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Fairfax County Wins Battle to Host 2015 World Police and Fire Games

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From the Chief: Reflections

by Colonel Dave Rohrer

This year we again face funding constraints and challenges, and probable reductions in positions and programs. However, it can be too easy to focus on the negative, and to lose sight of the many positive outcomes our Department and our men and women generate every day. We make a difference in our community, and we should be proud of all we have accomplished and continue to accomplish.

Let me start by thanking all for the continued hard work, dedication, and professionalism in performing our core mission to protect and serve Fairfax County. In spite of ongoing challenges, in 2009, in partnership with our community, we achieved a significant reduction in index crime. Although we have seemingly shied away from the term community policing, it is this policing philosophy's core strategies of partnerships and problem-solving that continue to serve us well.

Also at the core of our success is our commitment to the philosophy that "cops count." Much has been written and debated over the years as to the impact of policing, with some professing that police have little or no impact on crime. The reduction in crime in many communities that have embraced proactive problem-solving policing, and developed partnerships and cross-cutting initiatives, has shown this to be false. Police do have an impact, and by embracing information from the community and crime analysis to identify specific problems, repeat offenders, or crime "hot spots" our proactive "boots on the ground," "cops on the dots" strategies have proven effective.

Our goal now, even in the midst of challenges, is to remain committed to our core mission of preventing, reducing, and solving crimes and enhancing traffic safety. Although we must be flexible and open to embracing new strategies, I am confident we will continue to be successful.

As we know that a small percentage of offenders are responsible for a disproportionate number of crimes one of our renewed strategies is a focus on repeat offenders. This target group of offenders warrants our attention, and I'm proud of the cross-agency efforts we have undertaken to further this strategy. We are also working cooperatively with our other criminal justice partners to ensure these offenders are given the attention they are due.

Other than a reduction in crime, our men and women also demonstrated extreme dedication and professionalism throughout the unprecedented snowfalls in December 2009 and again in February of this year. The cumulative snowfall for most of the County for these storms measured almost 70 inches. Under extremely harsh and adverse conditions our men and women reported to duty, handled calls for service, helped stranded motorists, and ensured the safety of school children as schools reopened – and they did it safely and with a cooperative spirit. I applaud and commend all for their efforts. I enjoy the seasons, but other than a few diehard winter fanatics, I imagine that most, like me, look forward to the warm embrace of spring.

Finally, in May we will again remember and commemorate our fallen officers and all of the men and women who have died in the line of duty around our country while protecting and serving their communities. National Police Week is May 9-15 and Peace Officers Memorial Day is May 15. It is important for all in law enforcement and in the community to pause and reflect on the sacrifices of many. There are now almost 19,000 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, five of which were members of our Department – of our police 'family.' Let us always respect, honor, and remember each of them and their families.

And, as always, let us remember our fallen officers not for how they died, but for how they lived. In their honor and remembrance, let us continue to lead lives of purpose and character, let us remember and embrace our families, let us perform our mission safely and professionally, and let us always demonstrate the principles and ideals our fallen officers would expect of us.

- Colonel Dave Rohrer

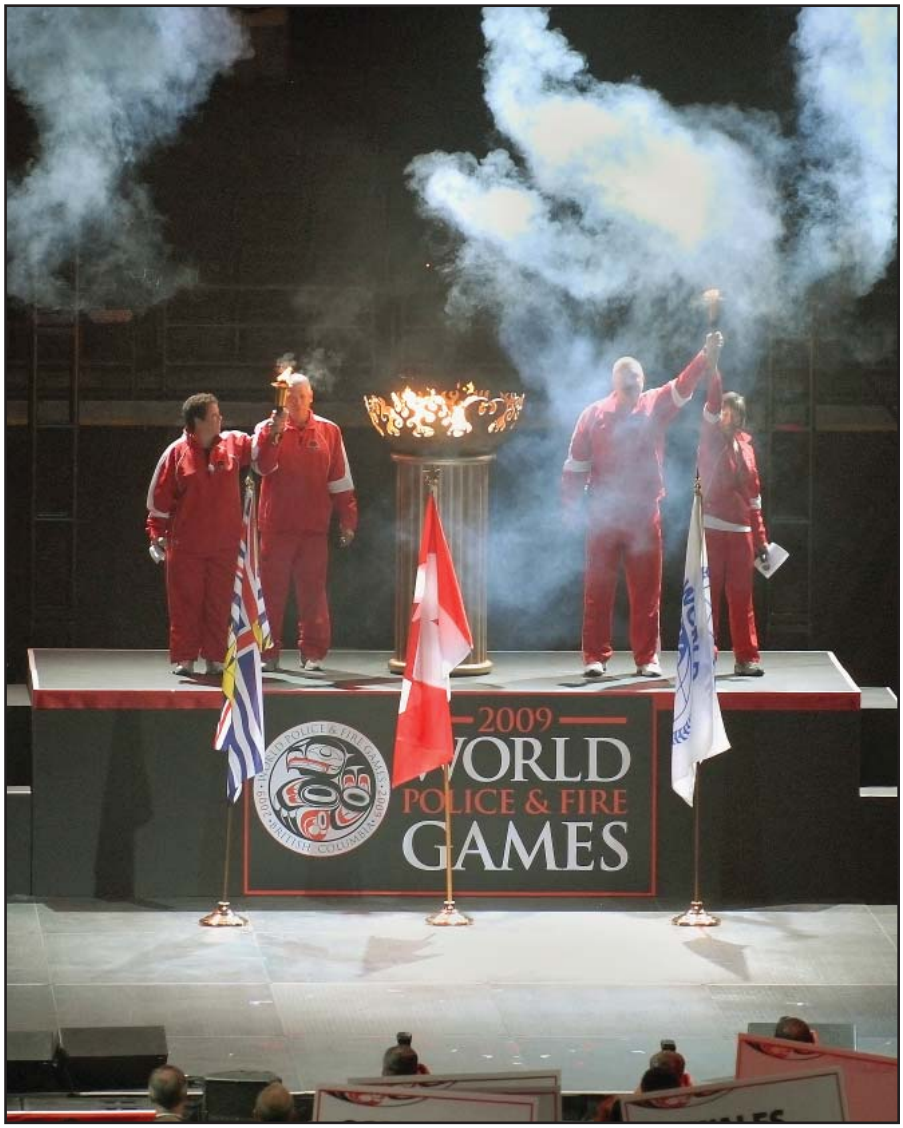
World Police and Fire Games Update

by Second Lieutenant Bruce Blechl

IT'S OFFICIAL: Fairfax County has been selected to host the 2015 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG), beating out Toronto and Winnipeg for the privilege of hosting the second largest sporting event behind the Summer Olympics. Our quest to host the Games began back in 2005 and now that dream will come true, thanks to years of persistence, determination, and commitment by Fairfax County and Team Fairfax, the non-profit organization representing the county's public safety agencies.

For those unfamiliar with the WPFG, they are Olympics-style events held every two years throughout the world. The sporting events, open to full-time and retired law enforcement officers and firefighters, promote friendly competition, fellowship, and international relations among participants. In recent years, 7,000-10,000 competitors have entered the Games with an approximate ratio of 60 percent police to 40 percent fire competitors. Former Olympians and current world class athletes compete in the Games, as well as people who just enjoy their particular sport or hobby.

The 55-65 sporting events are a mixture of traditional Olympic sports such as track and field, basketball, and soccer and job-specific events such as SWAT, shooting, and canine competitions for the police and stair climb, muster, and ultimate firefighter for the fire and rescue personnel. The 2015 Games will offer 60 events throughout the National Capital Region, the majority of them within Fairfax County. George Mason University will host 16 events; Reston Town Center 11 events; and our criminal justice academy range and driving track six events. The 2015 Games will also capture the uniqueness of our area with events at the National Mall, the National Rifle Association national headquarters, Quantico Marine Base, and Manassas Battlefield.



Participants of the 2009 World Police and Fire Games in Vancouver, British Columbia light a torch signifying the beginning of the Games.

The World Police and Fire Games are not just athletic competitions; they are opportunities to unite with our brothers and sisters from around the world who face the same daily challenges we do. Social events are planned for the Athletes' Village in Reston Town Center, the National Law Enforcement Memorial, the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial, George Washington's

Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, and the Pentagon.

As hosts of the Games, we are mandated to establish a legacy program within the host community. The motto of the 2015 Games is *Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present and Inspire the Future.* To *Honor the Past,* we will name the National Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation and the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Foundation beneficiaries of proceeds from the 2015 Games. The money will help ensure our comrades are not forgotten and our history lives on.

The Honor Guard for the 2009 World Police and Fire Games in Vancouver, British Columbia take the stage for the opening ceremony.

Team Fairfax will *Celebrate the Present* by using additional proceeds to create a scholarship for the children of Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients. This will provide us the opportunity to honor the acts of bravery and heroism in both the police and fire professions. Lastly, Team Fairfax plans to *Inspire the Future* by bestowing proceeds of the Games on the Fairfax County Youth Sports Scholarship Program. We are committed to having a positive impact on the lives of children whose parents cannot afford the costs of participating in local sports programs.

Team Fairfax will be hard at work over the next six years to make the 2015 Games the best ever. Many officers have expressed interest in getting involved and helping: The most important thing for all of us to do is spread the word. Team Fairfax has established both a Facebook and Twitter account and plans to unveil our Web site in the future (both accounts are under 2015wpfg). Sign up, become a fan, and be ambassadors for the Department and the County.

To learn more about the Games in general visit www.cpaf.org.

FCPD Deployment to the 56th Presidential Inauguration

by Lieutenant Jeff Powell

Fairfax County police officers deploying to their positions.

The Fairfax County Police Department deployed over 160 officers from its Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU), auxiliaries, and others to support the security operations surrounding the Barack Obama Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2009.

Our agency began active planning for the inauguration in July of 2008. CDU Intelligence Officers identified the deployment locations and made several trips to conduct reconnaissance prior to the deployment. They produced maps and aerial photos for use by commanders and supervisors on the scene and conducted pre-deployment briefings.

The day started at 0230 with staging at Lee High School followed by equipment checks and intelligence, safety, and command briefings. The health and well-being of our personnel is paramount and Tactical Medics, Safety Officers, and Medical Directors all participated in this event. They identified potential life safety and health concerns, conducted briefings, and deployed with the unit.

As always, Inauguration Day was a very cold day. The buses arrived at the bus drop-off point on Independence Avenue around 0430. All personnel working the event had to be sworn in as U.S. Marshals, which meant another bus ride to the Martin Luther King Library on the other side of town. Afterwards, officers were dropped off at the FCPD area of operation, nearly one-half mile between 9th and 15th Streets on Constitution Avenue.

