



A Tribute to 2Lt. Frank Stecco



One of our Fairfax County Police family fell in the line of duty on Tuesday, October 21 at Pohick Bay. That day, Second Lieutenant Frank Stecco volunteered for a helicopter water-rescue training exercise in which he played the role of a victim. He died during this duty assignment.

His death is not the memory that will most come to mind. Lt. Stecco who was recently assigned to the Youth Services Division, spent most of his career serving the citizens of the Mount Vernon District. He not only connected with the citizens but he was a favorite amongst the officers as well. He was a highly respected role model in the eyes of his fellow comrades at the Youth Services Division, Mount Vernon District, Franconia District, West Springfield District and the McLean District where he served during his 19 years with the department.

Lt. Stecco has been honored for heroism during his career.

- Silver Medal of Valor in 1994 for rescuing a man from the flame-engulfed mobile home the man had intentionally set on fire
- Bronze Medal of Valor in 1997 for disarming a suspect in a domestic violence shooting. Frank was staring down the barrel of a rifle as he wrestled the weapon away from the suspect.
- Certificate of Valor in 2000 for disarming a suicidal man armed with a knife and razor blade.
- Departmental Meritorious Commendations in 2002 and 2003

These awards were earned by keeping his communities safe. But the honors he doesn't don are those of pride and honor bestowed on him from family, friends and coworkers. He sacrificed time from his family for the greater good of his police mission; thank you to his family for sharing him with us. He saved many officers' lives by being effective back-up, and giving direction to those with him and under him. He routinely put himself and his personal wants last because he was needed elsewhere. This is the true hero our family has come to love and now we've lost. He has paid the ultimate price doing what he was most passionate about, police work. We will never forget him. We miss you Frank.

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Thank you Citizen's Advisory Committee!



The Citizen's Advisory Committee helps us to celebrate those officers who consistently practice outstanding police work on a daily basis. On behalf of the Fair Oaks District CAC, PFC Kim Doran, PFC Brett Manthe and Detective Tom Harrington were each awarded CAC Officer of the Month for July, August and September at the September 30th CAC meeting.

PFC Kim Doran took a gun from a man who had already been deported at least once; this case went to Federal Court.



PFC Brett Manthe performed CPR on a woman and saved her life.

Detective Tom Harrington has had the most arrest closures in the Criminal Investigations Section of the Fair Oaks District.

As seen in the photographs, CAC Chair Jim Clifton presented the CAC award and certificate to each officer. Special thanks to Texas de Brazil (Claudio Martins – General Manager) for their continued support of the Officer of the Month program.



To our Citizen's Advisory Committee and to Texas de Brazil, thank you for acknowledging the good work our officers do and thank you for your continued support!



REMINDER:

WE WILL NOT HAVE MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER!



Citizen's Advisory Committee and Neighborhood Watch meetings will reconvene on December 9th at the Fair Oaks District Police Station at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. The Neighborhood Watch meeting will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the CAC meeting which will begin at 7:30 p.m. We urge those who are interested in joining the CAC or who are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program to join us. There will be a 30 minute presentation on new technology coming to our department and how it will affect police work. We look forward to seeing you then!





Virginia's Senior Alert System



The Virginia “Senior Alert” (VSA) Plan created by legislation in the 2007 General Assembly provides a valuable tool for Virginia law enforcement agencies to help locate missing “senior adults”, while allowing the broadcasters of Virginia an opportunity to contribute to the communities they serve.

The Senior Alert operates just like an Amber Alert or Silver Alert, as it is called in other states. The family of a missing senior (if he/she meets criteria) can work with local law enforcement who then would contact the Virginia State Police to issue the Alert. The family does have to have a recent photo and know other data on the senior who went missing in order for the alert to be activated.

We are hopeful that Virginia’s “Senior Alert” Plan will assist in recovering missing Senior Adults that may be in great danger.

This plan is available for use by all Virginia law enforcement agencies and can be used as their primary “Senior Alert” Plan or as a supplement to a regional plan.

Updated alerts on seniors may be viewed at <http://www.vasenioralert.com/>

Criteria for the Activation of the Plan

- The missing senior’s (over 60 years of age) whereabouts are unknown and;
- Suffers a cognitive impairment (Alzheimer’s Disease or dementia) to the extent that he or she is unable to provide care for them self without assistance from a caregiver and;
- Whose disappearance poses a credible threat as determined by a law enforcement agency to the health and safety of the senior.
- A law enforcement investigation has taken place that verified the senior adult is missing and eliminated alternative explanations by a thorough search of the immediate area.
- Sufficient information about the missing senior adult is available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating them or their vehicle.
- The missing senior adult must be entered into the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN), the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) missing person files and information reported to the Virginia Missing Person Information Clearinghouse in the prescribed format.
- A photograph of the missing senior adult must be provided to the Virginia Missing Person Information Clearinghouse on the prescribed forms or agency equivalent.

