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## How a Second Chance Reduces Gangs

### *HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES MODELS THE WAY*

Father Gregory Boyle founded "Homeboy Industries" nearly 25-years ago in Los Angeles, California. The Catholic priest, almost by accident, discovered a way to help gang members get on the straight and narrow. Homeboy Industries helps provide employment and rehabilitation services to formerly gang-involved individuals and to recently incarcerated men and women.

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## Helping protect citizens from identity theft

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, the Newport News Sheriff's Office held its bi-annual Shred Day event. The free campaign is designed to protect citizens against identity theft. Resident Loretta Kirkland valued the opportunity to have her personal identifying documents destroyed, "I get a lot of junk mail and I hate to put it in the garbage with my name on it," she said. Kirkland came with three garbage bags full.

A steady stream of cars pulled into the Farmer's Market on Jefferson at 29th Street to unload trunks and truck beds of documents. *(continued Shred p.5)*



## The Road to Hope: A Law Enforcement Ride to D.C.

As part of National Police Week, hundreds of Law Enforcement United, Inc. members paid tribute to fallen officers across North America with a three day, 240 mile bicycle ride to Washington, D.C. Bicyclists came from all over the U.S. and Canada to participate in the 2012 "Road to Hope."

*(continued Bicycle p.7)*

# BIRTHDAYS

## JULY

MDep. D. Velez  
 Dep. K. Lampkins  
 Dep. T. T. Brown  
 Dep. R. Bullock  
 Dep. C. A. Alston  
 Dep. S. A. Woodruff  
 Sgt. C. M. Zanders  
 Sgt. J. M. Robbins  
 Deborah Mizelle  
 Lt. G. F. Grogan  
 Lt. K. Patrick-Gross

**Sheriff Gabe Morgan**  
 Sgt. D. D. Blanch  
 Dep. T. L. Gordon  
 Dep. S. W. Marler  
 Dep. J. R. Owens  
 MDep. P. J. Handwerk  
 Col. E. M. Sprinkle  
 Dep. O. Ruedes-Morales  
 Capt. C. D. Thomas  
 Sgt. W. R. Walters

## AUGUST

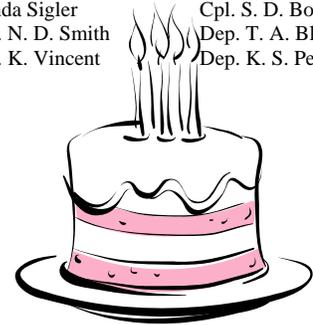
Dep. A. E. Alexander  
 Eurika Bowman  
 Dep. C. J. Toliver  
 Dep. L. R. Cuffee  
 Sgt. C. A. Wilberg  
 Sgt. P. A. Chapman  
 Tyler Langford  
 Dep. J. E. Galecki

Crysty Moultrie  
 MDep. V. M. Woodson  
 MDep. L. D. Smith  
 Lt. B. S. Murray  
 Dep. R. Alriche  
 Dep. S. N. Armstrong  
 Dep. N. C. Jones

## SEPTEMBER

Dep. T. V. Session  
 Lt. K. Carey  
 Dep. L. L. Walker  
 Wanda Sigler  
 Dep. N. D. Smith  
 Dep. K. Vincent

Vickie Gaffney  
 Cpl. C. V. Hoggard  
 Dep. F. F. Walton  
 Cpl. S. D. Boothe-Hardy  
 Dep. T. A. Blyth  
 Dep. K. S. Penn



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



- ★ Deputy D. Hoang and his wife welcomed their daughter, Sofia Evelina, on April 2, 2012. She weighed 7 lbs and 9 oz and was 19 inches long.
- ★ Carlos Baily (dispatch/laundry) and his wife announced the birth of their baby boy on June 13, 2012. Their bundle of joy weighed 5 lbs and 18 oz and was 18 3/4 inches long.
- ★ Dep. D. Jones and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl born June 20th. She weighed 7 lbs and measured 19 inches long.

**Retirement:** • Cpl. C. S. Chapman retired effective June 1, 2012. He began his career with the Newport News Sheriff's Office in September, 1997.

