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29th Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards

On December 9th, 2008, the 29th Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards ceremony was held. The program was established in 1980 to recognize the important role that crime prevention plays in the reduction and control of crime in Maryland. The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize those citizens, community groups, law enforcement agencies, and law enforcement officers who have made outstanding contributions to the furtherance of crime prevention in their departments and in their communities.



This year three community deputies, Dfc. Steven Griffin, Dfc. Jim Harris, and Dfc. Brian Stocks from Myersville and Middletown were acknowledged for

their efforts in planning the Junior Deputy Academy. The academy, which was held during the summer, taught children about police work through a variety of work stations. Approximately 100 children attended the academy.

Corporals Jody Maybush and Marty Watkins were acknowledged for their efforts in introducing the Gator-Aid program into the Frederick County Public Schools. This unique program is designed to instruct and educate students on the effects and consequences of reckless, aggressive and impaired driving. To date, over 600 students have participated in the program.

The Sheriff's Office Victim Services Unit was also honored at the ceremony. In 2007, Victim Services worked diligently to

provide excellent services to the Frederick County community. One particular event they hosted was the Suicide and Education and



Awareness Workshop, which was held during National Suicide Prevention Week. The workshop was free to attendees and provided information, education and strategies designed to combat and deal with suicide. Approximately 50 persons attended the workshop.

The Sheriff's Office also nominated Mrs. Linda Gouker and members of the the S.A.L.T (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council who also received awards. Mrs. Gouker is the Safe and Drug Free School Facilitator for Frederick County Public Schools. She worked with the Sheriff's Office and was instrumental in getting the Gator-Aid program implemented into the school system.

Members of the S.A.L.T council were honored for their efforts in making the comfort dolls, which are given out to children and seniors who are involved in traumatic events. They also hosted a Senior Safety Summit where members of law enforcement spoke about crime prevention for seniors. The event was very successful and was attended by numerous Frederick County citizens.



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Community Services News...

Written by Natalie Leonard

As they do every year, the Community Services Section takes time out of their schedule to participate in the Frederick Fair. It's a great time for citizens and an opportunity for Sheriff's Office personnel to talk with citizens in a community oriented setting. Cpl. Tom Johann, Dfc. Kevin White, and Natalie Leonard worked at the fair, along with CAP members, Robert 'Ski' Kasmarzyk, Al Lindgren, Jack Kravitz, Bob Falconi, Bruce Finnegan, Bill Ward, Ardine Gorden, and Todd Young.

While most of fair week was quiet, CAP volunteers Falconi and Kravitz are to be commended for their fast thinking and swift action when they happened upon a medical emergency while on foot patrol. CAP Falconi observed some commotion in

one of the food booths. He recognized it as a medical emergency and immediately summoned Fire/Rescue, who happened to be across from the booth. He and CAP Kravitz blocked off the walkway from pedestrian traffic so that medical personnel could work on the patient without distraction or interference.

This year CAP volunteers have not only been helping out with Sheriff's Office events, they have also assisted Brunswick and Thurmont Police Departments with community events. To add, they assisted Frederick Police Department with their recent loss of Officer Bremer. Cpl. Johann stated, "Our volunteers are a valuable asset to our agency. We are truly lucky to have such a fine group of individuals working with us."

Expansion of Justice Department Rule

Written by Capt. Steve Snow

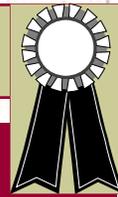
Effective January 1, 2009 pursuant to Maryland Public Safety Article, Title 2, Subtitle 5, the Frederick County Adult Detention Center will begin DNA testing on any offender who is brought into the Detention Center and who is charged with a crime of violence and/or a burglary (1st, 2nd or 3rd degree). DNA testing will be conducted statewide by various police agencies and correctional facilities. In Frederick, the testing, which consists of a sample collected in the form of a mouth swab, will be conducted by correctional officers who have been trained in the procedure. Currently there are six correctional staff members who have received specialized training through the Maryland Police Correctional Training Commission. These include two captains, two lieutenants and two sergeants. It is anticipated that by the start date of January 1, 2008 2 other sergeants and several corporals will be trained in the collection procedures.

