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

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## The Newport News Sheriff's Office Earns Re-Accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission

On Thursday, June 6, 2013, the Newport News Sheriff's Office earned re-accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission, or VLEPSC. Seeking accreditation is strictly voluntary. An independent evaluation of the agency ensures best practices are exercised by the Newport News Sheriff's Office.

Following the meeting, Sheriff Gabe Morgan proclaimed to the staff, "It is with great pride that I announce that the Newport News Sheriff's Office earned accreditation by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. Although it was truly a team effort, I would



Chief Timothy Longo, VLEPSC Chairman, presented Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan and representatives of the NNSO with the Certificate of Accreditation. Pictured left to right: Major Betty Thomas, NNSO Professional Standards Bureau Chief; Chief Longo; NNSO Deputy Nathan Jones; NNSO Lt. Gerald Grogan; and Sheriff Morgan.

like to personally thank Major Betty Thomas, Lt. Gerald Grogan, and Deputy Nathan Jones for being the 'tip of the spear' on this initiative." Thomas is the Sheriff's Office Professional Standards Bureau Chief. Grogan and Jones fall under her command. Accreditation standards provide norms against which

an agency's performance can be measured and monitored. VLEPSC accreditation indicates that participating Virginia agencies are systematically evaluated on policy and procedure. This helps boost public confidence in how their community is being served in crime prevention and control.

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# BIRTHDAYS

## JULY

Sgt. D. Woodhouse  
Megan Batts  
Dep. M. L. Hicks  
Dep. K. Lampkins  
MDep. T. T. Brown  
Dep. R. Bullock  
Dep. C. A. Alston  
Dep. S. A. Woodruff  
Sgt. J. M. Robbins  
Deborah Mizelle  
Lt. G. F. Grogan  
**Sheriff Gabe Morgan**

Lt. K. L. Patrick-Gross  
Sgt. D. D. Blanch  
Dep. S. W. Marler  
Dep. J. R. Owens  
Dep. T. L. Gordon  
MDep. P. J. Handwerk  
Col. Eileen Sprinkle  
Dep. O. Ruedes-Morales  
Dep. F. Vito  
Sgt. W. R. Walter  
Capt. C. D. Thomas

## AGUGUST

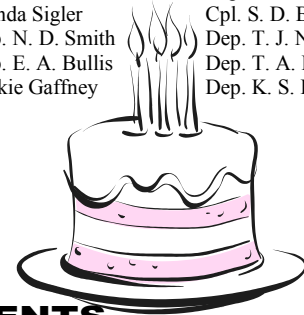
Dep. C. J. Toliver  
Dep. A. E. Alexander  
Eurika Bowman  
Dep. L. R. Cuffee  
Sgt. C. A. Wilberg  
Sgt. P. A. Chapman  
Tyler Langford  
Dep. J. E. Galecki

Dep. T. L. Fulton  
Crysty Moultrie  
MDep. V. M. Woodson  
MDep. L. D. Smith  
Lt. B. S. Murray  
Dep. A. Regis  
Dep. J. C. Cauthorn  
Dep. N. C. Jones

## SEPTEMBER

Dep. T. V. Session  
Lt. K. Carey  
Dep. L. L. Walker  
Wanda Sigler  
Dep. N. D. Smith  
Dep. E. A. Bullis  
Vickie Gaffney

MDep. C. Vincent  
Cpl. C. V. Hoggard  
Dep. R. A. Robinson  
Cpl. S. D. Boothe-Hardy  
Dep. T. J. Nolan  
Dep. T. A. Blyth  
Dep. K. S. Penn



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth:



- ★ Deputies J. and E. Feliciano are the proud parents of a baby girl. J. Feliciano gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on May 17, 2013. She weighed 7 lbs and 13 oz and measured 20 inches in length.
- ★ Deputy B. A. Machado became the proud father of a baby boy with the birth of his son on June 11, 2013.
- ★ Deputy Jimmy Adams is a new grandfather of twin girls born June 24, 2013. One weighed 5 lbs and 8 oz; the other. 5 lbs and 10 oz.
- ★ Dep. T. Ross and his wife are the proud parents of a little girl. Their daughter was born June 30, 2013, weighing 7 lbs and 7 oz and measuring 19.5 inches in length.

Wedding:



• Deputy V. H. Harris exchanged wedding vows with her beloved. Get used to calling her Deputy Warren. Congratulations.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Lt. F. L. Hubbard, **1st Shift Rotation 'A' City Jail**, NNSO "Employee of the Quarter," 1st Qtr.
- Cp. T. A. Grey, **Transportation**, NNSO "Employee of the Quarter," 2nd Qtr.