**Anniversary:**

- 5 year:** Capt. C. D. Thomas 6/2007; Dep. A. Aikins 6/2007; Dep. T. S. Washington 6/2007
- 10 year:** Cpl. K. W. Jackson 4/2002
- 20 year:** Lt. M. A. Moore 6/1992

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Valencia Y. White, **Procurement**, NNSO "Employee of the Quarter," 1st Qtr. 2012
- Cpl. W. Churchill, **Court Security**, NNSO "Employee of the Quarter," 2nd Qtr. 2012

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# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

## COMBINED CLASS 12-1



Combined Class 12-1 graduated April 9, 2012. Congratulations to each of the deputies for all your hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Pictured l-r: A. Coefield, S. Holloman, J. Mitchell, W. Ange, and T. Hill.

## BLE CLASS 12-A



Seventeen weeks of basic law enforcement training ended with the graduation of BLE Class 12-A on June 4, 2012. Pictured l-r: MDep. A. V. Ledet, Sheriff Gabe Morgan, Dep. R. E. Spencer, and Dep. R.E. Solomon. Congratulations to each graduate.

## NIC Leadership Training



National Institute of Corrections (NIC) instructors Winnie Ore, Bill O'Connell, and Leslie LeMaster provided on-site leadership training for sheriff's office personnel. Phase One of the Blended Correctional Leadership Development series was held March 27-30th and included numerous team building and communication exercises.

## MORGAN GOES TO WASHINGTON

In honor of First Responders, Vice President Joe Biden held a reception at his residence in Washington, D.C. on April 2, 2012. Sheriff Gabe Morgan was one of the invited guests.



# FLASH BACK



# To EVENTS



**PLAY BALL!!!**

(above) Sheriff Gabe Morgan helped open little league baseball season by throwing out the first pitch at the Deer Park Little League Opening Day Ceremony on April 13th. Catching for the ceremony was Lea Overbay of the Minor League Softball Hurricanes.

(below) Sheriff Morgan also threw out the first pitch at the Denhigh Youth Baseball League (DYBL) opening ceremony on April 14. Earlier that morning was the annual DYBL Parade in which Newport News Sheriff's deputies participate and for which they provide traffic control.



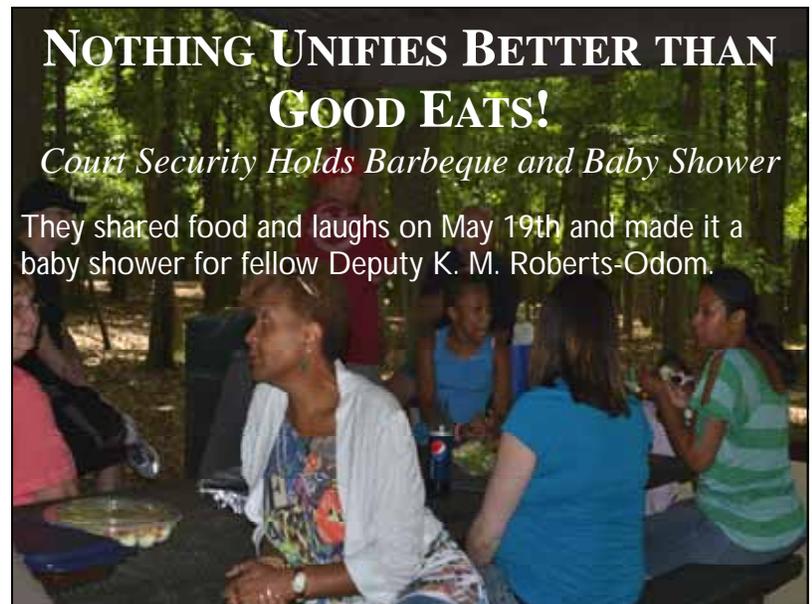
## Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

The men of the Newport News Sheriff's Office continue to prove they are Man Enough to help the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors. Team NNSO (l-r): Dean Barker, CSB; Dep. S. Wall; Maj. J. Vergakis; Cpt. W. Churchill; Dep. R. Dobkins; and Mike Pickering, CBM Food Services.

## NOTHING UNIFIES BETTER THAN GOOD EATS!

*Court Security Holds Barbeque and Baby Shower*

They shared food and laughs on May 19th and made it a baby shower for fellow Deputy K. M. Roberts-Odom.



## VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SPRING CONFERENCE COMES TO NEWPORT NEWS

*The VSA granted permission to re-print a brief that originally appeared in the Association's own newsletter.*

Sheriffs from all across the Commonwealth, along with exhibitors and speakers, attended the 2012 Virginia Sheriffs' Institute Spring Conference held in Newport News, Virginia in April. This year's conference provided an important forum for Sheriffs and deputies to discuss new laws passed by the Virginia General Assembly and their impact on the duties of law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, important training sessions were held for law enforcement officers to enhance crime prevention efforts. The Newport News Marriot at City Center made an excellent venue for the event, and now the Sheriffs are looking forward to their annual conference later this fall. Many thanks to our Associate Members for making this year's spring meeting a resounding success!

*This was the second time in as many years that Sheriff Gabe Morgan was able to attract the state association to conduct business in Newport News. This put the spotlight on our sheriff's office and on the entire city. Holding the conference at the Marriot in City Center provided a significant economic boost to Oyster Point's retail and restaurants. ☆*

### SHRED *(contin. from page 1)*

Corporate partner Stealth Shredding, Inc. out of Chesapeake calculated that 8,000 pounds of paper was shred at the event.

Even the Mayor of Newport News, Dr. McKinley Price, took advantage of the industrial shredder. "My family and I were able to attend and brought quite a bit of records that needed to be destroyed," he explained.

Destroying personal identifying documents is



U.S. Congressman Bobby Scott dropped by to watch how the commercial shredding truck destroys personal identifying documents.

one way to keep a thief from using your good name to conduct unscrupulous business. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), nine-million Americans have their identities stolen each year.

"By bringing Stealth Shredding into the Southeast Community," said Mayor Price, "the Sheriff's Office provided a valuable service to our citizens, free of charge and easily accessible. I commend the Sheriff's Office for taking steps to prevent crimes before they happen by providing this service in all areas of our City throughout the year."

**The next free Shred Day will be Thursday, August, 16,** the Newport News Sheriff's Office and Stealth Shredding will set-up **at The Home Depot** parking lot off Jefferson Avenue near Bland Blvd., ensuring citizens in the central and northern parts of the city have a convenient drop-off location. ☆

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

He uses the motto 'nothing stops a bullet like a job' to summarize the program.

Father Boyle was invited to speak in Newport News on May 9th by People to People. The Newport News Sheriff's Office co-sponsored the engagement, as did the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters Foundation and the NN P.I.E.R. Intervention Committee.

Unable to find businesses to hire this population, Boyle started a bakery business of his own. Several other industries have since been added. Unable to find a school willing to accept dropouts from this population, he asked the nuns to vacate one of their convents and started a school of their own. From humble beginnings grew Homeboy Industries.

Asked about expanding the model, Father Boyle said they had to contemplate the most effective approach, "Are we going to be franchised? Are we going to be the McDonalds of gang intervention programs? 'Over 5 billion gang members served,'" he said to a laugh. "We decided not to because part of the reason we think it works is because it was born from below. People own it. People embrace it as opposed to airlifting it from Los Angeles."

Instead, they provide technical assistance. They encourage others to study their model. Even steal from it. "We are happy to have you steal the concept as long as you don't use our name, logo, or motto." Some 20 cities have developed programs based on their model, but with the unique flavor of their own community. He cited "City Cafe" in Wichita, KS and "Brotherhood Brew" in St. Paul as examples.

Father Boyle told the audience that young people joining gangs are not bad kids making bad decisions,. "Nobody in this room ever met a hopeful kid who joined a gang." He went on to explain, "There are three profiles of kids who join gangs. One: a kid who is so despondent that he cannot imagine a future for himself. And if your future is not compelling for you then you will not care whether you inflict harm; and you will not care if you duck to get out of harm's way. You (society) need to infuse that kid with hope. The second profile is a kid so traumatized and damaged that he can't see his way clear to transform his pain, so he continues to transmit it. So you need to heal that kid. And the third kid is a mentally ill kid. And you need to deliver mental health services."

Story after story was told. Some with humor. Others with sadness. All designed to teach the audience how to be messengers of hope and healers. 🌟



Father Gregory Boyle (left), founder of L.A.'s Homeboy Industries, spoke to more than 200 people at Warwick High School on May 9th. His stories were moving. Some brought tears. Others produced laughter. He appealed to a wide range of people in the audience. Teenagers (middle) enjoyed his storytelling style as much as a more adult population (right).