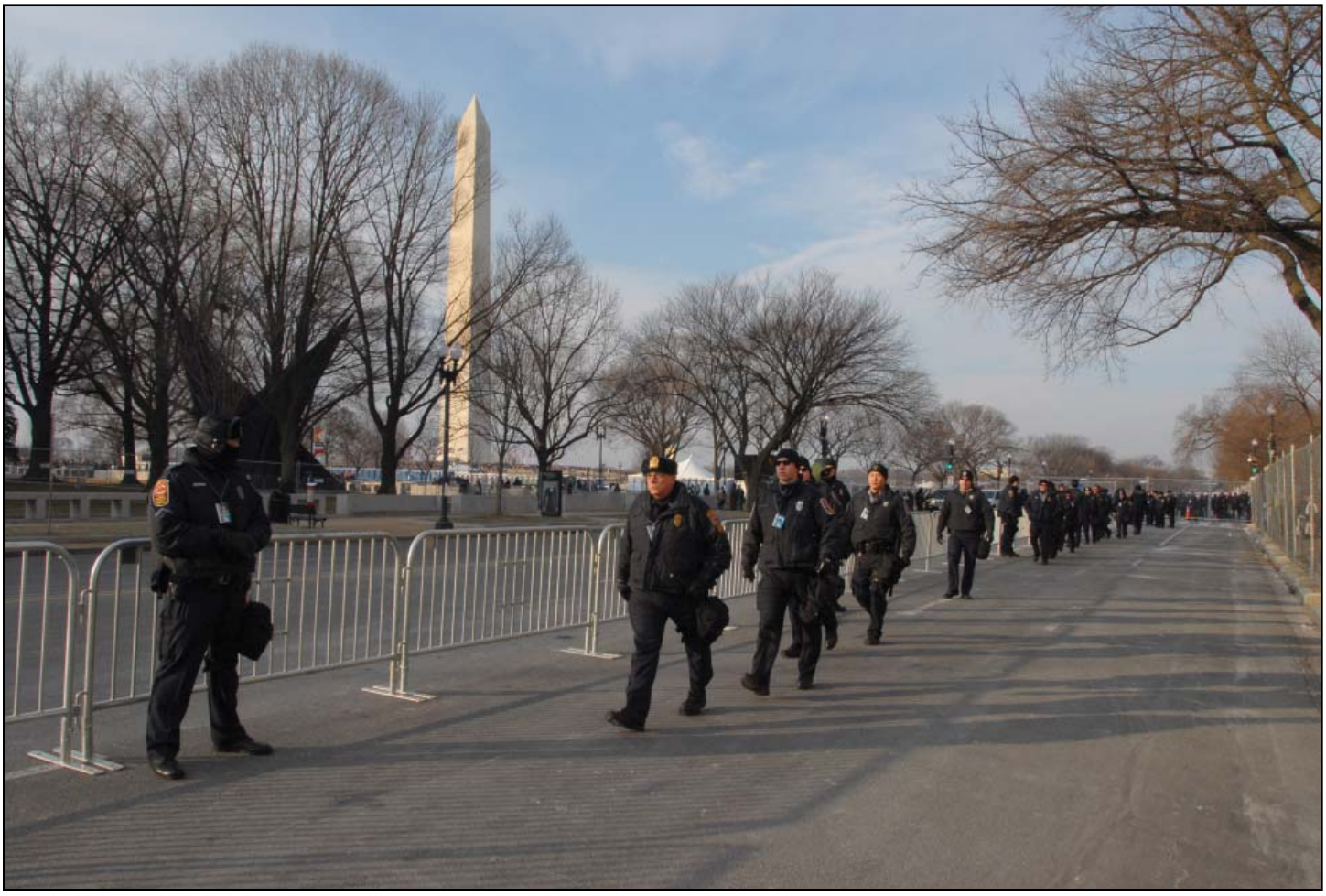
Security concerns forced us to park our buses several blocks away from our deployment lines. In the past, officers were able to use the buses for equipment storage and a break location. Not having the buses close meant that all equipment had to be off- loaded and kept with the squads. Everyone dealt with the minor annoyance in stride.

The wind blew steadily all day and funneled between all of the large buildings; creating a wind tunnel effect and making it feel even colder. Warming areas set up for visiting officers stayed very crowded throughout the day, but did the job. Approximately one-third of our personnel rotated on break throughout the day, helping everyone cope with the cold.

The crowds on the National Mall were estimated at well over one million. There were two crossovers through our lines that were designed to get people who watched the swearing-in ceremony from the mall to the parade route. As people started making their way through the crossover points, the Secret Service ordered them closed. Thousands of people trying to cross were surprised and confused by the closures. There were some anxious moments, but the crowds were well behaved and gave us no problems. Once the parade finally ended, our unit returned to the buses on Independence Avenue. We got back to Lee High School and were released by 2030 hours.

Seven to eight thousand officers from around the country deployed for this event. The sheer size of the event created planning challenges for all responding agencies, including Fairfax County. Despite the logistical challenges that we faced both prior to and during the event, our personnel understood the significance of the historical event they were a part of and performed admirably under difficult conditions, as they always do.

Major Maggie DeBoard, the Administrative Commander for the Civil Disturbance Unit who led the contingent to D.C. would like to pass on her praise and admiration for the steadfast performance of all those who were deployed for this event or supported it in any way.



Officers taking their positions along the parade route.

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Sgt. Todd S. Erlandson and PFC Quang D. Bui (Lifesaving Award)

Sgt. Erlandson

PFC Bui

Early one November morning, Sgt. Erlandson and PFC Bui were dispatched to a CPR in progress call at an apartment. Sgt. Erlandson arrived first and found the mother of a child attempting chest compressions on her son, who was unconscious on the couch. He immediately relieved the exhausted mother and moved the child to the floor. PFC Bui arrived minutes later and immediately started helping Sgt. Erlandson by taking over breathing for the child while Sgt. Erlandson continued administering chest compressions until rescue personnel arrived to relieve the officers.

MPO Joseph M. Flynn (Lifesaving Award)

MPO Flynn

MPO Flynn responded to a CPR in progress at an organization's headquarters. He arrived at the same time as the ambulance and fire engine. Between the two, there was only one paramedic on the scene and MPO Flynn immediately advised the ranking fire officer that he was also a paramedic. MPO Flynn had spent several years as a flight paramedic in the Helicopter Unit and had voluntarily maintained his paramedic certification since leaving the unit. His offer was gladly accepted and once inside the building, MPO Flynn immediately began to help the ambulance crew by initiating CPR then setting up the oxygen bag valve mask to ventilate the man. It was determined that defibrillation was necessary and after three separate unsuccessful shocks, they intubated the man. Once a second paramedic unit arrived, MPO Flynn turned over all of his active medical duties and stayed to interview the witnesses.

PFC Anthony L. Capizzi and PFC Stephen P. Foley (Lifesaving Award)

PFC Capizzi

PFC Foley

A very emotional caller asked for police help to stop a violent fight between her husband and son. She warned her son had a history of mental problems and had been very violent since going off his medications. PFC Capizzi was the first to arrive and by then, a family friend had joined the fight to help the father. As he approached the house, he observed the father and family friend holding the son down against the driveway. When PFC Capizzi went to handcuff the son, he found his skin was cool to the touch and his arm was limp. He immediately ordered the two men to get off because the son was unconscious and unresponsive. PFC Foley arrived on scene and immediately assisted PFC Capizzi administer CPR. After several minutes, the officers were able to get a faint pulse and the son started breathing on his own and he was transported to the hospital. Further investigation revealed that the family members attempting to subdue the son inadvertently asphyxiated him and sent him into full cardiac arrest.

PFC Christopher L. Coleman, PFC Christopher B. Hutchinson and Officer Jonathan W. Ward (Lifesaving Award)

PFC Coleman

PFC Hutchinson

Ofc. Ward

Officer Ward was on patrol late one night when he noticed a possible disabled motorist on the shoulder near a major intersection. As he approached the car, he could see the driver was slumped over and not moving and he immediately notified the dispatcher. PFC Coleman and PFC Hutchison arrived and all three officers started to bang on the windows and doors to try and rouse the driver but nothing worked. Officer Ward used his baton to break open the rear driver's side window in order to unlock the doors. The officers pulled the unconscious driver from the car and PFC Coleman and PFC Hutchinson immediately began CPR and Officer Ward stood between them and traffic on the busy roadway.

PFC Olan J. Faulk, IV (Lifesaving Award)

PFC Faulk

Officers were dispatched to a residence where an intoxicated 19-year-old was had threatened to jump off the second story rooftop of his parents' home. PFC Faulk was the first to arrive and he immediately noticed the man sitting on the roof, at least 20 feet in the air. He wasted no time making contact with the young man and he established a rapport with him very quickly. PFC Faulk had been through both Negotiator School and Crisis Intervention Team training and he used those skills as he talked to the young man. After 22 minutes of perseverance, continued negotiations, and multiple threats from the young man that he would jump off the roof, PFC Faulk finally persuaded the young man not to jump and to safely re-enter the house through the same second-story window he had crawled out of.

PFC Matthew E. Griffin (Lifesaving Award)

PFC Griffin

PFC Griffin responded to a call regarding an 18-month-old child who had stopped breathing. When he arrived he saw rescue personnel had not yet arrived, so he immediately rushed inside to save the little boy. When he opened the door he saw a small child on the floor and his crying father kneeled over him. The father scooped up his son's limp body and handed him to PFC Griffin. The man struggled as he told PFC Griffin his son was choking on a grape. PFC Griffin checked the boy's airway and nothing was visible so he flipped the child over and pounded on his little back. After administering numerous back blows, the grape popped out and dropped from the boy's mouth. Rescue personnel arrived just as the boy started breathing on his own.

PFC Jonathan D. Lowery (Lifesaving Award), PSC II Erin R. Tracy (Lifesaving Award)

PFC Lowery self-dispatched to a call that an infant had stopped breathing since he was near the address. At DPSC, the call-taker, PSC Tracy was still on the phone with the frantic mother of the four-day-old infant. She was calmly trying to get as much information from the mother as possible in order to assess the baby's condition. PFC Lowery arrived on scene and was met by the frantic mother who

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PFC Lowery

PSC II Tracy

thrust the newborn into his arms, pleading with him to save her child. PFC Lowery placed the baby on the bed and noticed the phone nearby. He picked up the phone to find that PSC Tracy was still on the line. PSC Tracy assisted PFC Lowery by coaching him through the delicate procedure of performing CPR on an infant. Minutes later, rescue personnel arrived to relieve him and he was subsequently transported to the emergency room where doctors were able to regain a pulse.

PFC Brett L. Manthe (Lifesaving Award)

PFC Manthe

PFC Manthe responded to the home of a suspected suicidal woman. He barely had time to knock once when the door was opened and he was met by a man yelling, "She's not breathing," and pointing to the upstairs bedroom. PFC Manthe found the woman, unconscious, lying on the bed with several empty medicine vials beside her and an IV attached to her right arm with a fluid bag attached to the IV line. PFC Manthe advised dispatch that he was starting CPR and after a minute the woman took a breath of air and started to cough. At that time, the woman's husband called and it was determined that the IV was possibly doing her harm, so PFC Manthe shut it off. He continued working on the woman until rescue personnel arrived. The woman was transported to the hospital and admitted in stable condition.

PFC Eric T. Nelson (Lifesaving Award)

PFC Nelson

PFC Nelson responded to a call regarding a one-year-old who had stopped breathing. Upon arrival PFC Nelson was unable to get any information from the hysterical mother, but saw another woman performing CPR on a small child. PFC Nelson immediately took over performing chest compressions on the child. When rescue personnel arrived several minutes later, PFC Nelson rushed the child outside to the ambulance and she was then taken to the hospital. Hospital staff provided additional CPR for one hour and 50 minutes before the child's pulse returned. She was transported to ICU where she continued to receive medical care.