NNSO Anniversary:

**5 year:**

all 6/2008: MDep. T. T. Brown; MDep. C. L. Durham;  
MDep. P. J. Handwerk; MDep. D. L. Jones;  
MDep. A. L. Pinkney; Dep. T. R. Brovald;  
Dep. T. L. Gordon; Dep. M. D. Hardy; Dep. A. S. Nutt;  
Dep. K. M. Odom

**20 year:**

4/1993: Dep. W. Cariles



# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Basic Combined Jailors CLASS 13-1



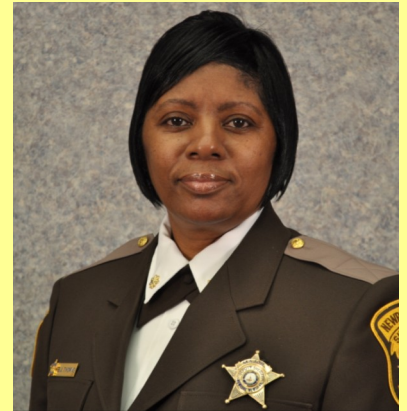
NN Deputy Sheriff K.M. Waller (above) was selected by Class 13-1 to be their representative speaker at their Graduation Ceremony held April 19, 2013. Not pictured are: Deputies: E. J. Carlson, J. E. Galecki, K. J. Hawkins, and C. D. Sproles.

Congratulations to each deputy for completing the Basic Combined Academy.

# Regretful Goodbyes for Well Deserved RETIREMENTS

Major Betty

Thomas began her career with the Newport News Sheriff's Office in 1987. Thomas climbed the ranks to one of the top



commands as the Professional Standards Bureau Chief. Sheriff Gabe Morgan commended Thomas' service in an e-mail reading, "Team NNSO, Please join me in wishing Major Betty Thomas good luck and a fond farewell upon her retirement. After 26 years of service to this agency and to the City of Newport News, Major Thomas will retire effective June 28, 2013. Her supportive and calm demeanor will be missed. Again, please take the time to thank her for more than a quarter-century of dedicated service. "

Deputy L. M. Winfree began his career with the NNSO in 1997 and first retired in October, 2007 only to return part-time a month later. His official retirement was effective April 25, 2013.

## ON THE INSIDE

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LOOK

Forward ↓ to these events:

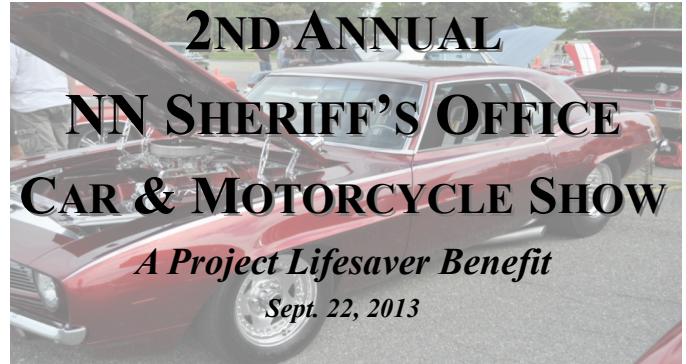
**PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT***Don't let yourself become the victim of an identity thief.*

The Newport News Sheriff's Office and Stealth Shredding will sponsor their popular Shred Day on **August 15<sup>th</sup>** from 10am-1pm at The Home Depot on Chatham Drive (near Jefferson Avenue and Bland Boulevard).

Bring your personal documents you want destroyed. Additionally, Synergy Recycling will be collecting your unwanted electronics. They collaborate with The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula (a non-profit organization offering employment opportunities to the physically and mentally challenged) to prepare discarded electronics for recycling. All around, this is a green event designed with your safety in mind.

Other resources will be available with information booths. As always, the Oyster Point Mariner Lions Club will be on-hand with its mobile sight and hearing test center. Get onboard just in time for the start of the school season. The exams are offered free of charge to all ages.

For further information, please contact NNSO Community Resource Officer Vickie Gaffney at 926-7017. ☘



Clear your calendars for **September 22, 2013**, and get ready to rev your engines for the Second Annual Newport News Sheriff's Office Car and Motorcycle Show. The display of cars and motorbikes will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the K-Mart parking lot at Warwick Boulevard and Oriana Road.

It is only \$20/per vehicle to register, plus two cans of food for the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank. There are no restrictions. If it's cool, bring it! Trophies will be awarded for several categories.