Help law enforcement to better serve our senior citizen population. Get involved with Seniors and Law enforcement Together (S.A.L.T). To find out more, contact your Fair Oaks District Crime Prevention Officers MPO Sophia Grinnan at sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov or PFC Wayne Twombly at 703-352-2163.



Gang & Graffiti Awareness Seminar

Help keep your community safe by learning to interpret information and report all gang related activities!

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

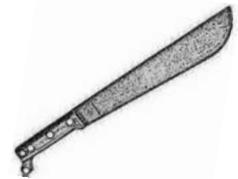
7 – 9 p.m. at the

Fair Oaks District Station

12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway



For more information contact the
Fair Oaks District Crime Prevention team:
PFC Wayne Twombly at 703-352-2163
or MPO Sophia Grinnan at
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Please R.S.V.P if you are planning to attend.
Send R.S.V.P. to faocpo@fairfaxcounty.gov



To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call the
Fairfax County Police Department at TTY: 703-204-2264.

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Dodge a Ticket...Did You Know?



Fairfax County Traffic Codes:

Section 82-4-1. Reckless driving generally.

Irrespective of the maximum speeds provided in this Chapter, any person who drives a vehicle upon a highway recklessly or at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person shall be guilty of reckless driving; provided, that the driving of a motor vehicle in violation of any speed limit provision of Section 82-4-10 shall not of itself constitute ground for prosecution for reckless driving under this Section. Reckless driving shall be unlawful. ((3-13-63; 1961 Code, § 16-62.)

Section 82-4-3. Reckless driving; driving certain vehicles in excess of seventy-five miles per hour.

A person shall be guilty of reckless driving if he operates a motor vehicle, except as provided in Section 82-4-4, in this County at a speed in excess of seventy-five (75) miles per hour. ((3-13-63; 1961 Code, § 16-64.)

Section 82-4-4. Reckless driving; driving certain vehicles in excess of sixty-five miles per hour.

A person shall be guilty of reckless driving if he operates any truck, tractor or tractor-truck or motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion, or a house trailer, or combination of vehicles designed to transport property upon the highways in the County at a speed in excess of sixty-five (65) miles per hour, unless upon the Interstate System of Highways or other limited access highways with divided roadways in which case exceeding seventy-five (75) miles per hour shall constitute reckless driving. ((3-13-63; 1961 Code, § 16-65.)

Section 82-4-2. Reckless driving; specific instances.

A person shall be guilty of reckless driving who shall:

- (1) Drive a vehicle when not under proper control or with inadequate or improperly adjusted brakes upon any highway of this County;
- (2) While driving a vehicle, overtake or pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, upon or approaching the crest of a grade or upon or approaching a curve in the highway, where the driver's view along the highway is obstructed, except where the overtaking vehicle is being operated on a highway having two (2) or more designated lanes of roadway for each direction of travel or on a designated one-way street or highway;
- (3) Pass or attempt to pass two (2) other vehicles abreast, moving in the same direction, except on highways having separate roadways of three (3) or more lanes for each direction of travel, or on designated one-way streets or highways;
- (4) Drive any motor vehicle, including any motorcycle, so as to be in and parallel to another vehicle in a lane designed for one vehicle, or drive any motor vehicle, including any motorcycle, so as to travel parallel to any other vehicle traveling in a lane designed for one (1) vehicle; provided, that this Subsection shall not apply to any validly authorized parade, motorcade or motorcycle escort;
- (5) Overtake or pass any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction at any steam, diesel or electric railway grade crossing or at any intersection of streets or highways unless such vehicles are being operated on a highway having two (2) or more designated lanes of roadway for each direction of travel or unless such intersection is designated and marked as a passing zone pursuant to the provisions of Code of Virginia, Section 46.2-830 and Section 46.2-803 or on a designated one-way street or highway, or while pedestrians are passing or about to pass in front of either of such vehicles, unless permitted so to do by a traffic light or police officers;