Officer Michael W. Greene (Lifesaving Award)

Ofc. Greene

Officer Greene was off duty and exercising at his health club when something caught his eye. Not far away, a personal trainer was working with an elderly woman. Shouting grabbed his attention; it was the trainer shouting the elderly woman's name. As he looked on, he saw the woman's body shuddered and shook before going completely limp. Officer Greene rushed to the woman's side and found her unconscious. He immediately took control of the situation, making sure someone called an ambulance before he started to perform CPR. After two rescue breast, the woman's eyes opened and she started to breathe on her own.

Officer Shay V. Nelson (Lifesaving Award)

Officer Nelson was dispatched to an apartment in the Annandale area for a possible CPR call for a three-day-

Ofc. Nelson

old baby who had stopped breathing. He was the first to arrive on scene and he barely got out of his cruiser when a woman in near hysterics ran out of the apartment building holding her lifeless baby boy in her arms. She handed the baby over to the officer, begging him to do something to help her child. Officer Nelson placed the baby on the ground, checked the airway and immediately began CPR. After a few seconds, the baby began to breathe on his own and cry.

Detective Donald R. Bateman (Certificate of Valor)

Det. Bateman

Det. Bateman took up his assigned position one evening. The target was a peeper who had started trying to break into apartments in an area complex. Fifteen minutes into Det. Bateman's shift, a middle-aged man parked his car 10-15 feet away and began moving property from his car to a van. Across the street, two young men stopped and watched the older man, then split up, and headed toward the older man from opposite directions. As one of the younger men walked directly past Det. Bateman's car, he pulled a black mask over his face. Both men approached the older man and the detective could see the masked man extend his arm forward and toward the older man. The older man's hands immediately went up in the air.

Det. Bateman was watching what appeared to be an armed robbery unfolding very rapidly. He reported the robbery-in-progress to dispatchers but he decided he couldn't wait for backup and would have to confront the masked men alone. As he approached the men, he heard the older man being ordered to the ground and then saw the older man struggling with one of the masked men. Det. Bateman drew his service weapon, identified himself as a Fairfax County police officer, and ordered the masked man to drop the weapon. Only after he challenged the masked men did he realize they did not have a weapon and that one of the men had his hands clasped together with one finger extended to give the appearance of a handgun. Det. Bateman ordered the masked men to the ground as other officers quickly converged on the scene and the men were secured.

Second Lieutenant James S. Bradshaw and Officer Scott P. Bzdak (Certificate of Valor)

2 Lt. Bradshaw

Ofc. Bzdak

2Lt. Bradshaw and Officer Bzdak responded to a call for an unknown situation late one night. The caller made it clear something bad had happened, but gave no other details. The officers arrived and found a locked door and no one responding to their knocks. The call-taker attempted to get the complainant to open the door, but he was too afraid that an assailant was still in his home and remained locked in a bedroom. All the officers knew was that a woman had been harmed, possibly killed, and there were two small children in the residence.

Believing the suspect might still be inside and fearing for the safety of the occupants, 2Lt. Bradshaw ordered the officers to force entry into the apartment. They broke down the door and conducted a protective sweep of the apartment, looking for the assailant. He was gone, but they found the caller in a back bedroom and two small children sitting next to a lifeless woman. 2Lt. Bradshaw and Officer Bzdak started to conduct CPR on the woman despite having no protection from the stranger's blood and saliva. They continued their efforts until rescue personnel arrived five minutes later.

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Second Lieutenant John H. Brennan, Sergeant Robert A. Blakley Jr., MPO John D. Brocco & K9 Titan, PFC Bradley W. Capan, PFC David J. Giaccio, PFC Matthew A. Guzzetta, PFC Joseph N. Wallace, PFC Leanna D. Wilson, Officer Amanda K. Leugers, Officer Thomas J. Murphy, Officer Matthew W. Stanfield (Certificate of Valor)

2 Lt. Brennan

Sgt. Blakely

MPO Brocco and K9 Titan

PFC Capan

PFC Giaccio

PFC Wallace

PFC Wilson

Ofc. Stanfield

Ofc. Leugers

Ofc. Murphy

A Vietnam War veteran on the verge of losing his house, disowned by his family, and intoxicated apparently decided he wanted to die. He told his wife he was going to kill himself, grabbed his double barrel shotgun, and walked out the front door of their house. His wife called 911 as he disappeared into the darkness of the woods along the George Washington Parkway in the Mount Vernon police district. Sergeant Blakley coordinated a staging area a safe distance from the residence and assembled a reactionary team consisting of PFC Wallace (armed with a patrol rifle), PFC Guzzetta, and Officer Giaccio, in the event the subject became an active shooter. He also called for the helicopter to respond to help locate the subject in the highly wooded area.

Planning for all possibilities and outcomes, the officers followed the subject at a distance and once his location was secured set up a perimeter. The police helicopter, Fairfax One (FX01), arrived and quickly spotted the man sitting against a tree along the wooded area of a running path. FX01 told the reaction team members they were within 100 yards of the subject's location and had seen him place the barrel of the gun into his mouth several times. MPO Brocco and his canine partner Titan joined PFC Wallace (with patrol rifle), PFC Wilson, PFC Capan, PFC Guzzetta, Officer Stanfield (with shield), and Officer Leugers (with shield). Sgt. Blakley ordered Officer Murphy to bring the Prisoner Transport Vehicle (Wagon) to the scene to serve as a mobile platform the team could use for cover. The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Patrol Units (NPU) had just gotten off work, but they too came back to assist in the huge operation.

At one point the subject stood up and walked northbound on the jogging trail carrying his shotgun at his waist. 2Lt. Brennan began negotiations by asking the man to surrender his weapon. The gunman soon leaned his shotgun up against a tree and began following instructions. Once he was on his stomach on the ground, the arrest teams moved from positions of cover and began their approach. As the arrest team reached the man and took him into custody, MPO Brocco grabbed the shotgun and rendered it safe.

PFC Jonathan R. Luety (Certificate of Valor)

PFC Luety

Early one morning in April, police responded to a call that proved more difficult than they originally thought. A man requested police assistance because he said his wife was threatening to hurt herself. When PFC Jonathan R. Luety interviewed the woman, however, he determined she was not a threat and left. Not three hours later the same call came in this time it was serious. The woman had armed herself with a kitchen knife. She had both hands on the handle and was swinging the blade towards her lower abdomen. PFC Luety immediately requested back up units, took out his Conductive Energy Device (CED) and warned the husband not to get involved. Instead of listening the concerned husband rushed his wife to try to disarm her. Now PFC Luety was faced with a very dangerous situation: a woman armed and intent on injuring herself and others, and a husband trying to keep police from disarming his wife the safe way. After struggling with the husband and wife, he was finally able to position himself to deploy the CED. It found its mark. She threw the knife down and immediately dropped to the floor. The woman was subsequently handcuffed, transported, and admitted to the mental health facility.

Officer Todd B. Sweeney (Bronze Medal of Valor)

Ofc. Sweeney

There is no real off duty for police officers, even once their regular shift has ended. After working an overnight Officer Sweeney was on his way home when the driver of a car in front of him apparently lost control. The car was spinning and smoking before it struck the stone retaining wall on the left shoulder, flames began pouring out of its damaged front compartment. Without regard for his own safety, Officer Sweeney stopped and he could see two motionless people in the car. Ignoring the spreading flames and jagged metal from the crash, he opened the driver's door and pulled the semi-conscious woman out from behind the wheel to safety. He then went back to the car where the engine compartment was completely engulfed in flames and the fire was spreading quickly toward the passenger compartment, and pulled the passenger out and back to safety with the driver. Officer Sweeney stayed with the disoriented and frightened people, trying to keep them calm and safe while other citizens stopped to assist.

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Sergeant Shawn C. Martin (Silver Medal of Honor) and K9 Nero (Meritorious Award)

Sgt. Martin and K9 Nero

Some police encounters on the road test every type of training an officer has taken and then some. One such incident started with a high risk, high speed vehicle pursuit for Sergeant Shawn Martin and his K9 partner Nero. A crazed subject stole a Prince William County marked cruiser containing a loaded shotgun. The suspect led several agencies on pursuit up and down I-66, endangering the public and police officers' safety and welfare. Stop Sticks terminated the pursuit, but not until the suspect caused extensive damage to the county cruiser. Then, he fought with officers for countless minutes, almost elevating the situation into a deadly force incident. Verbal commands, body strikes, TASER deployment, pepper spray and finally, use of K9 Nero were all powerless against the highly intoxicated and drugged individual.

The officers finally pulled the suspect from the cruiser and placed him on the ground. The struggle continued, but the relentless efforts by the officers finally resulted in the suspect being placed in handcuffs. The officers who had moments before been engaged in a life and death struggle with the suspect immediately turned to the suspect's medical well being and summoned rescue to render first aid to him.

PFC Thomas J. Gadell Jr. and PFC David M. Popik (Bronze Medal of Honor)

What many consider courageous and heroic acts officers consider duty. PFC Thomas Gadell Jr. and PFC David M. Popik took an oath to protect and serve and they honored that oath with every action they took on a cold day in Annandale when a call came in about smoke in building. Arriving on the scene the officers discovered a second floor apartment on fire and clouds of smoke filling the building. With no fire department officials in sight it was up to PFC Popik and PFC Gadell to empty the 12 apartments.

PFC Gadell

PFC Popik

PFC Popik and PFC Gadell placed their own lives at risk of exposure to dangerous carbon monoxide created by the smoke, pounded on every door and evacuated nearly 30 residents who had been unaware of the danger. When they reached the apartment that was actually on fire, PFC Popik kicked open the front door and was met by thick, choking black smoke which obscured their view. Fortunately, Fire Department personnel were arriving on the scene and eventually were able to determine the apartment was empty.

Second Lieutenant Kevin D. Barrington, PFC Reanna M. Jacobson, PFC Charles A. Reinhard (Bronze Medal of Valor); PFC Eugene B. Bork (Silver Medal of Valor)

2 Lt. Barrington

PFC Jacobson

PFC Reinhard

PFC Bork

PFC Bork was dispatched to a single-car accident on Sunrise Valley Drive. PFC Reinhard self-dispatched as a backup. PFC Bork made contact with the man who was still sitting behind the wheel. PFC Bork believed the driver was under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol so he asked him to get out of the car. The man refused and asked if he would be going to jail. PFC Bork realized he would need more help getting the ornery citizen out of his car. 2Lt. Barrington and PFC Jacobson started to the scene.

The agitated driver kept saying "You are not going to like what I am going to do with my hand." After 40 minutes 2Lt. Barrington, PFC Jacobson, and the tow truck had arrived on the scene and PFC Bork knew the talking and reasoning were over. He handed a Conductive Energy Device (CED) to PFC Reinhard and positioned him to the rear of the driver's side of the car. PFC Bork instructed PFC Reinhard to deploy the CED if the driver came out fighting. PFC Jacobson and 2Lt. Barrington took up positions in anticipation of a physical confrontation.