Remember, all monies will go toward the NNSO Foundation, benefiting charities like Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a non-profit search and rescue program offered free of charge to clients in Newport News by the Newport News Sheriff's Office. Since 2003, trained deputies have been "bringing loved ones home". Those diagnosed Alzheimer's, traumatic brain injury, Down syndrome, and Autism tend to wander and can get lost. It is the job of certified deputies to find them and safely return them to their caregivers.

In addition to the registration fee, donations will be accepted. Spectators can also participate in the smash car by taking a sledgehammer to a donated clunker.

For further information, please contact Lt. Patrick-Gross at 926-3991. ☘

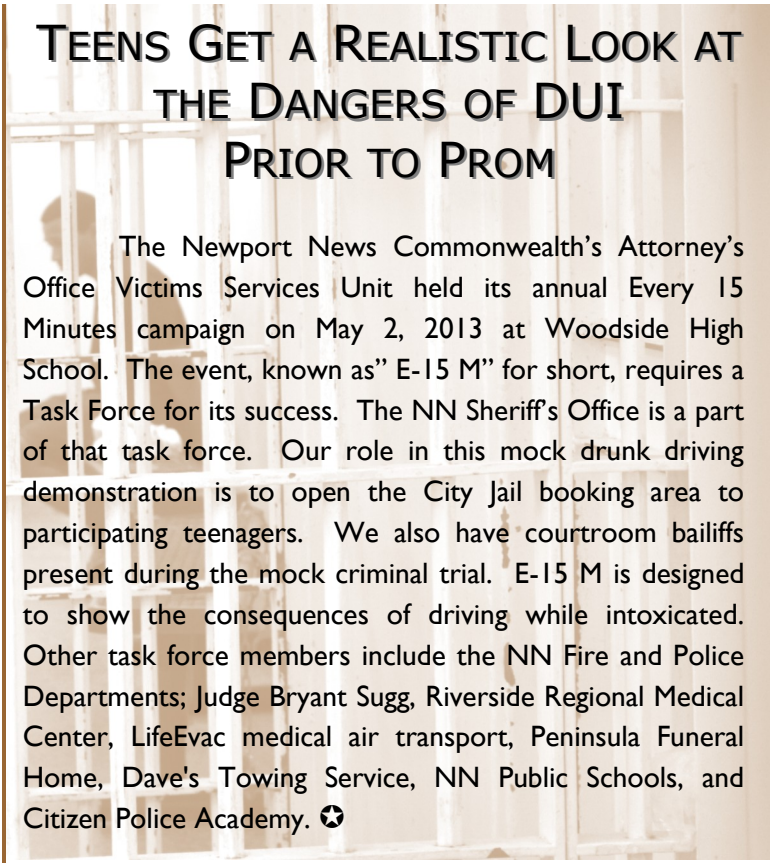
**ACCREDITATION** *(contin. from page 1)*

In April, 2013, VLEPSC certified assessors spent three days going through files, randomly interviewing deputies to test their knowledge, touring the facilities, riding along with civil enforcement deputies, and conducting other functions for their audit. There were zero deficiencies noted. The Newport News Sheriff's Office complied with all 187 standards set forth by VLEPSC. With a 100% score, the Newport News Sheriff's Office went before the VLEPSC accreditation board on June 6, 2013 where it was announced the office earned the seal of approval as an accredited Virginia law enforcement agency. The executive board consists of representatives selected by the Virginia Sheriffs' Association (VSA), and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP). The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) provides oversight.

VLEPSC accreditation remains in effect for four years. It is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence. ★

**TEENS GET A REALISTIC LOOK AT THE DANGERS OF DUI PRIOR TO PROM**

The Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney's Office Victims Services Unit held its annual Every 15 Minutes campaign on May 2, 2013 at Woodside High School. The event, known as "E-15 M" for short, requires a Task Force for its success. The NN Sheriff's Office is a part of that task force. Our role in this mock drunk driving demonstration is to open the City Jail booking area to participating teenagers. We also have courtroom bailiffs present during the mock criminal trial. E-15 M is designed to show the consequences of driving while intoxicated. Other task force members include the NN Fire and Police Departments; Judge Bryant Sugg, Riverside Regional Medical Center, LifeEvac medical air transport, Peninsula Funeral Home, Dave's Towing Service, NN Public Schools, and Citizen Police Academy. ★



**PEDAL POWER HELPS FAMILY OF FALLEN OFFICERS**

Sgt. H. McCoy, Court Security Assistant Commander, presented Sheriff Gabe Morgan with LEU Gold Donor Award 6/4/13 *(bottom right)*.

