



# The Reston Reliance

Reston District Station

*“Providing Our Community a Solid Foundation Through Excellence”*

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## Santa and His Elves Ride into Hutchison Elementary School

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Santa and his elves roared into the Reston District on their Harley Davidson motorcycles to visit Hutchison Elementary School on December 14, 2009. The impressive showing of motorcycles and cars pulled into the school under full escort with lights and sirens to see the school awaiting their arrival.

Every year, motor squads from the Fairfax County Police and Sheriff Departments and the Towns of Herndon and Vienna Police participate in a countywide toy drive for children in need. They dressed up in their elf costumes, put on their red hats and escort Santa, Mrs. Claus and Rudolf to specific locations in Fairfax County.

After all the toys were collected from locations throughout Fairfax County, Santa and his helpers will deliver the toys to children at the Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital Child Life Center. Toys also went to children at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, the Ronald McDonald House and the Reston F.I.S.H. (For Immediate Sympathetic Help).



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- New Commercial Vehicle Codes in Fairfax County
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## A Special Thanks from the Reston District Station

The men and women of the Reston District Station would like to thank the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce (GRCC) for another wonderful Holiday Luncheon this year. 17 local restaurants donated food and door prizes as part of the First Responders Holiday Luncheon at the Reston District Station on December 15, 2009 to feed over 100 police officers and fire fighters from local Fairfax County Fire Station 25, coordinated by Andra Portnoy, Membership Director for the GRCC and the Reston Crime Prevention Office.

The Restaurants that participated were Milwaukee Frozen Custard, Edible Incredibles, Flippin Pizza, Red Hot and Blue, Rio Grande Café, Il Fornaio, M &

S Grill, The Counter, Dinner Zen, Westin Reston Heights & Sheraton Reston, McCormick's and Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, Clyde's of Reston, Starbites, Hyatt RTC, Mon Ami Gaby/Community Canteen, and Pizzeria Uno's

We would like to say an extra special thank you to Carrabba's Italian Grill for the grilled steak dinner served to the Midnights shift. The officers were very appreciative and very full when the meal was complete.



Carrabba's grilling for the Midnight Shift.

## Under Investigation

### Robbery at 7-Eleven Store in Reston

An armed man entered the 7-Eleven store located at 2303 Soapstone Drive on Monday, December 28, 2009 around 3:30 a.m. and robbed two employees. The suspect displayed a gun, demanded money and fled with an unknown amount of cash and other property. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as black, about 6 feet tall and approximately 250 pounds, with black hair. He was wearing a black hat, black pants, and a green jacket. He had a gray cloth covering his face.

### Assault and Exposure in South Lakes Area

On Wednesday, January 27 around 12:55 a.m., a 39-year-old woman was walking in the 11100 block of South Lakes Drive when a man confronted her as she exited a pedestrian tunnel. The suspect exposed himself and then grabbed her before fleeing on foot. The victim was not injured.

The suspect was described as white, in his 20s, with brown eyes, around 6 feet tall, 200 pounds and wore dark clothing.

### Suspicious Death Ruled a Homicide

Police are investigating the death of a 42-year-old woman. On Saturday, October 24, 2009, officers were called to an apartment in the 11900 block of Winterthur Lane around 3:40 p.m. to check on the welfare of an adult man. They located a man sitting inside. The body of a woman was also found inside the apartment. An investigation determined the victim, Karen Deck, of 1599 Inlet Court in Reston, suffered a gunshot wound to the upper body.

The Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has classified this death as a homicide. The investigation continues but police do not believe there are any threats to public safety. Charges are pending.

*As always, report any suspicious activity to the*

*Fairfax County Police at  
703-691-2131*

### Officer Cleared of Criminal Liability in Shooting in the Reston Area

Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morogh has informed Colonel David M. Rohrer, Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department that he finds "no basis for criminal liability" on the part of the officer who shot and wounded a 25-year-old man on Friday, February 5, 2010.

Police were called to a home in the 2500 block of Fallon Drive just before 11 p.m. on Thursday, February 4. Officers learned the adult son living in the home had mental health issues, was very agitated, appeared to be under the influence of drugs, and had a weapon. Responding officers removed the family from the home for their own protection. Repeated telephone calls and text messages to the home went unanswered.