When the driver refused again to exit the car PFC Bork pulled him out. Finally the officers watched as the driver reached into his waistband with his free right hand pulled out a gun and quickly pointed at the left side of PFC Bork's head. Quickly, PFC Bork was able to get the gun away from his head but both gripped the weapon and fell to the ground in a life-and-death struggle for control. PFC Reinhard, 2Lt. Barrington and PFC Jacobson saw the potentially deadly attack and responded immediately. Both PFC Reinhard and 2Lt. Barrington were in position to fire their weapons to end the attack and both used deadly force. PFC Jacobson did not have a clear and safe shot and showed great restraint by not firing her weapon. The suspect survived the gunshot wounds. Subsequent investigation determined he was extremely intoxicated and had seven grams of cocaine and a large quantity of marijuana in his car.

PFC Katherine S. Wright and Officer Donald W. Amos Jr. (Silver Medal of Valor)

PFC Wright

Ofc. Amos

At the close of their shift PFC Katherine Wright and Officer Donald Amos were dispatched to Oakton for an Emotionally Disturbed Person (EDP) threatening to kill himself. Police and fire had responded many times to this address for similar calls so fire personnel arriving on scene decided not to stage or wait for the police. The fire captain pushed the door open and found a dark-colored gun clutched in the hand of the man now walking toward the group of firefighters. While PFC Wright was answering questions from the dispatcher and directing responding units, Officer Amos arrived on scene. As he approached PFC Wright, the suspect's patio light came on. The armed suspect was exiting the apartment and heading toward the unarmed fire personnel. Without regard for their own safety, PFC Wright and Officer Amos advanced towards the suspect to create a separation between the unarmed fire personnel and him. They took tactical positions to clear their field of fire, control pedestrian traffic and contain the suspect.

Officer Amos shouted commands to the suspect who now advanced on the two officers. He ignored police commands, raised his gun and pointed it at the officers. They fired, the suspect fell. But the gun was still within

reach and the suspect had his hand on it. Both officers fired again to prevent him from regaining control of the gun. Once they safely secured the weapon, the officers turned their attention to saving the life of the man who had just put them in danger.

Second Lieutenant Edgar A. Ipina, Officer Kathleen E. O'Leary, Officer Ruben Velez Jr. (Certificate of Valor)

2 Lt. Ipina

Ofc. O'Leary

Ofc. Velez

The violence began on Seminary Road in the Skyline area when officers were called to investigate an assault. They found three badly beaten victims. Two hours later, officers responded to Oakview Garden Apartments for reports of gunfire. They found one victim with a gunshot wound to the face. Investigators quickly learned the earlier assault and this shooting were connected and that one of the shooting victim's relatives was already seeking retaliation Frantic calls reporting two men stabbed suddenly had the officers racing to a third violent crime scene. The first officers to arrive were 2Lt. Edgar Ipina, Officer Kathleen O'Leary, and Officer Ruben Velez. Two men were on the ground in the street, covered in blood with stab wounds to their upper bodies. From a quick visual assessment of the victims, the officers knew both victims had life-threatening injuries and needed help immediately; but there was a complication.

2Lt. Ipina, Officer O'Leary, and Officer Velez found themselves encircled by more than a dozen angry individuals yelling at them. The officers felt threatened, but their first concern was to tend to the wounds of the most critically injured victim. Officer O'Leary and 2Lt. Ipina knelt down next to the victim who had one stab wound to his chest and blood coming from his mouth. Officer O'Leary assessed his condition and determined the man wasn't breathing. Calmly, Officer O'Leary started chest compressions and 2Lt. Ipina provided artificial rescue breaths utilizing a CPR mask. Both officers continued their life saving efforts for an extended amount of time while the victim's friends frantically demanded they save his life.

Officer Velez was left to single-handedly provide protection for 2Lt. Ipina and Officer O'Leary while they administered first aid. He stood alone between the crowd and the two officers as the crowd became larger and more unruly. It eventually took ten officers to control the crowd and provide security so medical personnel could enter the scene and take over first aid. Sadly the officers' best efforts were not enough; the young man died after arrival at the hospital.

Second Lieutenant Boyd F. Thompson Jr., Sergeant Anthony C. Lampe, MPO Timothy E. Catir, PFC Richard J. Curro, PFC George W. Davenport, Jr., PFC Dana L. Robinson, PFC Bart S. Rogers and Detective Sean J. Cheetham (Certificate of Valor); PFC Matthew J. Bell, PFC William L. Coulter, IV, PFC Kathryn M. Schroth and Officer Joseph W. Woloszyn, II (Bronze Medal of Valor)

Domestic violence calls can be among the most hazardous and this one in Centerville was no exception. Responding officers were met by a hysterical woman who reported her boyfriend pulled a gun on her during an argument and ran out. When police arrived her boyfriend was back and armed inside the condo with her two children. With children in danger the officers decided to go in ahead of the tactical unit which was en route. Officer Woloszyn retrieved a ballistic shield from his

2 Lt. Thompson

Sgt. Lampe

PFC Bell

Ofc. Woloszyn

MPO Catir

PFC Curro

PFC Schroth

PFC Davenport

PFC Robinson

PFC Rogers

PFC Coulter

cruiser and was joined by PFC Coulter, PFC Bell and PFC Schroth in entering the residence. Another officer remained outside to control the woman's movements. The officers entered the ground-level condo carefully clearing each room before locating the boyfriend in the master bedroom where he had a gun pointed at his head. PFC Bell and Officer Woloszyn held the man at gunpoint, while PFC Schroth got the boy and girl to safety then went outside to provide cover with PFC Bell and Officer Woloszyn.

Sgt. Lampe was the first patrol supervisor on the scene and he immediately deployed additional responding units. MPO Catir and PFC Curro were assigned to exterior security, just outside the bedroom where the gunman was held up. He ordered PFC Rogers and PFC Cheetham to relieve PFC Bell and PFC Schroth at the subject's bedroom doorway. 2Lt. Thompson took command of the interior officers while Sgt. Lampe took control of the outer perimeter units.

At this point, PFC Robinson, who was a trained crisis negotiator and PFC Davenport, who was trained as a supplemental tactical officer, arrived at the residence. For the next hour, PFC Rogers maintained contact with the gunman, all the while being coached by PFC Robinson. MPO Catir and PFC Curro continually provided real-time intelligence on the gunman's movements from their positions outside. They watched

the man open a four-inch folding knife and slash both of his wrists. Several times, he threatened to shoot the officers outside, a clear indication he could see them too. Eventually, PFC Rogers convinced the man to put down his gun and come out of the bedroom. He was taken into custody without further incident or harm; treated at the hospital for his self-inflicted wounds and given the psychological help he desperately needed.

Detective Chad E. Mahoney, Detective Michael D. Riccio, Detective John A. DiGiulian and PFC Jey P. Phillips (Bronze Medal of Valor)

PFC Phillips

Organized Crime and Narcotics detectives discovered a drug operation being run out of two apartments at the Fairview Inn Motel on Route 1. Members of the Street Crimes Unit out of OCN served search warrants on occupants of both apartments without incident. As they were leaving, the initial target of the investigation was spotted, sitting in the back seat of a car pulling into the motel parking lot. Detectives Mahoney, DiGiulian, Riccio and PFC Phillips approached the car with their weapons drawn and positioned themselves around the vehicle. Detectives Mahoney and DiGiulian ran to the passenger side of the vehicle, where the suspect sat in the backseat. PFC Phillips and Detective Riccio went to the driver's side and quickly and safely removed the driver from the car and passed him to another member of the arrest team.

Detective Mahoney began to give commands to the suspect in an attempt to get him out of the car and take him into custody, but the suspect ignored the detective. Detective DiGiulian drew his CED. Suddenly, the suspect jerked his hands off the headrest and grabbed a gun he had hidden in the waistband of his pants. Both detectives on the passenger side of the car spotted the gun and Detective DiGiulian instinctively fired his CED as Detective Mahoney fired one round from his service weapon. When the weapons fire ended, the suspect lay motionless on the passenger side of the vehicle. The officers maintained their positions and safely ensured the threat was over. Subsequent investigation revealed the suspect had used the drug PCP most of the day and that he was fixated on the television and movie images of going to his death in a blaze of glory during a gun battle with police. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.

PFC Jeremy T. Hoffman (Certificate of Valor)

PFC Hoffman

Law enforcement is only part of what duty means to a Fairfax County Police officer. Sometimes it isn't the law that is broken but something more fragile and personal. While driving home after a long shift, PFC Jeremy Hoffman found traffic stopped on Interstate 66. PFC Hoffman drove up the right shoulder to get as close as he could and he discovered a severely injured man and a hysterical woman in tears.

PFC Hoffman identified himself as a police officer, checked the man for pulse and breathing sounds and found neither. PFC Hoffman ran to his car to get his county-issued CPR mask, but before he could start any life-saving efforts, he realized he needed to reposition the man's upper body to perform CPR. Without protective gloves, he put himself at great risk of blood borne pathogens and he rolled the man onto his back, positioned his head and neck, and began CPR.

Traffic was moving again on the interstate and that left only about four feet between Hoffman and moving vehicles. PFC Hoffman worked alone for about five minutes, when a woman arrived and she took over chest compressions while Hoffman continued with rescue breaths. The two continued CPR for another five minutes until the Fire and Rescue units arrived

and took over the injured man's care. Only then did the woman who teamed up with Hoffman identify herself as Sergeant Darcy Nidell of the Herndon Police Department. The stranger they both worked so hard to save died at the hospital a short time later. Apparently he had been hit while changing a tire on the shoulder of I-66.

MPO Theodore M. Dragan (Certificate of Valor); PFC Brian C. Bowers and PFC Timothy W. Brown (Bronze Medal of Valor); Second Lieutenant Dwayne F. Machosky, PFC Brian J. Byerson and PFC Kevin S. Mason (Silver Medal of Valor)

MPO Dragan

PFC Bowers

PFC Brown

2 Lt. Machosky

PFC Byerson

PFC Mason

January morning, PFC Dragan and PFC Brown took a call for a suicidal individual in Falls Church. They were still heading to the Cavalier Club Apartments when the event was reclassified and significantly upgraded. A resident of the complex called 911 when he woke up to the smell of natural gas permeating throughout his apartment. In the kitchen, he found that his 39-year-old brother had pulled the gas stove away from the wall and cut the natural gas line saying he was going to kill everyone for taking things from him.

PFC Dragan, PFC Brown and PFC Byerson arrived on scene. An explosion was reported and PFC Brown and PFC Byerson ran towards the back apartment; PFC Dragan stayed with the caller to ensure his safety and to prevent him from returning to a dangerous situation. PFC Brown and PFC Byerson were joined by 2Lt. Dwayne Machosky, PFC Mason, and PFC Bowers looking for the source of now two reported explosions. They found flames and thick, black smoked poured out of the suicidal man's apartment.
Meanwhile, the intense fire was silently fueled by a constant, uninterrupted flow of gas. A dazed and confused man emerged from the burning apartment and he turned out to be the roommate meaning the suicidal suspect was still inside.