LEU stands for Law Enforcement United. Every year hundreds of officers and deputies from all over the U.S. and Canada pedal their bicycles from Chesapeake, VA to the Nation's Capital during National Police Week. McCoy was one of those riders and was honored to ride in the name of Patrolman Fred G. Mercer, Metropolitan Police Department, Massachusetts who fell in the line of duty on 09/20/1923. Funds raised by LEU help the families of fallen officers.



# FLASH BACK



# To EVENTS

## FINDING A FUN WAY TO BRING AWARENESS TO A SERIOUS TOPIC



The Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes was held to benefit the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, a non-profit organization that provides free services across the Peninsula. Executive Director Shawna Gray launched the event in Newport News in 2006 and has always been able to count on the strong support of the Newport News

Sheriff's Office, even when the event moved to Hampton in 2011. ★



## CNU TAKEN OVER BY SENIORS... SENIOR CITIZENS THAT IS



Each Spring, Christopher Newport University welcomes the Senior Forum for Aging. Numerous helpful seminars are conducted to assist senior citizens in improving their quality of life. Pictured l-r: Lt. Alonzo Cherry, Hampton Sheriff's Office; Vickie Gaffney, Newport News Sheriff's Office; and Randy Davis, Community Outreach Coordinator/Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Office of the Attorney General. ★



## SUMMER KICKS OFF WITH THE DENBIGH YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE PARADE

Thanks to each and every NN deputy sheriff who participated in the neighborhood event. Also thanks to the young adults in the Law Enforcement Explorers program (*bottom row: right five*) who assisted. Organizers can always expect the full support of the Newport News Sheriff's Office, with

Sheriff Gabe Morgan among the parade marchers. ★

## **PROMOTION**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Barfield-Allen, V. M.	Lieutenant	May 1, 2012
Agee, C. R.	Sergeant	May 1, 2013
Hughes, D.	Major—Prof. Standards Bureau Chief	July 1, 2013



LAW ENFORCEMENT  
**TORCH RUN**<sup>®</sup>  
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run made its way through the City of Newport News on May 6, 2013. This event supports Special Olympics. Thank you to all the Torch Run participants from the Newport News Sheriff's Office: Corporal D. A. Perez and his son; and Deputies A. Cofield, N. D. Smith, and C. D. Sproles.

### **"Sheriff for a Day" gives brother and sister an inside look at the Newport News Sheriff's Office**



A brother and sister duo were "Sheriff for a Day" on June 10, 2013. Ryan White, 13, and Abby White, 9, got to spend a unique opportunity with Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan. Some of the highlights included a ride along, attending court proceedings, and having lunch with Morgan. The event was part of a fundraiser benefiting educational programs offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. 🌟

### **PARTNERSHIP TACKLES PRISONER RE-ENTRY AS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE**

How does prisoner re-entry help reduce crime? Individuals released from jail are less apt to reoffend when equipped with the tools needed for a smooth transition.

On Thursday, June 6, 2013, the Newport News Re-entry Council and the Mayor's Task Force on Teenage &



Young Adult Violence Reduction sponsored a Town Hall Meeting titled "Coming Home: Issues & Answers" at South Morrison Family Education Center. Those attending heard from local offenders making the transition and learned about programs being established locally. Sheriff Gabe Morgan moderated. 🌟

# SHERIFF'S Last Word

Dear ALL:

You have already learned about the VLEPSC re-accreditation of the Newport News Sheriff's Office (*top story of this newsletter*). Please allow me to reiterate how important this seal of approval is to our agency and to the citizens of Newport News.

First, my thanks to Major Betty Thomas and her team of Professional Standards Bureau personnel who worked tirelessly over the last year in preparation for the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission audit. The accreditation team under Maj. Thomas' supervision received supporting documentation from across the board. All personnel of the NNSO were involved in this process. It was a true team effort, for which we received 100% compliance. To not have any documentation returned for

clarification is virtually unheard of.

I am so proud to coach the professional men and women of the NN Sheriff's Office. The VLEPSC board members had only praise for our agency when



we met June 6<sup>th</sup>. With no deficiencies, the matter of our re-accreditation went smoothly.

Why does this stamp of approval matter? Law enforcement professionalism is advanced through the establishment of professional standards. There is a formal

mechanism by which all accredited agencies across the Commonwealth of Virginia are measured. It is measured through the delivery of more effective and efficient services. It is measured through the cooperation and coordination among all components of the criminal justice system. The appropriate level of training for law enforcement personnel is ensured through the VLEPSC evaluation.

Ultimately, public confidence in law enforcement is enhanced.

"GREAT JOB  
Team NNSO Team!!!

In closing, thank you for dedication. 🌟

Sincerely,

Gabriel A. Morgan  
Sheriff, City of Newport News