Once taken, the sample will be sealed and sent to the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division in Pikesville Md. who supplies the test kits. Currently, the Detention Center's Inmate Services Division conducts DNA sampling and has done so since June of 2005. Civilian counselors who are trained to take samples conduct this testing. Qualifying crimes for that testing include all felonies, theft from motor vehicles and 4th degree burglary. Prior to the June 2005 date, the Maryland State Police conducted all DNA sampling beginning with its inception in October 1994 (source: Matt Abbott MSP Forensics Sciences Division). Once in effect, the new law will require that a DNA sample be taken once charges have been officially filed by the arresting officer. Typically, this will be done in the Central Booking section of the Detention Center.

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The DNA sample will be kept on file by the Maryland State Police Forensics Lab until the offender's court date. Should an offender be found not guilty of a crime for which a DNA sample was taken, the Department of Public Safety, once notified, will in turn contact the State Police Laboratory and request that the lab sample be destroyed. Further, the offender's information obtained by the analysis of the DNA sample will be removed from the CODIS System, which is a state and national DNA data base storage site.

17th Annual Awards Banquet



Shown, from left, are Ed Higinbotham, Citizens Advisory Committee vice president; Deputy of the Year Cpl. Jason West; Civilian of the Year/Law Enforcement Nathan Michael; Correctional Officer of the Year Cpl. Gilbert Sackett; and Sheriff Chuck Jenkins.

Award Recipients

On November 19th the Sheriff's Office recognized the accomplishments of numerous deputies and civilians at the 17th Annual Awards Banquet. The event was hosted by the Citizen Advisory Committee and was held at the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company Activities Complex.

Cpl. Jason West was named Deputy of the Year; he was also honored with a leadership award. Cpl. Gilbert Sackett was named Correctional Officer of the Year. Other top honors went to Nathan Michael and Tammy May who were both recognized with Civilian of the Year awards for both the Law Enforcement and Corrections Bureaus.

<i>Tim Clarke</i>	<i>Ronald Carroll</i>
<i>Gregory Santangelo</i>	<i>Orlando Rosa</i>
<i>Dave DeWees</i>	<i>Jesse Burriss</i>
<i>John Packard</i>	<i>James Williams</i>
<i>Jay Godlove</i>	<i>Thomas Hafler</i>
<i>Dave Martin</i>	<i>William Souders III</i>
<i>Alan Morrison</i>	<i>Julia Helmstetter</i>
<i>Jody Maybush</i>	<i>Jason Moon</i>
<i>Kevin White</i>	<i>Brian Blair</i>
<i>Steve Griffin</i>	<i>Brett Etzler</i>
<i>James Harris</i>	<i>Richard Rochford</i>
<i>Brian Stocks</i>	<i>Teresa Thompson</i>
<i>Robert Sidow</i>	<i>Michael Easterday</i>
<i>Don Duman</i>	<i>Brian Elliott</i>
<i>Rick Winer</i>	<i>Gary Dembo</i>
<i>Sean McKinney</i>	<i>Sadat Calliskan</i>
<i>Dennis Shoemaker</i>	<i>Austin Fogle, MSP</i>
<i>Eric Byers</i>	<i>Lori Wiles</i>
<i>Gregg Warner</i>	<i>Kathleen Coblentz</i>
<i>Chris Hadeed</i>	<i>Billie-Jo Fox</i>
<i>Chris Smith</i>	<i>Melissa Hoffman</i>
<i>Michael Davies</i>	<i>Carol Souder</i>
<i>Joseph Rowe</i>	<i>Tom Leone</i>
<i>Amanda Remines</i>	<i>Jennifer Skelly</i>
<i>Gary Mariotti</i>	<i>Nathan Michael</i>
<i>Tammy May</i>	<i>Willie Ollie</i>
<i>Michael Cronise</i>	<i>Donald Linares</i>
<i>Michael Doriguzzi</i>	<i>Anthony Shives</i>
<i>David Green</i>	<i>Kevin Wantz</i>
<i>Jason Cave</i>	<i>Jose Rivera</i>
<i>Jennifer Swope</i>	<i>Jeff Norris</i>
	<i>Regis Secola</i>
	<i>Dan Romeril</i>
	<i>Brandy Shafer</i>



Corrections Bureau Graduation



On November 12th at 2:00 p.m. the Training Section hosted graduation exercises for the 30th class of the Frederick County

Criminal Justice Training Academy. The Corrections Bureau graduation ceremony was held at the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center. Major General George Weightman, Commanding General at Ft. Detrick was 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.