2Lt. Machosky, PFC Mason and PFC Byerson immediately focused on the burning unit and the missing man. Through heavy smoke they saw one man, standing in the middle of the living room. Undeterred by the heat and smoke and lacking any protective clothing or gear, 2Lt. Machosky attempted to get to the man while armed only with a fire extinguisher from a police cruiser. After two tries 2Lt. Machosky, PFC Mason and PFC Byerson, who was spraying the contents of a second fire extinguisher, successfully grabbed the subject, and took him to safety.

The officers directed approximately 400 residents to safer locations and out of the way of responding fire personnel and vehicles. This quickly escalated into a three-alarm fire. The explosion and ensuing fire scorched and damaged the first six floors of the 12-story building. Two apartments were deemed uninhabitable and occupants of approximately 29 apartments suffered

some level of damage or inconvenience as a result. The damage estimate was in excess of one million dollars. The man who started this incident sustained second degree burns to approximately 50 percent of his body. He was flown to the Washington Burn Center where he succumbed to his injuries two days later.

PFC Jose R. Morillo and PFC Shayna V. Nickolas (Silver Medal of Valor)

PFC Morillo

PFC Nickolas

Police responded to the Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center in Mason after a man previously banned from the Mosque stormed in demanding money he said he was owed and threatening to blow up or shoot everyone. PFC Morillo was the first to arrive and immediately encountered a very agitated suspect who was wearing thick, leather, waist-length jacket. PFC Morillo asked if he could help him. The suspect claimed the Mosque owed him $100. The officer reminded him he had been banned from the property and asked him if he would be willing to go outside to discuss the matter.

The suspect exploded into a rage and jammed his hands into the pockets of his jacket. Believing the suspect was armed PFC Morillo pulled out his CED and asked the suspect to show his hands. At this time PFC Nickolas arrived on scene and slowly and quietly approached the suspect's left side in an attempt to take a more tactical position should the encounter turn violent. The suspect ignored PFC Morillo's repeated demands to take his hands out of his pockets. Without warning, the suspect suddenly pulled a large knife from his left pocket and held it over his as if to throw it. PFC Morillo fired his CED but the darts struck the thick jacket and did not stop the aggressive behavior. The suspect threw the knife at PFC Morillo and ran down the hallway to a storage room. PFC Morillo and PFC Nickolas drew their pistols as they approached the room fearing an ambush. The officers entered the dark room that was filled with furniture and boxes spotting the suspect. They remained several feet apart as they advanced on the suspect, all the while commanding him to show his hands.

The suspect responded to their shouted commands by placing his hands over the top of the back of the desk. PFC Nickolas continued to point her weapon at him, ready to stop him from injuring either of them. PFC Morillo struggled for several minutes with the agitated man to get him into handcuffs. After he was handcuffed, the officers searched the suspect and found another serrated kitchen knife, a table knife and two forks.

Despite being handcuffed and in police custody, the suspect continued to fight and make threats. He kicked the door frame of the first cruiser he was placed in, destroying the floor panel. While on route to the Adult Detention Center, he told PFC Morillo that he would burn the Mosque down along with PFC Morillo's home and his family's home. The suspect was charged with attempted assault on a police officer, threats to bomb, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, simple assault, and destruction of property. Perhaps the most chilling comment the suspect made to the officers, though, was that he believed they would shoot him if he threw the knife and he was trying to commit suicide by cop.

Detective Jeffrey C. Reiff (Bronze Medal of Honor)

Members of the Organized Crime Division and the Street Crimes Unit prepared to execute a search warrant using a common ruse or trick to gain access to the target apartment. An undercover detective knocked on the door after a brief conversation the occupant opened the door. Detective Reiff was the first member

to enter the apartment and encounter one of the two occupants at the entryway. They immediately started retreating back into the apartment and Detective Reiff spotted one of the men pulling a hand from his jacket pocket. He shouted, "Gun!" to alert the rest of his team members.

Fearing for his life and the lives of his team members, Detective Reiff fired his service weapon, striking the subject one time and causing him to fall to the floor, where he dropped the weapon. He and the entry team continued to advance down the hallway. As the remaining team members advanced further in to the apartment, Detective Reiff stopped and secured the victim and the weapon. Detective Reiff immediately began providing aid to the victim until appropriate resources arrived.

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About the Valor Awards

A Chamber tradition since 1979, the Valor Awards ceremony offers the Fairfax County community an opportunity to thank these public safety heroes for their extraordinary acts of courage and resourcefulness in the line of duty. This year's ceremony, held at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, included the presentation of 27 Medals of Valor.

Over 600 people, including the honorees families and area business leaders, gathered to hear Leon Harris, of ABC-7/WJLA, read the dramatic accounts of bravery and amazing stories of the lives that were saved by these selfless rescuers. The county's Sheriff, Fire Chief and Police Chiefs presented the awards. Congressman Gerry Connolly, Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Kevin Reynolds, Chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber, and L. Burwell Gunn, Vice Chairman of First Virginia Community Bank and Chairman of the Valor Awards Selection Committee, were also onstage during the ceremony to congratulate the recipients.

Retiree Corner

by Second Lieutenant Connie Novak (Ret.)

I started with the Fairfax County Police Department in 1979, just one month after graduating from George Mason University with a B.S. in law enforcement. I served at the West Springfield and McLean District Stations.

I then transferred to the Public Information Office and later Crime Solvers Section where I did weekly radio and television interviews. After five years at headquarters, I transferred to the Traffic Division, working with Auxiliary Police Officers before being promoted to Sergeant.

Second Lieutenant Connie Novak, circa 1980.

I then transferred back to the West Springfield, Fair Oaks, and then McLean. Next, I had the opportunity to work with the Criminal Investigations Division as a Second Lieutenant in the Auto Theft Squad and then Child Services Unit.

In 1995, I transferred to the Mason District Station where I retired in 1999. At that time, my kids were small and I wanted to spend more time with them, so I took a position with Loudoun County Schools as a Safety Specialist much like they have in Fairfax County Schools. After five years of traveling from Warrenton to Loudoun, a position opened up to work with suspended middle school kids in Warrenton. My boss was former Fairfax County Officer Cindi Kirk, so I knew it would work out well.

Two years later, I got a call from a close friend saying that Warrenton was looking for a Deputy Chief of Police. I laughed, certain that a small town would never select a woman for that position, but when I looked at the requirements for the job, I had everything they were looking for. So I thought, "Why not?"

After four months of interviews, I was selected. My first day on the job as Deputy Chief turned out to be my first day on the job as the Acting Chief of Police. The town did not renew the contract of the previous chief. I've been the Police Chief of Warrenton for over three years now. I have had many wonderful opportunities to work with the men and women on the force to mold the Warrenton Police Department into what I think is an excellent small department.

Touch-A-Truck

The Sully Police District Crime Prevention Office initiated the first-ever Touch-A-Truck community event held at the Ox Hill Baptist Church in Chantilly on June 27, 2009.

Over 500 kids and families attended the fun-filled, and educational, public safety event. With a variety of police and fire vehicles on display, attendees were encouraged- not discouraged!- to touch them, explore them, and ask questions of their operators and handlers. Information booths, packed with materials on recycling, traffic & fire safety, crime prevention and more, were set up and offered valuable tips for all attendees. Make sure you don't miss out next year; mark your calendar for June 26, 2010.

FCPD would like to thank the sponsors and participants for their gracious support of the 2009 Touch-A-Truck: Target, Milwaukee Frozen Custard, Ox Hill Baptist Church, OEM, VA State Police, Solid Waste Mgmt. Program, WMATA, Paisano's Pizza, Chick-fil-A, Dept. of Transportation, Veolia Transportation, Jesse Farmer and Josh Cockrell (DJ's), Fire & Rescue Dept., Stephen Vandivere, Project ChildSafe, Dept. of Community and Recreation Services, Computer Learning Centers Partnership, Dept. of Family Services, and Shoppers Food Warehouse.

Our Family Tree

by Carl and Sharese Taylor

Father – Detective Carl E. Taylor, Sr. (Applicant Section, Personnel Resources Division)

I am a former police officer for the City of Hampton Police Department in Hampton, Virginia from 1978 to 1980. I served in the U.S. Air Force from 1982 to 1987.

I was hired by FCPD in Mar. 1988 and attended the 10th academy session in Jul. 1988. After graduation, I was assigned to the Mt. Vernon District Station from Nov. 1988 to 1992 as a patrol officer. Then, I was assigned to Police Headquarters as a community liaison officer in the Community Liaison Unit in Sep. 1992.

I started in the Administrative Services Bureau (ASB) when I was assigned to the Police Personnel Resources Division (PRD) in 1995 as a detective who was responsible for recruiting and background investigations. I am currently assigned to ASB/PRD conducting background investigations, specifically:

- President: Eastern Region Police Recruiters and Background Investigators Association (ERPRAIA)
- Advisor to the Board of Directors: ERPRAIA
- Honorary Member: The National Law Enforcement Recruiters Association

If you have story ideas, "Our Family Tree" photograph submissions, or would like to otherwise contribute, please email behindthebadge@fairfaxcounty.gov

Daughter – Administrative Assistant Sharese Taylor (Traffic Division, Operations Support Bureau)

I started as a temp at Central Records in Jan. 2001. In Nov. 2001, I was hired as a full-time administrative assistant II continuing my work at Central Records. In Mar. 2007, I transferred to the Traffic Division of the Operations Support Bureau, serving as an administrative assistant for the traffic commanders.

Daughter Sharese with her father, Detective Carl E. Taylor, Sr. posing in front of the police command bus. Sharese works as an administrative assistant for the Traffic Division of the Operations Support Bureau. Carl works as a detective for the Personnel Resources Division of the Administrative Support Bureau.

