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18,000 NAMES ENGRAVED IN MARBLE

POLICE UNITY TOUR HAS SPECIAL MEANING FOR DEPUTY

It takes equal parts muscle and heart to pedal 240 miles. This year, the Newport News Sheriff's Office fielded three bicyclists for the Police Unity Tour: Deputies William Churchill, Steve Sheridan, and Robert "Bobby" Hicks.

The Police Unity Tour is an annual tribute to those brothers and sisters who died in the line of duty. On May 10th, hundreds of bicyclists left Portsmouth for Washington D.C. They would end the three day ride at the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial. There are nearly 18,000 names engraved in the blue-gray marble walls of the memorial.

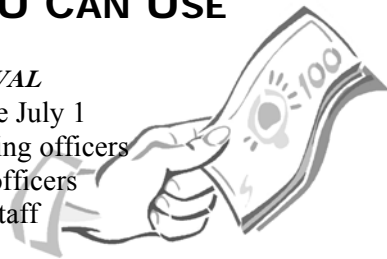
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NEWS U CAN USE

PAY INCREASE APPROVAL

Pay hike effective July 1

- 6% non ranking officers
- 4% ranking officers
- 4% civilian staff



FLOWER FUND RENEWAL

\$1.00 a month / \$12.00 a year

- Enclose cash, check or money order in an envelope. Write your name, date and amount on the envelope and place in Lt. Whitfield's 2nd Floor locked mailbox.
- Make checks and money orders payable to: Newport News Sheriff's Office Flower Fund.
- The money is used to send flowers to staff who may be hospitalized or have a death in the family.

K-9 Unit Shows Its Teeth

It was late afternoon, January 22, 2007 Master Deputy Wayne Hill and his narcotics dog Kwade rolled-up on a car at Jefferson and Bland. There were three men in the car and 11 grams of marijuana. It was Deputy Kwade's first bust. He sniffed-out the bad guys only 10-days after being certified for duty.

The arrests made by Deputies Hill and Kwade illustrate the cooperation between the Newport News Sheriff's Office and Newport News Police Department. The Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit was asked to assist with the search of a suspicious vehicle.

The reason behind why the city Sheriff's Office established its own K-9 Unit was two fold: rid the jail of illegal drugs and quickly return to the docket when bomb threats interrupt court.

Sheriff Gabe Morgan is willing to acknowledge the issue. "I have to believe what we can catch as humans is limited," admitted Sheriff Morgan. "A dog's sense of smell can root out the drugs. The dogs also have a deterrent effect. If they (inmates) know that there are random searches (of the jail), it will eradicate the flow of drugs."

Another major challenge is the number of bomb threats that interfere with court business. On average, the courts receive one bomb threat a month.

"When you go into a room and you're cooking bacon and eggs and stuff in the morning, you smell the bacon. It's the strongest odor. The dog – he smells the eggs, the oil, the dough you use to make the biscuits with. I mean their noses are so sensitive. That is how they can pick-up these odors so good," explained Trooper Jeff Lovell.

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Births:



Colonel Michael Eaves and his wife Laurie welcomed their second son May 17. Little Nicholas Eaves weighed 8lbs 1oz. and measured 20 ¾". CONGRATULATIONS!

- Sgt. C. Zanders gave birth to a baby boy on June 13. Cleveland Jr. weighed an even 7 lbs and measured 19.5". CONGRATULATIONS to Zanders and her husband.

Newlyweds:

- Congratulations to Sgt. A. Butler — now Sgt. Maule — on her recent wedding.
- Also, best wishes to Deputy S. McGee who recently exchanged wedding vows.

Retirements:



Lieutenant Florence Etter retired on May 30. Etter began her career with the Newport News Sheriff's Office in 1983. She is a Newport News native and graduate of Denbigh High School. An avid golfer, Etter will likely be found out on the links.



Corporal Charles Wilson retired on April 30. Wilson began his career with the Newport News Sheriff's Office in April, 2001 after retiring from 23 years in the U.S. Army. Wilson was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat during Vietnam.

