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ON THE INSIDE

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Kitchen Makeover

It wasn't aired on the Home and Garden Network. But the kitchen remodeling at the Newport News City Jail rivaled anything seen on the popular cable network.

The Newport News Sheriff's Office replaced the entire kitchen floor with epoxy, a durable material with a long lifespan. The back breaking work began on July 16 and shut down the kitchen for eight days. Trustees, under the supervision of Sgt. B. Murray and Deputy S. Chapman, started by removing all the equipment off the floor, including a 500 pound mixer. They tore-up the tile and prepared the floor for the new concoction.

It looked a lot like corn beef hash when wet and poured onto the floor like a cake mix. The ingredients, however, were nothing like a sweet confection.

It took 120 kits of epoxy and 33 kits of sealer to complete the project. Because the compound hardens quickly, the trustees worked fast to spread and level it out. They labored 15-hours most days. "Wednesday? That was a short day. We worked 12 hours," said Murray. All total, Murray and Chapman logged 71 hours of overtime. The "core four" trustees logged 350 hours.

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Aramark Gets Creative

Aramark never missed a beat. The kitchen was shut down for eight days, yet inmates were never without a hot meal. Most meals were prepared across the pond in Portsmouth at the Hampton Roads Regional Jail. Plus, the kitchen in the old Juvenile Detention Center on 25th Street (what is now our jail annex) was still operational.

Watches and clocks had to be synchronized in order for the work to get done. Precision was the name of this game with all hands on deck.

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File of Life and Yellow Dot Get Bigger Voice

To help us spread the word about File of Life and Yellow Dot, the Newport News Fire Department and Newport News City Channel each produced videos.

Fire Captain Jay Culpepper taped and edited a training video aimed at firefighter/medics. The Fire Training Bureau will use the video to help ensure that veteran and new personnel are familiar with File of Life and Yellow Dot. After all, they are the men and women who need to recognize the symbols when they respond to medical emergencies.

The Fire Department's cooperation didn't end there.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Starting the end of year, NNSO Chaplain Omayra Pinos will begin writing a column for "On the Inside." Look for the "Chaplain's Corner" in the next newsletter.

Retirements:

The NNSO says goodbye to four outstanding personnel. We wish each of them well on their retirements.

- Sergeant Jonathan Woodruff began his career with the NNSO on May 5, 1986 and retired effective October 1, 2007.
- Deputy Mary Moseley started with the Sheriff's Office on August 1, 1988 and retired effective October 1, 2007.
- Corporal Tomas Bracero started with the Sheriff's Office in July of 1998 and retired effective September 1, 2007.
- Corporal Larry Winfree began his career with the NNSO on September 15, 1997 and retired effective October 1, 2007.

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.
- Deborah Mizelle was promoted to Special Assistant to the Sheriff. Mizelle first joined the Sheriff's Office in July, 1992.



E-15 MINUTES

Commonwealth's Attorney Howard Gwynn, on the morning of August 8, came by the jail to personally present certificates of appreciation to those deputies who participated in "Every 15 Minutes" (E-15-M) back May at Warwick High School.



E-15-M is a program that illustrates the dangers of drinking and driving. A mock fatal accident was staged on the high school grounds.

Theater students played various roles while the rest of the student body watched.

The program is thorough. It takes the students from the accident scene, to the hospital, to the morgue, to the funeral home, and to the jail.

The final lesson in consequences ends in front of a judge who delivers the sentence to the teenager convicted of DUI.

The program is videotaped and edited by the professional production staff of the Public School Channel 47.

Parade of Events from July Through September

Hilton Village Independence Day Parade



Hilton Village could best be described as “Small Town USA” on the Forth of July. The Newport News Sheriff’s Office provided traffic control and escort for the neighborhood’s Independence Day celebration. Mayor Joe Frank took advantage of the our P.A. system to address the spectators while Lt. R. Coleman watched. Also volunteering that day were Deputy D. Hopkins and Auxiliary Deputy C. Johnson.



Mark the Date !!!

Thursday, November 15 at 3:00 P.M.

Promotion and Commendation Ceremony

City Hall Council Chambers

The Newport News Sheriff’s Office continued its annual tradition of taking a lead role in Southeast Community Day and Denbigh Day.



Clayton and Brooks kick up their heels at Southeast Community Day

Hats off to Captain T. Moore for formulating a plan to make it all come together. And a big thank you to deputies and civilians who gave of their time to help!