Frederick Co. Detention Center Graduates

- Officer Michelle Clark
- Officer Jonathan Hanna
- Officer Jeffrey Kerr
- Officer Andy Hernandez
- Officer David Degrange
- Mr. Tim Jurkowski (Drug and Alcohol Treatment Counselor)

Carroll County Detention Center Graduates

- Correctional Deputy Michael Guderjohn (Class President)
- Correctional Deputy Thomas Vanik



Photos taken at the ceremony



Three Deputies Graduate from SWAT School

From September 22 until October 10, 2008, three new members of the Special Services Team attended the Howard County Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) basic course. Dfc. Taylor Angleberger, Dfc. Trevor Hajjar, and Dep. Travis Rohrer graduated from the three challenging weeks of physical and classroom training as required before beginning their careers with the SST.

The new SST members covered classroom and practical training on subjects such as tactical room clearing, handgun and special weapons qualifications, chemical munitions and, of course, physical training (PT). The fo-

cus of basic SWAT courses is to acclimate new members to working in more of a team concept in high-risk situations. Since SST's formation in 1989, all members have been required to attend such training to create the foundation on which operational concepts are built. Special Services Team Leader Cpl. Brett Etzler said, "Having these three new Team members trained will greatly increase SST's capability to respond to any type of emergency in Frederick County".



From left to right: Dep. Travis Rohrer, Dfc. Taylor Angleberger, and Dfc. Trevor Hajjar

Corporal Initiates Clothes Drive

Over 700 articles of clothing were collected by 9th grade students at Middletown High School for the Frederick Rescue Mission. The clothes drive was initiated by Cpl. Scott Blundell who coordinated the event with school administrators. "I was looking for a way to connect with the students and to drum up a little holiday spirit. I am really pleased with their efforts," Cpl. Blundell said.

The drive started November 24th with a promise of pizza and sodas for the first block class who donated the most clothing. Ms. Kara Nelson's class received the honors of first place, with over 200 donations made by students.

Students donated all types of clothing, shoes, sleeping bags and blankets. Thirteen pizzas were delivered to the winners, which were provided by Cpl. Blundell and James Gang Pizza in Middletown. The Frederick Rescue



Mission picked up the donations on December 19th.

From Left: Cpl. Blundell, Frederick Rescue Mission staff member Joe Hughes, mission resident Griffin Gaw, mission resident Josh Epps



Carrie Payne Honored

Written by Theresa Hiegel

On October 24, 2008, the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence honored Carrie Payne for her service to domestic violence victims. Carrie Payne has been an employee of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in the Victim Service Unit since 2002 and recently was promoted to Chief Victim/Witness Coordinator. While her work is targeted to all crime victims, most of her days are spent dedicated to victims of domestic violence. Ms. Payne is both an advocate for the individual through her one-on-one victim services and an agent of positive change for her community.

As many know, this has been a particularly tragic year in not only Frederick County but across the state of Maryland. We have had many lives lost as a result of domestic violence, but Carrie is never afraid to address the difficult issues. From January 1, 2008, to August 8, 2008, Carrie has made 192 outreach attempts to domestic violence victims while still contacting all other victims of crime.

Carrie was an active member of the team of professionals who implemented the Lethality Assessment program in Frederick County. Thus, giving victims a link to an outside world and a hope for a better future. As a result of the lethality assessments and the tragic murders, Carrie has dedicated herself to participate in the Fatality Review Board. By looking at past cases, Carrie hopes to recognize warning signs, implement new practices, and help prevent future deaths in Frederick County. She also coordinates the Abused Women's Active Response Emergency (A.W.A.R.E) The A.W.A.R.E. program partners with ADT to provide an alarm system free of charge to victims in

domestic violence situations with a valid protective/peace order.

Since 2002, she has been an integral part in educating the community and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Deputies about domestic violence. Carrie is responsible for training all Frederick County Deputies about domestic violence. She tries to put a face with the act of domestic violence. She helps the Deputies see that this could occur to anyone regardless of finances, race, ethnicity or education. This in turn helps the Deputies when responding to calls of Domestic Violence. Carrie firmly believes that outreach and education is imperative in prevention. She has worked on the planning committee for a local domestic violence conference "Into the Light", and has worked at Senior Summits educating senior citizens.

This year, Carrie was elected to co-chair the Frederick County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. Carrie educates the council on new issues evolving in the domestic violence field. She works hard to bring local victim advocates together to build the bond within the community. For example, during one meeting, the coordinating council realized that there were questions regarding the removal of guns and Protective Orders. After the meeting, Carrie addressed the problem with Sheriff Jenkins and other members of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and helped formulate a new general order to address the issue and provide a safer environment for victims of domestic violence. These examples are just the tip of the iceberg of what Carrie has done and the work she exemplifies in her daily life.

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