Promotions:

- Marlinda Daniels was promoted to Lieutenant, effective May 15 becoming Shift Commander of C-Shift. Daniels began her career with the NNSO in September, 1995.
- Bringing hope to the nursing staff, Nurse Hope Hasan has been appointed as the acting Health Administrator for the NNSO Medical Department effective June 15. Hasan joined the Sheriff's Office in November, 2003 directly out of school.

START YOUR ENGINES FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Newport News Sheriff's Deputies were revved-up to do their part for the "BMW Ultimate Drive for a Cure." The drive benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Casey BMW sponsored the April 4th event. All 18 signature vehicles were driven by breast cancer survivors, including one man. Sheriff's Deputies escorted the parade of cars through the streets of Newport News. This is the 11th year that city's across the nation have participated in the Ultimate Drive.



For every mile driven, BMW donates \$1 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Since the program's inception in 1997, over \$10 million dollars have been raised.

Pictured from left to right: Deputy Vickie Gaffney, Lt. Kathleen Carey, Sgt. Laura Saunders and Deputy Audrey Baxter (Deputy Morgan Hanks not pictured).



The Knights of Columbus honored Sgt. Carl Wilberg the night of June 9. As the Deputy of the Year 2006, he was selected to be recognized at their annual

Appreciation Dinner. The Knights made a generous donation of \$250 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in Wilberg's name. The Foundation was Wilberg's charity of choice.

Reducing Domestic Violence One Step at a Time

Father's laced-up their walking shoes and grabbed hold of their child's hand for the 2nd Annual Dad's Walk held June 2nd at Newport News Park. The Dad's Walk is sponsored by the Newport News Sheriff's Office, Transitions Family Violence Services, and the Newport News Domestic Violence Task Force (NNDVTF).

The walk provided a unique opportunity to engage men in the effort to end domestic violence between intimate partners.

Sheriff Morgan greeted the walkers with a reminder, "The only thing your kids want from you is time."



Sheriff Carries the Flame of Hope

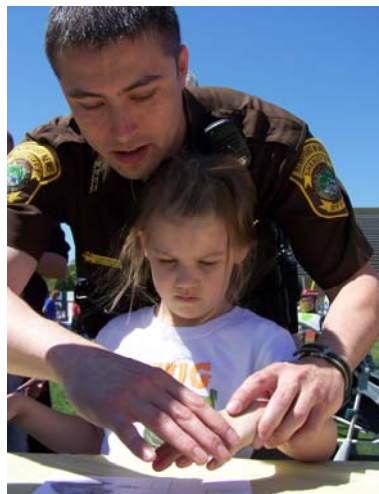
Sheriff Gabe Morgan and several deputies took part in the Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run Thursday, June 7th to benefit the Special Olympics. Morgan was interviewed alongside Jenny Hatch by Newport News City Channel 48. Hatch is a Special Olympian who reined as Special Olympics' Global Messenger for two years. The local portion of the Torch Run ended at Deer Park with Sergeants Brian Murray and Carl Wilberg working the grill.



The caution tape says it all: Eat at your own risk. Just kidding guys. DELICIOUS JOB!



Deputies V. Gaffney and J. Hostettler and civilian volunteer Michelle Owens were the superstars of the Family Fitness Festival. The Sheriff's Office was a hit with its Kids Handy Prints.



Hostettler carefully fingerprinted 4-year old Kayla McDade. Little Kayla was one of 92 children who were printed that day. Newport News Public Schools organized the event held April 21 at Todds Stadium.



Sniff-Out Trouble *(continued from page 1)*

Lovell is a bomb dog trainer for the Virginia State Police (VSP). His description of a dog's ability to decipher distinctive smells makes clear why dogs make good law enforcement officers.

Deputy Morgan Hanks and his dog Tyson received their training and certification from the VSP.

Both canines came to the office as gifts. Tyson was a family pet. A Hampton family, unable to keep him, was looking for a good home for Tyson. Kwade was a gift from the Tempe Police Department in Tempe, Arizona. They gave one of their patrol dogs to the NNSO after learning how the Sheriff's Office wanted to better serve the citizens of Newport News.