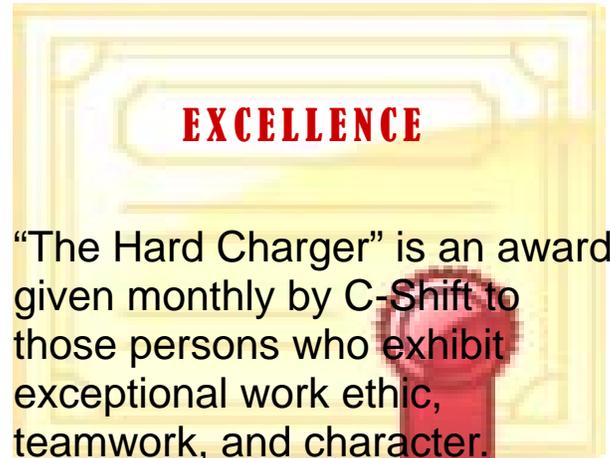
Patrick sets the stage for Denbigh Day by setting up the road closures.



NNSO Color Guard look Sharp!



Trimiar accepts flag from Operation Troop Aid



“The Hard Charger” is an award given monthly by C-Shift to those persons who exhibit exceptional work ethic, teamwork, and character. Congratulations to Deputy D. Jones for being selected. The award includes one day off.

Congratulations Deputy Marcellus Henry from B-Rotation. He received an Army Achievement Medal on August 19 from the National Training Center for going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!



16 Weeks of Training Ends with a Few Laughs

Anyone privileged enough to have heard Deputy Jeffrey Phillips on a microphone knows that he'd be entertaining as class speaker for BLE Graduation. Indeed he was. Phillips was selected by his peers to give a speech in front of family, friends and colleagues. Phillips and Deputy Carl Jones graduated July 2nd from Basic Law Enforcement. The ceremony was held at Tabb High School.



BCJ Class 07-3

The 9/11 anniversary date could not have been more appropriate. It served as the day to honor new law enforcement officers. Deputy T. Washington graduated along with twenty others from the HRCJTA on September 11, 2007. Forever more, 9/11 will be a day to pause and reflect on the lives lost when terrorists attacked the United States. It is also a date the nation will remember for the bravery of fire fighters and law enforcement officers who instinctively mobilized to save civilian lives. The date will now hold another special memory for Deputy Washington.



Higher Learning

Please extend congratulations to Anna Muriel, Procurement; and Deputy Charlene Toliver, Court Security for their recent graduations. Muriel successfully completed and earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University on June 23rd. Deputy Toliver graduated June 29 from Sampson College of Theology with an Associate's Degree in Theology. She plans to pursue a Bachelor's in Biblical Studies.

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

- Dep. V. Townes
- Dep. P. Wall
- Sgt. R. Daniels
- MDep. R. Robinson
- Dep. R. Allen
- Christina Montoya
- Capt. J. Vergakis
- Dep. S. White
- Dep. E. Hunt
- MDep. B. Eadie
- MDep. G. Sonnier
- Dep. G. Taylor-Dones
- Corp. T. Wortham
- Dep. R. Clayton
- Corp. R. Hay
- Dep. J. Jenkins
- LT. M. Moore
- Dep. C. Johnson
- Dep. R. Hicks
- Dep. C. Bannon
- Dep. R. Touchstone
- Anna Muriel

NOVEMBER

- Dep. R. Summerford
- Dep. T. Grey
- Sgt. C. Sellers
- Dep. R. Coleman
- Vernessa Graves
- Nurse S. Leonard
- Dep. S. Ireland
- Dep. N. O'Garro
- Dep. O'Neal-Brooks
- Dep. A. Sherman
- Sgt. R. Elias
- Sgt. L. Saunders
- Gloria Johnson
- Dep. C. Green
- Dep. L. Washington
- Dep. T. Breaux
- Dep. S. Reid

DECEMBER

- Dep. J. Phillips
- Dep. D. Hopkins
- Dep. D. Keller
- Dep. S. Richardson
- Dep. K. Jackson
- Dep. J. Thompson
- Dep. A. Ledet
- Sgt. S. Humphrey
- Sgt. V. Barfield-Allen

