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Sixth Frederick County Law Enforcement Academy Graduation

By Jessica Thomas

On Friday June 13th, the graduation ceremony for the sixth Frederick County Law Enforcement Academy was held in the Jack B. Kussmaul Theater at Frederick Community College. There were 11 graduates that succeeded in finishing the 8-month intensive program.

The processional began at 2 pm, followed by a welcome from master of ceremony Lieutenant Thomas Winebrenner. When Sheriff Jenkins took to the stage to speak, he began by expressing the pride and gratitude he felt toward his entire staff in dealing with recent tests to their strength. He then shared his optimism for the future of the office and the graduates.

Delegate Rick Weldon gave the keynote address and continued with the theme of teamwork by stressing that we must stand together in times of adversity. The graduate chosen by his peers to give the class response was Deputy Timothy Brooks, who welled with pride when speaking of the hard

work he witnessed by both graduates and Academy staff.

The graduate certificates were presented by Sheriff Jenkins, Delegate Weldon, Lee Goldman / MPCTC, Chief Gregory Eyler / TPD, Mayor Martin Burns, and Dr. Carol Eaton / FCC. Then in what proved to be an emotional high point of the ceremony, family members pinned the graduates with their badges. This was followed by the presentation of a special video made for the graduates by the academy staff that showed some of what they had accomplished during training.

The graduating class included: Deputy Timothy Brooks, Deputy Amber Frantz, Deputy Timothy Grove, Deputy Jeffrey Hyatt, Deputy William Mosser, Deputy Stephani Patterson, Deputy Anthony Reggio, Deputy Daniel Ryley, Deputy Amanda Veith, Deputy Robert White, and Officer Vince Testa of the Thurmont Police Department.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The National Anthem was performed by Angela Spencer*
- *Reverend Tim May led the invocation*
- *The graduates oaths were administered by Sandra Dalton and Mayor Martin Burns*
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2008 National Correctional Officers Week

National Correctional Officers' Week was celebrated May 4-10, 2008. The Frederick County Board of Commissioners acknowledged the week with the reading of a proclamation, Tuesday, May 6th with several FCSO correctional officers and deputies in attendance.

To celebrate the occasion, the detention center provided family tours, luncheons and breakfasts. It was a great way to show thanks to correctional officers for their efforts and to increase public awareness of the impact their roles have on the community.

According to Career Overview, "Counties manage about 3,300 jails in



the United States; 75 percent of those are operated under the authority of an elected sheriff.

The population of these jails changes regularly as new persons are arrested and old detainees are either transferred to prison or released. Annually more than 11 million people are processed through the U.S. jail system; some 500,000 people are in prison at any moment. The most dangerous time for correctional officers occurs when new arrestees are brought to jail—they may not know the identity or background of the new detainees; dangerous criminals may be placed in with the regular prison population."

Corrections Bureau Graduation

On Friday, May 16th at 2:00p.m. the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Training Section hosted graduation exercises for the 29th class of the Frederick County Criminal Justice Training Academy. The Corrections Bureau graduation ceremony was held at the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center with Mr. Patrick Bradley, Executive Director of the Police and Correctional Training Commissions as the guest speaker. During the 10-week academy, recruits received entry-level correctional officer training. Graduates experienced a variety of instruction to include training in defensive tactics, OC, riot control, and inmate transportation & escort. The graduates are as follows:

Dep. Timothy Bare, age 22 / Carroll County Detention Center, Dep. Michael Boyd, age 24 / Carroll County Detention Center, Dep. Sherman Hill, age 28 / Carroll County Detention Center, Cfc. Jason Brady, age 22 / FCSO, Cfc. Michael Flowers, age 28 / FCSO, Cfc. Christopher Monroe, age 27 / FCSO, Cfc. Benjamin Phelps, age 19 / FCSO, Cfc. Ryan Stotler, age 19 / FCSO.



Corrections Bureau Graduation Photos

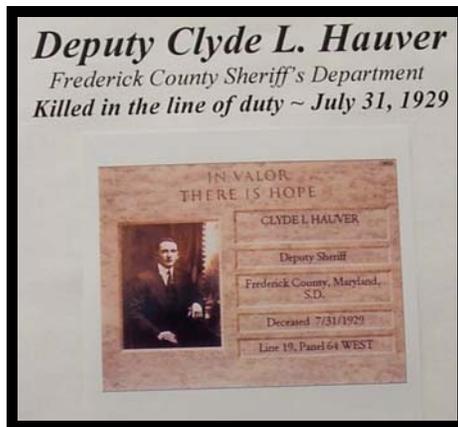


2008 National Police Week

Police Week is an opportunity to pause to remember those deputies, troopers and police officers across our great Country, who through their courageous deeds, have given the ultimate sacrifice to their community. We recognize the job of law enforcement officers because the work is most challenging. Law enforcement officers are expected to make precise and possibly life-and-death decisions within seconds while considering laws and proper procedures. When the situations calls for it, law enforcement officers place themselves in harms way while often times being criticized. All too often, their service and commitment goes unnoticed.

On July 31, 1929,

the Frederick County Sheriff's Office lost one of its own, Deputy Clyde L. Hauver. Dep. Hauver was shot and killed during a raid of the Blue Blazes Still Operation in the Catoctin Mountains. As the result of a massive man-hunt, the suspect was apprehended, but that will never replace or fill the tremendous loss his family feels.



May 15 has been designated National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week containing May 15 has been National Police Week since President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 on October 1, 1962. The Frederick County Board of County Commissioners acknowledged the week with a proclamation on Tuesday, May 6th.