## BICYCLE *(contin. from page 1)*

Among them were three members of the Newport News Sheriff's Office: Sgt. Robert Daniels, Cpl. William Churchill, and Sgt. Henry McCoy. "It was truly an awesome experience paying your respects to officers who have died in the line of duty," said Sgt. McCoy.

Day one of the ride began in Chesapeake on May 10th with teams from Florida, North and South Carolina, Minnesota, and Texas. There was a second group originating out of Pennsylvania. The two groups would unite for the final leg. The ride's mission was to raise awareness about law enforcement and to raise funds for two charities. C.O.P.S., or Concerns of Police Survivors, offers support services for the families of fallen officers. This year's ride raised \$150,000 for the C.O.P.S. Kids Summer Camp. An additional \$80,000 went to the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP), an online memorial which honors the fallen and their survivors. For the cyclists, the adventure could not be more meaningful. Sgt. Daniels experienced every imaginable feeling. "It made you feel proud, overwhelmed, joyous, and very emotional when you'd think of what you were there for."

The first day swept over the flatlands of Suffolk, through the soft rolling terrain of James City County, and ended in the state's capitol of Richmond. It was the longest day -- 112 miles -- but day two was the most challenging. The hills through Stafford County were monsters that needed conquering. With the help of fellow riders, they powered through.

The other motivator was the encouragement of strangers. In numerous towns, children would line the roads outside their schools and cheer and give high-fives. Other scenes included police officers who lined up on overpasses with their patrol lights flashing and saluting the cyclists as they passed.

Each cyclist was given a metal bracelet engraved with the name of someone who sacrificed his/her life to protect our liberties. They were also given a flag with



the officer's name, photograph, and end of watch date. An arrival ceremony was held at which riders were introduced to survivors, providing an opportunity to learn more about the person they were honoring. Those bracelets and flags were given as gifts to widows, children, or parents. McCoy rode in honor of Willie Amos Cammon, Heard County Sheriff's Office, Georgia; end of watch 3/3/11. Daniels rode for Craig Allan Orrell, Texas Department of Criminal Justice; end of watch 5/12/11. Churchill honored Rogerio Rene Morales, Davie Police Department, Florida; end of watch 1/13/11. "I actually got to meet the widow and the family of Officer Morales," said Churchill. "That was the most touching thing." 🌟

# SHERIFF'S Last Word

*The City's EPTF (Employee Pride Task Force) conducted the 22nd Annual Public Service Recognition Memorial Service on May 9th. Representatives from various City departments recognized former employees who passed away in 2011.*

*The Newport News Sheriff's Office lost Peter Brown, John Cline, James O'Keefe, and Willard Robinson.*

*Sheriff Gabe Morgan was the featured speaker at this year's service titled "Day of Remembrance." Here is an excerpt from his speech.*



"Since 1985, the first week in May has been set aside to honor the men and women who have served our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees. ... One of its designs is to inspire the next generation of public servants. ... I ask the public to say 'thank you.'

Thank you for when they call 911, they get a well trained professional who handles the cat in the tree and the complexity of giving birth

without actually seeing the event. Thank you for the firefighters who rush into burning buildings to save lives while putting theirs at risk. Thank you to the waterworks employee who ensures when you turn your tap on at home,



Maj. Jeff Vergakis, representing the Sheriff's Office at the EPTF Memorial Service, laid flowers in honor of former colleagues who recently died.

that you have safe and abundant water flowing. Thank you to the police officers who answer every call willingly, never knowing it if is going to be their last.

Thank you to the employees of traffic engineering for ensuring that our roads are among the safest and that all the signals work.

Thank you to the administrative assistants who do the lion's share of fielding calls from the public and

making sure that those calls are all handled respectfully and with care.

I could go on and handle each and every public servant; however, I believe you can see how blessed we are to have services that work. So blessed, that the public sometimes takes you for granted. Once again, you do a great job. I want to say 'thank you' and encourage the public to tell you 'thank you'.

To the high school and college students, despite the headlines, and in the vernacular of the youthful language, don't believe the haters. Public service is still a noble and honorable

profession. You will not get rich performing public service. If it is riches that you seek, dig elsewhere. However, if you are intrigued with problem solving at every level, and if you truly care about making a difference, then we welcome you the calling that is greater than self: Public Service.

Today we reflect and honor the service of all our former comrades who died this past year. May their memory and their service be not forgotten." 🌟