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- (6) Fail to stop when approaching from any direction a school bus, whether publicly or privately owned, which is stopped on any highway or school driveway for the purpose of taking on or discharging children, elderly, mentally or physically handicapped persons, and to remain stopped until all children, elderly, mentally or physically handicapped persons, are clear of the highway or school driveway and the bus is put in motion; except, that the driver of a vehicle upon a dual highway, when the roadways are separated by a physical barrier or barriers or an unpaved area, need not stop upon approaching a school bus which is on a roadway so separated from the one on which he is driving or an adjoining service road so separated, and except that the driver of a vehicle need not stop upon approaching a school bus which is loading or discharging passengers from or onto property immediately adjacent to a school if such driver is directed by a police officer or other duly authorized uniformed school crossing guard to pass such school bus. This Subsection shall apply to school buses which are equipped with warning devices prescribed in Code of Virginia, Section 46.2-1090, and are painted yellow with the words "School Bus, Stop, State Law" printed in black letters at least six (6) inches high on the front and rear thereof. If space is limited on the front, the words "School Bus" may be in letters at least four (4) inches high. Only school buses as defined in Code of Virginia, Section 46.2-100, which are painted yellow and equipped with the required lettering and warning devices shall be identified as school buses;
- (7) Fail to give adequate and timely signals of intention to turn, partly turn, slow down or stop, as required in Sections 82-4-48 through 82-4-52;
- (8) Exceed a reasonable speed under the circumstances and traffic conditions existing at the time regardless of any posted speed limit;
- (9) Fail to bring his vehicle to a stop immediately before entering a highway from a side road when there is traffic approaching upon such highway within five hundred (500) feet of such point of entrance, unless a "Yield Right of Way" sign is posted; or where such sign is posted, fail, upon entering such highway, to yield the right of way to the driver of a vehicle approaching on such highway from either direction;
- (10) Drive or operate any automobile or other motor vehicle upon any driveway or premises of a church, or school, or of any recreational facilities or of any business property open to the public, or on the premises of any industrial establishment providing parking space for customers, patrons or employees, or upon any highway under construction or not yet open to the public, recklessly or at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person; or
- (11) Drive a vehicle when it is so loaded, or when there are in the front seat such number of persons as to obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle or to interfere with the driver's control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle. ((3-13-63; 1961 Code, § 16-63; 37-76-82; 34-78-82; 19-79-82.)

Section 82-4-5. Reckless driving; racing.

Any person who shall engage in a race between two (2) or more motor vehicles on the highways of this County or upon any driveway or premises of a church, school, recreational facility or business property open to the public in this County shall be guilty of reckless driving, unless authorized by the owner of the property or his agent. When any person shall be convicted of reckless driving under this Section, then in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the operator's or chauffeur's license of such person shall be suspended by the court or judge for a period of not less than six (6) months nor more than two (2) years. In case of conviction the court or judge shall order the surrender of the license to the court where it shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 82-4-8. ((3-13-63; 1961 Code, § 16-66.)

Section 82-4-6. Reckless driving; penalty.

Every person convicted of reckless driving under Sections 82-4-1 through 82-4-5.1 shall, for the first violation, be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than twelve (12) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. For each second or subsequent conviction for the offense of reckless driving, under any of such Sections, committed within twelve (12) months before or after the date of another act of reckless driving for which he has been convicted, such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in jail for not less than ten (10) days nor more than twelve (12) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (3-13-63; 1961 Code, § 16-67.)



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Fairfax County Crime Solvers:
 1-866-411-TIPS or 703-691-8888

Fairfax County Police:
 Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131

Citizen Reporting System:
 (for reports not requiring officer response)
 Call the non-emergency number at
 703-691-2131 or report online at
www.fairfaxcounty.gov to public safety,
 police department.



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Neighborhood Watch Training!

The Fair Oaks District Police Station is offering four training dates for the Neighborhood Watch Program to be held at the station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7:00 p.m. in the roll call room. These opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing Neighborhood Watch participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course.

We look forward to serving you and maintaining the quality of community and police partnerships that we have both come to depend on and enjoy.

The training dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 13, 2008
- Tuesday, April 14, 2008
- Tuesday, July 14, 2008
- Tuesday, October 13, 2008

Honoring Those Who Serve!



Happy Birthday Marine Corps. on November 10th! A special thanks to all of our brothers and sisters in the military for their service and protection on an international level. You are in our thoughts and prayers as the holidays approach. We wish for your continued safety. We look forward to each of your homecomings! Thank you.