Bike Safety Rodeos



Congratulations to the Community Deputy Unit of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for a job well done. In May, they hosted three Bike Rodeos in the towns of Middletown, Myersville, and Emmitsburg.

were given the opportunity to learn what it is like to be a police officer. DFC Harris, DFC Griffin, DFC M. Eyler,



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The participants, adults and children alike, were given the chance to learn about bike safety and ride through an obstacle cone course.

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In June, they held two Junior Deputy Academies, one in Middletown and one in Emmitsburg. The children

Junior Deputy Academy

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On June 23rd over 90 children participated in the Community Deputy Unit's Junior Deputy Academy in Middletown Community Park. Six different stations were set up including a tour of



law enforcement and safety vehicles, an obstacle course, stranger danger, a demonstration by the

Special Services Team, a crime scene investigation station and a K-9 demonstration. The event was a



big hit with the children, who got the chance to do such activities as dusting for fingerprints and trying on the K-9 unit's bite suit. They were also taught valuable lessons in safety.

Northwestern University



The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Lieutenant Thomas Winebrenner and Lieutenant Kevin Grunwell from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University. Lieutenants Winebrenner and Grunwell have successfully completed the ten (10) week Staff and Command program hosted by the Maryland Highway Safety Office in Sykesville, Maryland from February 18 – May 2, 2008.



While many people view retirement as a time to relax, Ardine Gorden believes his golden years are better spent giving back to his community. 78-year-old Gorden is a volunteer in the

The major topics of study included: Management and Management Theory, Organizational Behavior, Human Resources for Law Enforcement, Budgeting, Staffing Allocation and Personnel Deployment.

Each student is challenged academically through a total of eighteen written examinations, projects, and quizzes in addition to two research papers that are a required part of the curriculum. Upon successful completion, students may be awarded a total of 8 units of undergraduate credit from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office anticipates a variety of benefits from the Lieutenants' attendance at this program.

CAP Not Slowing Down

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Community Assistance Patrol (C.A.P) program.

For many years Gorden was successful in the field of technical illustration, even working with the astronauts in Houston on the schematics for the Apollo missions. Among the many important services he has provided, Gorden was involved with the Military Affiliates Radio Systems (MARS) for over twenty years and helped to send radio messages from troops to their families during the Vietnam War. Gorden was one of the first citizens involved in the C.A.P. program. He has been in the program for eight years now, and has earned a rank of Corporal.

Gorden also serves his community outside of the Sheriff's Office and is learning Spanish so that he can be more involved in bilingual activities at the First Baptist Church where he regularly attends. Gorden has accomplished many things in his lifetime, and says he credits his successes with a simple philosophy. "Anything I started, I finished."

Every 15 Minutes



On Friday, April 25th, Tuscarora High School student Anthony Morse presented the “Every 15 Minutes” Program as his senior project. The program’s goal was to provide a realistic experience without the real life risk. Every 15 minutes, some-

one across the United States dies from a drunk driving crash and the program illustrated this continually throughout the school day.

Many students commented on the effectiveness of the program and how appreciative they were that the program was brought to their

school. Special thanks to DFC. Jim Toombs, DFC. James Johnson, Dep. Dwayne Freeman and Cpl. Jody Maybush who assisted in making the program a success.



Beginning with a drunk driving crash in front of the school, complete with law enforcement, ambulances and medics, every 15 minutes an SRO escorted a student dressed as the “Grim Reaper” to a classroom and chose a student. After the student left the classroom, the SRO read the student’s obituary. Simultaneously, another SRO went to a different classroom and chose a student to perform a sobriety test with the “impaired driving glasses.” These students were “arrested” for drunk driving.



Ambassador of the Year



Lauretha Vargas was recently awarded Goodwill's Ambassador of the Year Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize an outstanding individual whose personal and professional actions support the

positive growth of people served through Goodwill's programs. To add, the individual must have consistently advocated for better services and opportunities for the clients they serve to improve their quality of life and their ability to become productive and connected members of the community.

Lauretha is currently a Senior Community Services Coordinator with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Bureau, assigned to the Work Release Program at the Adult Detention Center. She has worked with the Corrections Bureau for over 20 years. Ms. Vargas accepted her current position in 1998, with the challenge of adding a new component to the Work Release operation. This new program was to establish a Substance Abuse & Education Program. As she embarked on this challenge of adding this new program, she demonstrated an outstanding level of personal commitment and as a result created a program with emphasis on substance and alcohol abuse.

Through the years, Lauretha's position has evolved along with the expansion of the operations for the Work Release Program and with the new construc-

tion of the Work Release Center. She was faced with new challenges to expand services, seek new programs and explore opportunities that would benefit the work release inmate population as they re-entered the community. Ms. Vargas engaged the community and partnered with many non-profit organizations in providing on-site services. She networked with agencies and established programs with Goodwill Industries, Family Partnership-Children of Incarcerated Parents, Heartly House and many more. She has established Family Services Programs, Transitioning into the Community, Life Skills, Anger Management, and Nurturing Father Programs. Because of Lauretha's passion and commitment to make a difference she truly is an Ambassador and is worthy of this recognition as Ambassador of the Year!

Change Effective June 30th

Maryland's new child safety seat law goes into effect on June 30, 2008. The new law requires that all children younger than eight years of age be secured in a federally approved child safety seat according to the safety seat and vehicle manufacturers' instructions, unless the child is 4 feet, 9 inches or taller, or weighs more than 65 pounds.

The child restraint must be right for the child's size, age, and weight. Child safety seats include: infant seats, convertible seats, forward-facing seats, booster seats, or other safety devices federally approved for use by children in motor vehicles.

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