Excellence. I want others to see what we're doing and want to come here and learn from us. We do that by continually looking below the surface in our own sections and ask ourselves if we can find another way of doing things, of improving upon things.

I have asked the leaders of this agency to keep helping their folks grow. If they move the bar higher, it will encourage personnel to strive to do better. Leaders should be developing new leaders, and you do that by continually challenging your folks to be creative, innovative, productive, and attentive to details.

I am so proud of how this method of operation is already taking place. Your good work shows.

I have got the best team out there. I thank each and every one of you and may God bless you.

Your Coach,



Gabriel A. Morgan  
Sheriff, City of Newport News