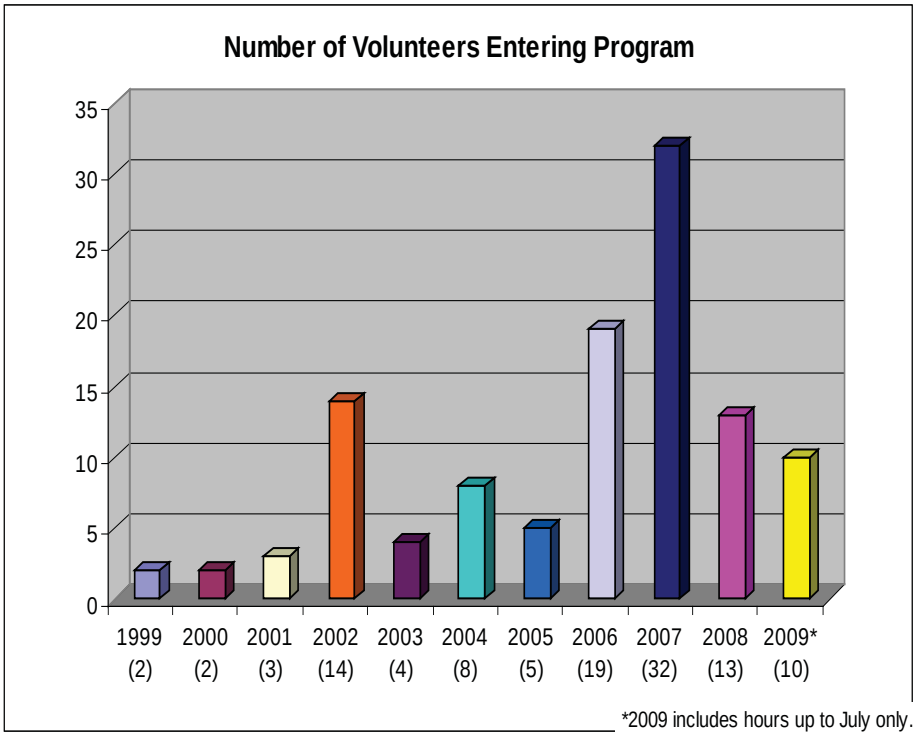
VIPS Corner

by Donna Spiewak, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program

A Decade of Service to the Department

On February 3, 1999, a FCPD Public Information Office (PIO) press release was sent out seeking qualified persons who were interested in contributing their time and talents to provide administrative assistance to the Department. Thus began the long and highly successful journey of the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) Program within the Fairfax County Police Department.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) oversees the VIPS Programs throughout the United States in partnership with and on behalf of the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps and the U.S. Department of Justice. The VIPS Program is one of four (4) charter programs under the Citizens Corps initiative. The Citizens Corps is coordinated nationally by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with the Department of Homeland Security. The FCPD VIPS program is an active participant of the Fairfax County Citizens Corps Council.



Since the inception of the VIPS Program in 1999, individuals have volunteered over **114,187** hours of service, totaling over **$2,854,675** in cost benefits to the Department and county. The age range of VIPS goes from 88 years to 25 years old. As of October 2009, there were **99** active VIPS in the program. Since 2003 10 retired FCPD police officers have become VIPS.

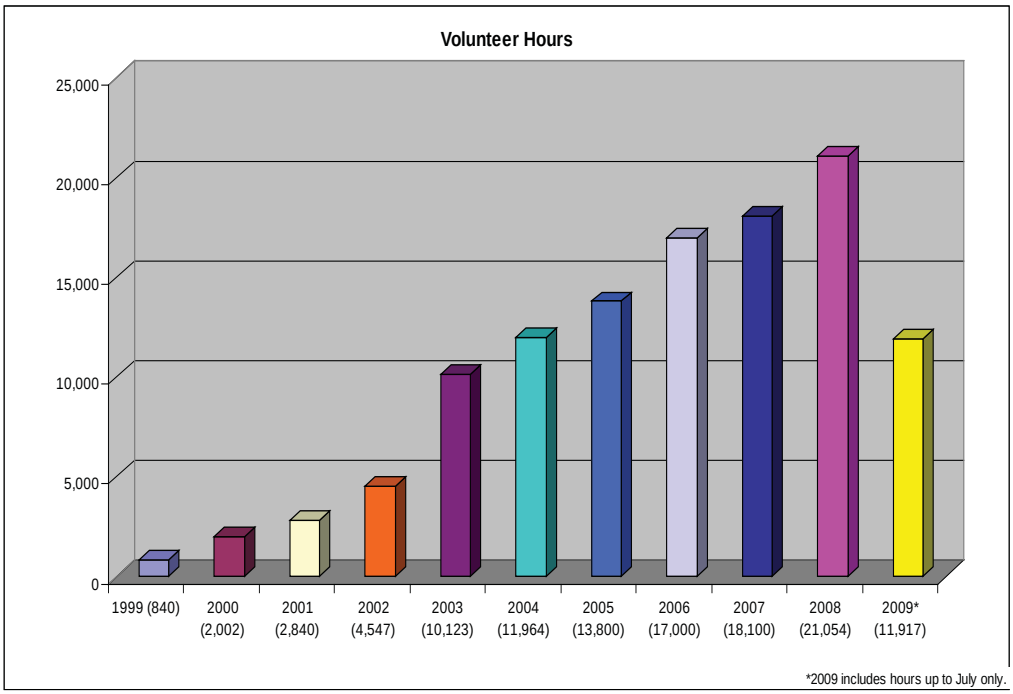
VIPS have a personal desire to make a difference in their community. Throughout 2008-2009, the impact of the budget cuts resulted in a steady increase in assignments to cover offices during the day or to work together with paid employees to mitigate the decrease in services.

The original emphasis of the VIPS Program was to free paid staff of administrative tasks and to augment the operations of the department. While the mission of the program continues to be primarily administrative in nature, it has greatly expanded to other areas of responsibilities.

Depending on the skills and experience of the VIPS, individuals are assigned throughout the Department in various slots. Examples of assignments include:

- DistrictStationCrimePrevention Offices assisting with projects such as Neighborhood Watch Programs, National Night Out Events, scheduling Child Safety Seat Inspections, Home Security Surveys, Station Newsletters, filing and data entry, as well as assisting with the Chief's Challenge Books
    - Two VIPS have completed the State of Virginia requirements and are Certified Crime Prevention Officers
- Design and edit the *Behind the Badge* magazine

- Design and develop Department brochures and other graphic projects
- Assist with the analysis of a comprehensive victimology study for the Chief's Office of Research and Support
- Serve as adult leaders and mentors to the Juvenile Diversion Program
- Photographers for community and Department events
- Director of the VIPS Program
- Administrative assistance to the Traffic Safety Watch Program, Criminal Justice Academy (CJA), PIO, Intell and Inspection Units
- Conduct comprehensive study of the Ten Most Dangerous Intersections in Fairfax County
- Conduct security assessments of police facilities to identify vulnerabilities and recommendations for security changes
- Assist the Victim Services Sections at Stations and HQ both in professional and administrative roles
- Director and staff members of the Citizens Police Academy
- Prior to recent budget cuts, VIPS were instructors and staff members of the SAFE Program
- Conduct inspections and assist with installations of child car
    - Team members are certified technicians
- Various language interpreters/translators
- Role players for the Criminal Justice Academy and at department exercises
- Marketing and Communications tasks involving the I/LEADR Project
- Assist the Uniform Room with embroidery of specific uniform items, issuing uniforms and equipment; stocking of supplies
- Department Archive and Museum Projects
- Assist the Department's Crime Analysts at Stations and HQ level
- Members of SALT, Senior Committee, Citizens Advisory Councils and other citizen groups
- Instructors for the Mature Operator Driver's Improvement Program (MODIP)
- FCPD Canteen
- Assist the Station Resource Officers with cruiser maintenance and logistical requirements



In summation, the first 10 years of the VIPS program have been an eye opening learning experience for both paid personnel and volunteers alike. We anticipate many new and exciting opportunities will be abound in the next 10 years and far into the future and that the VIPS Program will grow ten-fold to fill the requirements of the stations and bureau. We are constantly thinking outside the box for new and interesting endeavors.

If you are aware of projects that VIPS can become involved in, please contact me at donna.spiewak@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-280-0524 to discuss the assignments.

2Lt. Frank Stecco's Name Engraving Ceremony

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, April 30, 2009

Captain Moyer, Captain Minnich, Lieutenant Colonel Peters and Colonel Rohrer pay their respects during the ceremony in which 2Lt. Stecco's name was engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

2Lt. Bonz helps 2Lt. Stecco's oldest son, Nicholas, make a pencil rubbing of his father's name.

Two red roses are affixed to the wall under 2Lt. Stecco's name.

2Lt. Frank Stecco's Name Engraving in Fairfax

Fairfax County Police Fallen Officers Memorial, May 5, 2009

2Lt. Stecco's name, as engraved on the Fairfax County Police Fallen Officers Memorial in the Rose Garden of the Massey Building.

An officer salutes the Fairfax County Police Fallen Officers Memorial after 2Lt. Stecco's name is engraved.

Mt. Vernon Officers Place Stecco Memorial Buoy

Pohick Bay, May 13, 2009

PFC Redenbo prepares to place a memorial buoy bearing the name, badge number and end of watch date for 2Lt. Stecco into Pohick Bay.

2Lt. Stecco's memorial buoy as it floats in the waters of Pohick Bay.

One-Year Anniversary Memorial Service

Pohick Bay, October 21, 2009

Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland pays his respects to 2Lt. Stecco's mother, Mrs. Lorraine Stecco, and his wife, Mrs. Julie Stecco at the memorial service held on the one-year anniversary of his passing.

Red roses and white carnations float in the waters near the Pohick Bay gazebo where the service was held. Participants were given the flowers to place in the water in remembrance of 2Lt. Stecco.

2Lt. Stecco's mother, comforted by his wife, pauses before placing her red rose into the water.

Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplain Duke Bendix, Sully Station

Guns N' Roses

The name of this '80s rock band was catching because it set two words side by side that stood in sharp contrast to one another, yet together, seemed to fit. You may know that Axl Rose was co-founder of the group, and drawing on his name, the band created a label that reflected their attitude and image.

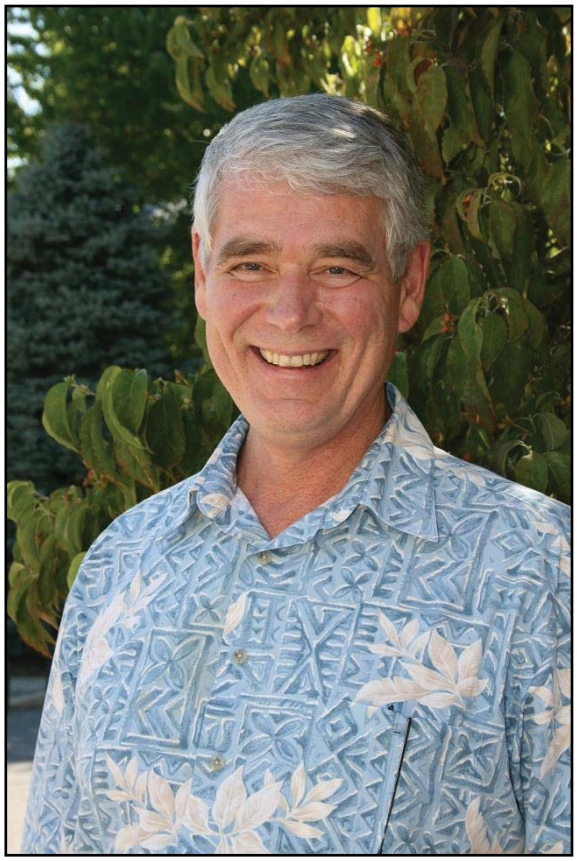
Two other words that seemed in marked contrast yet make a real fit are "law enforcement" and "spirituality." We normally don't think of the very "down-to-earth" and, at times, "raw" work of policing as being in any way spiritual. At the same time, "spirituality" infers something "other worldly" or "heavenly" and therefore not relevant to what is "real."

Interestingly, effective law enforcement is, at its core, spiritual. There are at least three ways in which this is true.

First, in the ordered way of things, what the Bible calls "God's creation," laws were given by God to direct and restrain the way people related to Himself and to one another. The very basis of law – the authority of law – is *spiritual* in that it proceeds from something "higher" and "outside of" us as people – God Himself. Law was given by God to reveal His character and express His love and care.