BIRTHDAYS

JULY

Dep. T. Crites
 Dep. R. Garrison
 Corp. J. Cason
 Corp. W. Macbrohn
 Sgt. C. Zanders
 Dep. M. Moseley
 Dep. J. Robbins
 MDep. W. Hill
 Deborah Mizelle

Dep. S. Sheridan
 Sheriff G. Morgan
 Lt. G. Grogan
 Sgt. K. Patrick
 Dep. D. Jones
 Dep. C. Freeman
 Dep. S. Marler
 Lt. Col. E. Sprinkle
 Dep. W. Walters

AUGUST

Sgt. W. Broadwater
 Dep. J. Fox
 Dep. A. Martin
 Dep. C. Toliver
 MDep. L. Bethea
 Sgt. C. Wilberg
 Dep. P. Chapman
 MDep. R. Wilson
 Dep. C. Jones
 Dep. R. Johnson
 Dep. L. Smith
 Sgt. B. Murray
 Dep. R. Holland

SEPTEMBER

Lt. K. Carey
 Dep. L. Walker
 Wanda Sigler
 Dep. V. Gaffney
 Maj. C. Porter
 Sharon Logan
 Dep. C. Vincent

Corp. B. Dodge
 Corp. C. Hoggard
 MDep. C. Chapman
 Dep. F. El-Amin
 Dep. S. Powell
 Dep. S. Boothe-Brooks
 Dep. M. Trimiar





SWIFT



That's how a tactical team responds to volatile situations. Five deputies with the Newport News Sheriff's Office attended a 7-day SWAT school hosted by the Norfolk Sheriff's Office. The school is designed to provide training to handle unruly incidents that can only be resolved with a coordinated team response. Instruction covered a wide array of subjects, including cell extractions, building searches, and dignitary protection.

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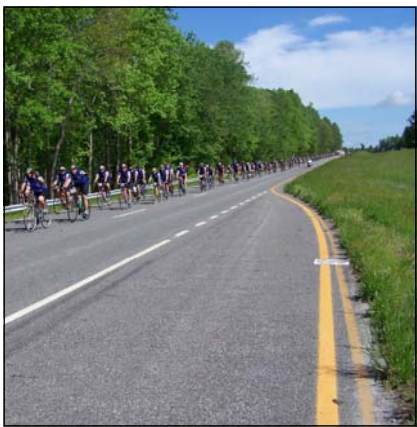
Congratulations BCJ Class 07-2



The Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy held its graduation ceremony June 5th. Deputy F. El-Amin was selected as the class representative and delivered a speech in front of family, friends, and colleagues. Pictured: seated left to right – Deputies I. Santiago, N. Rush, and F. El-Amin; standing left to right – CPL. S. Jones, Hampton Police Department Class Instructor, Deputies T. Breaux, A. Ledet, R. Johnson, and CPL. L. Mebane NNSO Class Instructor.

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Every bicyclist was assigned the name of a fallen officer for whom to ride.



The Police Unity Tour motto is, "We Ride for Those Who Died." For Deputy Hicks, the Unity Tour couldn't be more personal. The "brother" he is riding for is his father. Lt. Robert T. Hicks was with the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office when he died on May 20, 1984 responding to a distressed motorist call. His car careened off the Newman Bridge in Urbanna landing upside down in the deep waters of the creek below. On Day One of this year's ride, a moment of silence was held on the bridge in honor of the late Lt. Hicks. In addition, the Hicks' family and the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office were presented with plaques honoring the service and memory of the elder Hicks.

Every bicyclist was assigned the name of a fallen officer for whom to ride. Each wore a bracelet engraved with a name, agency and EOW, End of Watch. The bracelets provided motivation and inspiration. The discomfort of a bike saddle was nothing compared to the price that so many had paid.

The Police Unity Tour was founded in 1997 by the Florham Park, NJ Police Department. Virginia established Chapter IV in 2000. The Unity Tour is the single largest private/corporate sponsor of the Memorial Fund. This year, Virginia Chapter IV raised \$345,000. ♦