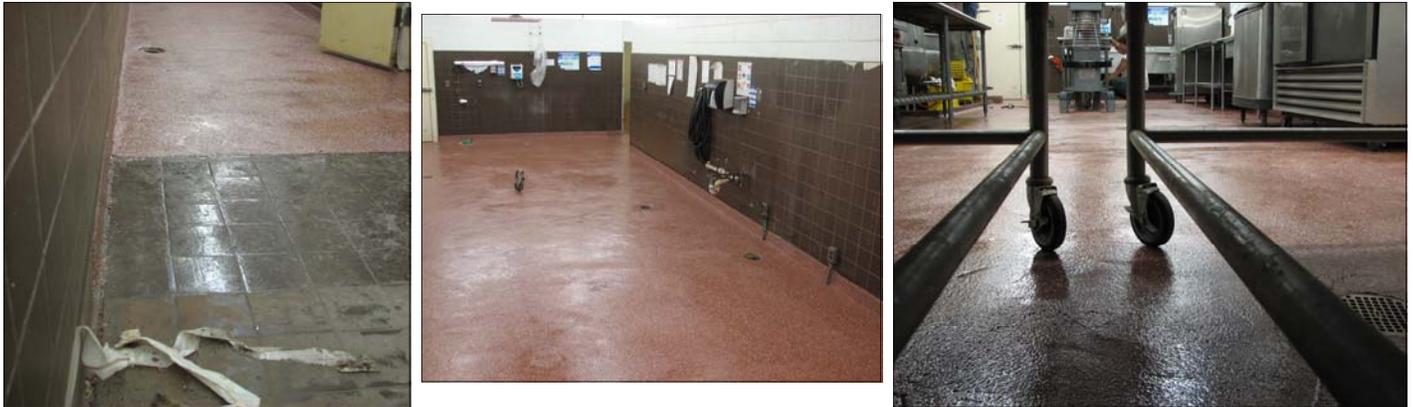


Floor Replacement *(continued from page 1)*

Of the positive attitude showed by inmates, Murray said, "The crew knew they had the chance to leave a lasting mark on this place." He watched them take pride in their work because everyone would see it. "They felt an ownership on this project," Murray continued. "They felt like their name would be on it. It was real interesting to see the inmates step up and want it to be right."

And they saved us money. "My biggest pride is the amount of money we saved the Sheriff and the City. I mean it. I'm a taxpayer. That's my money," exclaimed Murray.

So how much money? Two thirds of the job would have been labor costs had the jail contracted out for workers. The material supplier, American High Tech Flooring, would have charged \$20,600 for labor alone. "This will give them (trustees) a skill they can use when they get out of here," explained Murray.



Food Service *(continued from page 1)*

Matt Piro, General Manager, started each day at 3:00 a.m. He picked up the food each morning from HRRJ and delivered it to the vacated juvenile detention building. By 4:30 a.m. food would be trayed and ready to serve to the first two blocks. By 5:35 a.m. all breakfasts were served.

The process repeated itself for lunch and dinner.

Over eight days, there were a total of 18,238 meals served.



Medical Emergency *(continued from page 1)*

Dana Perry, NNFD PIO, staged a couple of mock emergencies. She arranged to have firefighter/medics respond to the scene of a home emergency and automobile emergency.

City Channel 48 filmed the dramatization and began airing the finished product. Senior citizens immediately started calling the Newport News Sheriff's Office asking for File of Life and Yellow Dot.

In an attempt to reach a large number of senior citizens, the program will air occasionally on City Channel 48. The videotape will help supplement the presentations that we conduct in-person.



Yellow Dot is a decal for the car. It informs emergency responders that there is medical information in the glove compartment. File of Life is for the home. Senior citizens keep their emergency medical information up-to-date and place it inside a magnetized sleeve which attaches to their kitchen refrigerator.



Family Fun with Food & Games

Annual NNSO Picnic

The Annual NNSO Family Picnic was a blast! Thanks to all the members of the Picnic Committee for organizing it. Your hard work paid off with lots of smiles, laughter, and full bellies. This year, it was held at the Disabled American Veteran's Pavilion on Warwick Blvd. in the Denbigh section of the city. Thank you Aramark for the food. Thank you Mr. Bridges, Inner Reflections, for bringing your musical family to provide the smooth jazz. The flush tank was definitely a hit with the kids, and the face painting appealed to 'kids at heart.'