Not surprisingly, the authority to enforce the law is also instituted by God. As far back as the story of Noah and the Flood, God decreed that society punish the one who took another's life. Later, an early church leader wrote, "*For there is no authority except from god, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God*." That means that law enforcement – the "down-to-earth" work of upholding the law – is instituted by God to protect society. In a very real way, the work of a police officer is a "spiritual" calling.

And finally, the "meaning and morality" that should inform how police work is done is necessarily spiritual in nature. We honor those who have died in the line of duty because their sacrifice was in service of something noble: the protection of society and the safeguarding of others' lives. It is this higher purpose that gives worth and dignity to the service of every officer. Likewise, an officer's conduct must be shaped by something more than policies and rules. Men and women whose character is grounded by morality stronger than "personal preference" are best suited to safeguard society. Sound character – courage, integrity, fairness, and humility – is developed in response to values greater than personal convenience or pleasure. It is rooted in eternal values reflecting God's own character.



Chaplain Duke Bendix, Sully Station

"Guns N' Roses," "spirituality and policing;" they may fit together better than we thought.

Civilian Corner - Youko Elliott

by Caitlin R. Woodward

Those of you who don't work in the Massey Building may not know who Youko Elliott is; or you may only recognize her name from her T&A and financial postings on the BLUENet. My first impression of Youko was that she was a very happy, positive person. When I learned what her job entailed, was I ever impressed! Youko is the Director of the Financial Resources Division where she oversees payroll, grants, procurement, travel, and everyone's favorite, the budget! She and her dedicated staff are responsible for all those numbers many of us can't fathom having to calculate.

Youko was born and raised in Japan where she earned a degree in literature. She planned to teach, but an internship at the Mitsui Trading Corporation led her to a position in cash management and investment. The young professional met and married an American Marine and moved to the United States with him. She gave birth to her first child in the U.S. and her second child in Japan when her husband was on a second assignment in her homeland.

The marriage ended in divorce and unfortunately, Youko found she was unable to continue living in Japan. At that time, Japan determined a child's nationality by the nationality of the father, so both her children were considered American. With only $500 cash in hand and no child support, Youko moved her little family to the United States.

Life was tough for the Japanese native and her two children. Her first job as a vault teller in a bank, she counted millions of dollars by hand every day, but made only $8,000 a year. She applied for a loan officer's position and passed all the required tests, but the bank refused her the job. They feared her limited English skills would cause communication problems with customers. Youko was then hired as a data entry clerk in the Fairfax County Tax Administration office and over the next few years, moved to the Department of Finance, Environmental Management, and finally to the Police Department.

Despite all the hard work Youko put into her jobs, her family could only afford to live in low-income housing in Annandale. She paid $400 a month rent and her children went to daycare for $40 a week provided by church donations and the County. For two years, she and her children got by eating mostly peanut butter and jelly sandwiches because they couldn't afford much more. They weren't able to get welfare because they owned a vehicle, an old Cavalier with no air conditioning! Throughout these hard times, Youko worked twice as many hours as her job required, trying to improve her writing and communication skills.

Youko Elliott

One of her fondest memories of this Department was a night she was working late. Two officers from the Bike Patrol Unit found one of her children out late at night and took him home so he wouldn't get into trouble. Her son, now 24, still asks about those officers.

One of Youko's biggest motivations is to give back to the County. She knows how difficult it is to live in a low-income, high-crime area and she appreciates everything the County and this Department did for her during those hard times. She is also incredibly proud of her staff and believes they should be recognized for their accomplishments and she should be blamed when mistakes are made.

After a very full career with the Department and the County, Youko plans to retire in January 2011. She hopes to be able to return to Japan to care for her mother full time.

In Memory

Colonel Carroll D. Buracker, Chief of Police (Ret.)
Date of Passing: April 22, 2009

Carroll D. Buracker, 66, former chief of the Fairfax County Police Department and CEO of a nationally known public safety consulting firm, died April 22 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia of complications from a stroke. He lived in Harrisonburg, Virginia for the past 19 years but maintained close personal and business ties to Fairfax County.

Mr. Buracker's company, Carroll Buracker and Associates, Inc. (CBI), based in Harrisonburg, conducted more than 260 in-depth efficiency and management studies of police, sheriffs and fire departments; emergency medical services; 9-1-1 centers; and security services in over 120 major cities and counties around the world. Mr. Buracker served as project manager for the comprehensive assessment of Chicago's new police/fire/EMS communications system; for the emergency dispatch study in Los Angeles; for development of integrated police and security plans for the downtown districts of the cities of Seattle and Cleveland and many more. CBI's recommendations vastly improved public safety operations, drove down crime, and saved taxpayers' money.

Mr. Buracker founded a second, non-profit company, the Center for Public Safety (CPS) which was chosen by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to conduct the first and only nationwide study of policing in public housing in the United States. He became a national leader in setting standards of quality and best practices for community policing in cities and urban counties. Under his leadership, CPS and CBI produced the first nationwide community policing training video for the federal government which was released to 800 municipalities.

Mr. Buracker honed his penchant for excellence and quality while serving 20 years with the Fairfax County Police Department. He joined on New Years Day, 1966 and rose through every rank to become the Chief of Police in 1981, a position he held until his retirement in 1985. Working full time in the police department, Mr. Buracker earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from American University in six-and-a-half years, becoming the first police chief in Virginia to hold a master's degree. Later, he also graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Chief Buracker modernized law enforcement in Fairfax County with the addition of the police helicopter program; the installation of computers in police cruisers; the acquisition of armored vehicles for the SWAT team; the creation of an automated fingerprint identification system; authorization to create the department's own training facility; and standardization of blue lights on police vehicles throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

He served as chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Police Chiefs' Committee and co-chaired the development of the Area Emergency Disaster Plan. That plan, with updates, has been implemented three times, including the day of the attack on the Pentagon.

As police chief, he was awarded Fairfax County government's two highest honors, the Onthank Leadership and the Unusual Ability Awards. He was also the recipient of more than 50 awards, including the Gold Salute Award bestowed upon him by the United Black Fund of Washington, D.C. for his work in recruiting and promoting blacks and women in law enforcement.

Born in Luray, Virginia on July 3, 1942, Carroll David Buracker was raised by foster parents. He worked on farms while attending school yet managed to excel in sports at Luray High School, becoming the first to letter in four sports. His love of athletics and physical fitness led to a life long passion for running. Renowned for covering over 60 miles a week, Mr. Buracker was a marathon runner who completed 12 major marathons, including Boston, the Marine Corps and New York, in less than three hours.

He served in the U.S. Army in Germany and returned to complete a brief stint as a Harrisonburg police officer before moving to Fairfax County. A chance encounter between the officer and a receptionist at the National Bank and Trust Company in McLean culminated in marriage to Patricia Blair Buracker. In addition to his wife of 38 years, survivors include the couple's two sons, David and Brian Buracker.

Second Lieutenant Timothy D. Bender (Ret.)
Date of Passing: June 29, 2009

Timothy D. Bender was born September 2, 1946, in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Tim joined the Fairfax County Police Department in January 1969 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. His assignments included the Annandale Station, Emergency Operations Center, Mason District Station, Identification Section, Criminal Investigations Bureau and Internal Affairs. Tim retired in January 1995, at the rank of Second Lieutenant. After retirement, Tim became a novice gardener and cook.

Tim is survived by his wife of 44 years, Rita Ann, two children and three grandchildren.

Officer Aubrey L. Lillard (Ret.)
Date of Passing: June 29, 2009

Aubrey L. Lillard was born May 29, 1943, in Front Royal, Virginia. He served in the United States Army before joining the Fairfax County Police Department in May 1967. Aubrey was assigned to the McLean District Station. Other assignments included Headquarters Patrol, the Chantilly District Station and the Emergency Operations Center. Aubrey retired in December 1986. Aubrey was a longtime resident of Broad Run, Virginia where he served as a deacon at the Broad Run Baptist Church and as a past president of the New Baltimore Lions Club.

Aubrey's wife, Barbara, predeceased him. He is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

Investigator Gerald W. Farrell (Ret.)
Date of Passing: May 9, 2009

Gerald W. Farrell was born November 4, 1951, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Gerry joined the Fairfax County Police Department on June 6, 1977, and was assigned to the Groveton Substation. He also worked in the Groveton CIS. In the 80's Gerry was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Bureau where he held assignments in the Auto Theft Squad and the Robbery Squad. In the 90's he was assigned to Homicide. Gerry retired in February 1998.

Gerry was a recipient of the Fairfax County A. Heath Onthank award for his successful investigation of eleven home invasion robberies involving suspects from New York City, Philadelphia, Orange, California, and Houston, Texas. Gerry was also featured in the first Discovery Channel episode of Cold Case.

Gerry is survived by his wife, Karen, three children, and three grandchildren.

Sergeant Cecil R. 'Jack' Gardner (Ret.)
Date of Passing: August 7, 2009

Cecil R. 'Jack' Gardner was born January 12, 1931, in Cambria, Virginia. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-1954. Jack joined the Fairfax County Police Department in 1956 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. In 1967, Jack was promoted to Corporal and to Sergeant in 1975. His assignments included the Traffic Division, Detective Division, Communications, Annandale, Chantilly, McLean, Franconia and Mason District Stations. Jack retired in November 1979.

Jack is survived by his wife of 54 years, Shirley, two children and one granddaughter.

Captain Charles A. Cooper (Ret.)
Date of Passing: July 31, 2009

Charles A. Cooper was born January 11, 1940, in New York. He served as a military policeman with the United States Army from 1959 until 1962. Charlie joined the Fairfax County Police Department in 1964

and was assigned to the Patrol Division. In 1973 Charlie was promoted to Corporal, to Sergeant in 1975, to Lieutenant in 1978, and to Captain in 1979. His assignments included the Training Division, Chantilly, Reston and Mason District Stations, Emergency Operations Center and Internal Affairs. Charlie retired in 1983. After retirement, Charlie served as Chief Deputy for the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department from 1984 to 1995. He finished his career in law enforcement as Chief Magistrate for Loudoun, Fauquier and Rappahannock Counties until 1998.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Diane, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Master Police Officer Stephen M. Smallwood (Ret.)
Date of Passing: August 12, 2009

Stephen M. Smallwood was born October 30, 1961. Stephen joined the Fairfax County Police Department in February 1983 and was assigned to the McLean District Station. He was promoted to Police Officer II in 1989, transferred to the Fair Oaks District Station in 1991 and was promoted to Master Police Officer in 1995. Stephen retired on a service connected disability in 1997.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Laura, and three children.

Norman E. Lowe (Ret.)
Date of Passing: March 7, 2009

Norman E. Lowe was born January 27, 1925, in Washington D.C. Norman joined the United States Army during World War II. He became a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division where he took part in the liberation of the European continent after years of Nazi Germany occupation. He spent 23 years in the U.S. Army before retiring in 1966 with the distinguished rank of Sergeant Major. He spent two of those years as First Sergeant of a Military Police Unit assigned to the Army Security Agency. Norman joined the Fairfax County Police Department in 1966 as one of two communications clerks assigned to the Emergency Operations Center in a test program to determine if civilians were capable of

handling dispatching duties. The Park Police Unit was started in May 1968 and Norman was appointed a Park Police Officer in December 1968. He was appointed supervisor of the Park Police in September 1978. Norman retired in July 1980.

