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Donations Spike For "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" Thanks To The Newport News Sheriff's Office

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eputy C. Dancy stands 6'3" in his bare feet. He got a lift Saturday, April 10, to 6'7". No, he wasn't on a stepping stool. Instead, he was balancing on four-inch heels. That's right. Deputy Dancy was wearing women's shoes! All in fun for a good cause.

"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" is an annual event held in cities across the country to correspond with sexual assault awareness month. Locally, the walk benefits the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, a non-profit organization that serves the entire Hampton Roads Peninsula. The goal of "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent such violence.

Even Dancy's 12-year-old son got in on the action

by walking in girl's shoes. Said Dancy, "I didn't have to twist his arm. It was something he could do with his dad. He didn't worry about what his friends thought."

Sheriff Gabe Morgan believes this is the perfect fundraiser for law enforcement to be involved in. "We are in a position to see the devastating impact that sexual assault has. Yet this event allows us to raise awareness while showing off our humorous side."

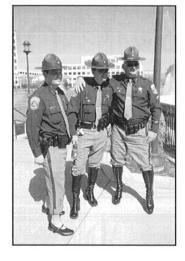
Shawna Gray, the center's Executive Director, said, "The turnout was fabulous. Huge! We had 62 registered walkers. And there were a lot of passersby who came over and asked what was going on." A collection of large sized women's shoes was at the registration table to accommodate the spur-of-themoment walker.



Sheriff Gabe Morgan hopes socks will keep his feet from blistering. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ARCHIE WHITEHILL)



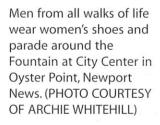
A close-up of the Sheriff's high, high heels.



Wearing "Rocky Horror Picture Show" influenced boots are Deputy D. Turner and Master Deputy W. Churchill. Pictured far left, Deputy R. Garrison models more conservative ladies' footwear. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ARCHIE WHITEHILL)



Shawna Gray, Executive Director of the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, gladly accepts a \$2,000 donation from Butch Capps, General Manager of Pearson Toyota. (PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY COWLING)





Off they go! Sheriff Gabe Morgan and his Deputies prove They Are Man Enough to "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes." (PHOTO COURTESY OF VICKIE GAFFNEY)

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