Norman's wife Eleanor passed away on April 24, 2009. She and Norman were buried at Arlington National Cemetery on April 29, 2009. Norman is survived by four children, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Frank L.'Sheriff' Bradley (Ret.)
Date of Passing: September 8, 2009

Frank L. Bradley was born October 23, 1936 in Franklin County, North Carolina. His father was the sheriff in Macon County and Frank was raised in the jail. Frank carried the nickname 'Sheriff' throughout his life. After high school Frank joined the U.S. Army and was assigned as a military police officer at Fort Meade, Maryland. Sheriff joined the Fairfax County Police Department in June 1963 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. His assignments included the Groveton Substation Criminal Investigations Section and the Franconia District Station Criminal Investigations Section. Frank retired in June 1984. After retirement, Sheriff worked for the U.S. Marshal's Service from 1985 to 1986. He then was an investigator for the U.S. Office of Public Defender from 1987 to 2000.

Frank is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters.

Charles E. Norfolk (Ret.)
Date of Passing: October 6, 2009

Charles E. Norfolk was born December 30, 1915 in Arlington, Virginia. Charlie served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After his discharge he worked for the Alexandria Dairy. Charlie joined the Fairfax County Police Department in June 1947 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Charlie was promoted to Sergeant in 1956 and to Lieutenant in 1960. His assignments included the Traffic Division and the Patrol Division. Charlie retired in September 1970. After retirement from the department, Charlie and his wife bought a home in West Virginia and then moved to Winchester, VA, where Charlie worked at a car dealership for eight years. He then officially retired and bought a six acre farm in the Fredericksburg/Stafford area and became a gentleman farmer. Charlie raised cattle and had a bull named Elmer who followed Charlie around until he got his apple. Charlie had a large vegetable garden and shared his produce with his neighbors.

Charlie's wife, Evelyn, passed away in 1987. He is survived by his daughter, Barbara, four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Important members of the police family are the wives who keep the family going while supporting their police officer husbands. Five loving wives have passed away in 2009: Mary Ruth O'Neil, wife of retired Captain Dennis O'Neil; Eleanor Lowe, wife of deceased Sergeant Norman Lowe; Virginia Miller, wife of retired Sergeant Jackie Miller: Deborah Pendley, wife of retired Officer Lynn Pendley; Mary Evelyn Rose, wife of retired Corporal Garland Rose; Barbara Jean Timm, wife of retired Sergeant James Timm.

A Glimpse Back in Time

by Lieutenant Colonel Steve Sellers

The FCPD has one of the best reputations in the nation for innovative practices and crime fighting. No doubt the officers who served before us helped launch this reputation and infused innovation into our FCPD DNA.

For the last couple of years, I've been supporting retired 2Lt. Dan Courtney and his team of dedicated retirees and volunteers with preparing, collecting and re-assembling the history of the FCPD. My role was to simply ensure that bureaucracy didn't impede progress. Dan's goal was simple: produce a history book to permanently memorialize FCPD history. Dan mentioned during an update briefing that he previously met with former Chief William (Bill) Durrer, who served from 1947 to 1975, and I told Dan I wanted to meet him as well.

Prior to our adventure back in time, I consulted with the West Point Leadership School alumni to develop a series of questions for Chief Durrer. My purpose was two-fold: to get our history correct while we still have a portal to the past and second, to find out how we developed our excellent national reputation for innovative policing and leadership.

(Left to right) Lieutenant Colonel Steve Sellers, Ayleen Durrer, Second Lieutenant Dan Courtney (ret.), Chief William "Bill" Durrer.

On July 31, Dan and I landed in Sarasota, Florida during a torrential downpour and drove to the Chief's house in Venice. We were met at the door by Dayle Dooley, the Chief's daughter, and Ayleen Durrer, the Chief's wife. We were immediately made to feel welcome in the Chief's home and within minutes, we began talking with the Chief about the past.

Shortly after serving in WWII, Durrer returned from England and approached our first Chief, Carl McIntosh, for a job. At the time, there were no openings so Bill applied to the Virginia State Police (VSP). Before completing the VSP process, Durrer was called back by Chief McIntosh and hired as a Fairfax County Police Officer in 1947.

Durrer not only served as our Chief, he also served as an executive officer with International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). That's how the FCPD wound up with an invitation to IBM's headquarters in New York around 1961. As Chief Durrer described it, IBM wanted to meet with a handful of police leaders to discuss whether computers would be helpful to policing. Durrer appointed a young lieutenant, Eugene (Chris) Columbus, to work with IBM to integrate computers into

our operations. Lt. Columbus set out to learn as much as he could about computers, attending classes put on by IBM, taking college courses and visiting other progressive police agencies. On October 30, 1963, IBM and the FCPD installed the first police computer system in the Washington, DC region. In fact, the system was the first computer system in the nation designed to detect crime trends, collect statistical data and share information with the FBI. Transitioning to new technology is not always an easy feat. Just as we struggle to learn ILEADS today, the record room clerks of yesteryear struggled with the transition from paper filing to data entry in 1963.

Among the many stories Chief Durrer shared was a particularly humorous one about how he ticked off J. Edgar Hoover, then Director of the FBI. In our early years, all police departments relied upon the resources of the FBI for many support services, including fingerprint examinations, criminal forensics and training. Police agencies in Virginia did not have the resources to conduct forensic analysis in support of criminal investigations. Consequently, evidence requiring processing went to the FBI lab in DC. Not satisfied with the lengthy turnaround for evidence processing by the FBI, the Chief was sure we could do it faster and better ourselves. Being a realist, he knew the County could not afford to establish its own lab without the political and financial assistance of our neighboring police departments. So he met with all of the Northern Virginia chiefs, gained their support and established the first forensics lab in Virginia.

According to Chief Durrer, Hoover did not appreciate the fact that several Virginia police departments withdrew from the services of the FBI forensics laboratory. He especially didn't appreciate that Chief Durrer initiated this uprising. It is said that Hoover retaliated against the FCPD by denying seats in the FBI National Academy for many years to follow. In later years, the Commonwealth of Virginia realized the importance of forensics analysis in support of criminal investigations and agreed to take over the Northern Virginia lab and establish others across the state. Next time you visit the Virginia Department of Forensics Services Northern Virginia Regional Laboratory in Manassas, remember that your predecessors established the service.

Our visit with Chief Durrer and his family was rewarding and informative. I, Dan Courtney and the FCPD are grateful to Chief Durrer and his family for allowing us to conduct our videotaped interview with him last summer. The information we collected about our department's intellectual DNA will live on through CJA training, the soon-to-be-released history book and the future Fairfax County Police Museum.

Chief Durrer reading the back of a mug that he received from LTC Sellers and 2LT Courtney.

55th Academy Session Graduation

Twenty-one police officers, along with 12 new deputy sheriffs and one animal control officer, graduated the 55th session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy on April 13, 2009. The ceremony was held at the George Mason University Center for the Arts. Richard "Dick" Leatherman, Ph.D., a professor at the University of Richmond and a senior leadership consultant, provided the keynote address. County Executive Anthony Griffin also took the podium and congratulated the newest members of the public safety community.

The six-month basic recruit session covered every phase of law enforcement principles and procedures. Upon graduation each recruit is a certified law enforcement officer. The Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy is the training center for the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Fairfax County Police Department, and the Towns of Herndon and Vienna Police departments. In addition, it provides training for the Fairfax County fire marshals.

Back Row (left to right):

Blake Vaught, Jason Ferris, Dustin Tewilliager, Benjamin Weaver, Ryan Lacey, Nathan Ralls, Jerome Bloodsaw, II, Tarl Dunn, Melvin White, Maxwell Okonski, Steve Vargas, Philip Stone, Alex Fogle, Daniel Goldman

Middle Row (left to right):

Kurt Woodward, Victor Ruiz, Craig Summers, Lyons, Jordan Smith, David Bonner, Bryan Russo, Marc Hofrichter, Naftali Jacob, Andrew Foxwell

Front Row (left to right):

Dana Ferreira, David Curcio, Long Dinh, Brandie McIntosh, Shelley Benavides, Hannah Oh, Megan Houser, Charline Kim, Joseph Dugan, Joseph Compher

National Police Week Events

May 9-15, 2010

Tuesday, May 4

- *15th Annual Blue Mass*
  12:10 p.m. – St. Patrick Catholic Church
  10th & G Streets, NW
  www.saintpatrickdc.org/bluemass.shtml

Sunday, May 9

- *14th Annual Law Ride*
  9 a.m. – Line up at RFK Stadium (Lot 8)
  11 a.m. – Procession leaves for National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial; arrival ceremony follows
  www.lawride.com

Wednesday, May 12

- *Police Unity Tour Arrival*
  2 p.m. – National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
  www.policeunitytour.com

Thursday, May 13

- *22nd Annual Candlelight Vigil*
  8 p.m. – National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
  www.LawMemorial.org/npw2010

Friday, May 14

- *National Police Challenge 50-Kilometer Relay Race*
  8 a.m. – Secret Service Training Center, Laurel, MD
  www.secretservice.gov/npc50

- *8th Annual Steve Young Honor Guard Competition*
  8:30 a.m. – John Marshall Park (Pennsylvania Avenue at 4th Street, NW)
  www.policeweekhonorguard.com

- *National Police Survivors' Conference*
  Concerns of Police Survivors
  9 a.m. – Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (advance registration required)
  www.nationalcops.org

- *Shomrim Society Kaddish Service*
  10 a.m. – National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
  jgruber@umpd.umd.edu

- *15th Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service*
  4:30 p.m. – Assemble at New Jersey Avenue & F Street, NW
  6 p.m. – March to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
  Mjroe@slmpd.org

- *17th Annual TOP COPS Awards Ceremony*
  National Association of Police Organizations
  7 p.m. – Warner Theatre, 513 13th Street, NW (tickets required)
  www.napo.org

Saturday, May 15

- *29th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service*
  12 noon – West Front, U.S. Capitol
  www.policeweek.org

- *Wreathlaying Ceremony*
  Fraternal Order of Police/FOP Auxiliary
  3:30 p.m. (approx.) – National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

Sunday, May 16

- *National Police Survivors' Conference*
  Concerns of Police Survivors
  9 a.m. – Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (advance registration required)
  www.nationalcops.org

- *Law Enforcement Appreciation Day*
  NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race
  Dover International Speedway, Dover, DE (tickets required)
  www.DoverSpeedway.com/honor10

National Police Week 2009

A wreath bearing the names of Fairfax County's fallen officers at the Fallen Officers Memorial Service on May 7, 2009.

An officer passes out American flags upon his arrival at the NLEOM on May 12, 2009.

PFC Jane Burns presents the American flag to Chief Rohrer at the Fairfax County Fallen Officers Memorial Service on May 7, 2009.

Rememberances left near 2Lt. Stecco's name on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on May 13, 2009.

Chief Rohrer addresses the family, friends and participants of the Police Unity Tour on May 12, 2009.

The crowd at the NLEOM Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2009.

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