Two tactical officers, a police K-9 handler, and his dog entered a hallway in the basement to serve an Emergency Custody Order. The 25-year-old suddenly burst out from behind a partially closed bathroom door, pointed a gun directly at a TAC officer, and was advancing quickly when the officer fired his duty weapon.

Investigators have determined the weapon he pointed at officers is an air gun replica of a semi-automatic handgun.

An internal investigation of this incident is continuing.

**FIGHTING CRIME  
ONE CALL  
AT A TIME**



**1-866-411-TIPS (8477)**

<b>CRIME SOLVERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ REPORT A CRIME</li> <li>✓ REMAIN ANONYMOUS</li> <li>✓ RECEIVE A REWARD</li> </ul>
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## Reston District Hot Sheet From the Crime Analyst Unit

### License Plate Thefts Plaguuing the District

Recently there has been a rise in the theft of License plates in the Reston District. While it is hard to prevent this type of crime, citizens are urged to call the non-emergency number to report ANY type of suspicious activity in your neighborhoods.

### Suspect named in Graffiti cases

A suspect has been identified in the graffiti cases that have been plaguing the district. The subject has been known to use the tags of "Gone"& "Skunk". Currently no more information about these incidents.

### Catalytic Converter Thefts

Reston has seen an increase in Catalytic Converter thefts recently; this is an ongoing issue within the county as well as the DC area. Residents are urged report any suspicious activity by calling the non-emergency number. Large parking lots or parking garages have been targeted for these kinds of thefts.

### Larceny from Auto/Vehicle Tampering-

A citizen called in a report of juveniles looking into vehicles. Patrol units responded and were able to locate two juveniles who admitted to going into unlocked vehicles in the neighborhood of Springer Drive/Christy Place/Berger Place.

### Unlocked Vehicles

There has been a rise in auto thefts in the Reston District-the vehicles being targeted are UNLOCKED and the keys are left inside the vehicle. It is imperative that residents remember to lock their doors and remove all valuables.

### Stolen Vehicle

A 2002 Toyota Corolla with the CT license plate-465 WOL was taken from the 13000 block of Virginia Randolph Avenue in Herndon.

### Sexual Assault Suspect Caught after Chase

A suspect was arrested after assaulting a woman in Reston-the suspect fled from the victim's residence after police were called and during the chase, his vehicle crashed and he was taken into custody. Arrested: Rasheed Catlin, 1/20/1974 of the 1400 block of Powell's Tavern Place in Herndon



### Arrest made in Peeping incident

An arrest was made on January 17 after a woman reported that a man was peeping into her home in the 2100 block of Freetown Court. Jason Dixon, 8/9/1982, of the 2300 block of Freetown Court in Reston was arrested after a brief investigation by officers.



### Arrest made in Unlawful Entry

An arrest was made when a suspect broke into a home in the 12000 block of Trumbull Way-a 41-year-old woman discovered him sleeping on her couch-Police then took the suspect into custody and charged him with unlawful entry and destruction of property. Arrested-Jason Jeffries-Glasgow, 9/25/1976, of the 12000 block of Alston Sq in Herndon.



## New Commercial Vehicle Codes

### Is the vehicle “Commercial”?

#### Per 82-5-7, a Commercial Vehicle is any of the following:

- Any solid waste collection vehicle
- Tractor / Trailer combination or apart
- Dump Truck
- Concrete Mixer Truck
- Towing or Recovery Vehicle 12,000 lbs GVW or greater
- Heavy Construction Equipment
- Trailer or other vehicle which food or beverages are stored or sold
- Trailer used to transport landscaping or lawn equipment
- Contract Carrier or Limousine\*\*1
- Vehicle over 21 feet in length including appurtenances\*\*2
- Vehicle over eight feet in height including appurtenances\*\*2
- Vehicle over 102 inches in width\*\*2
- Vehicle with gross weight of 12,000 pounds or more\*\*2
- Vehicle carrying commercial freight in plain view
- Any trailer or semi trailer attached or not to another vehicle\*\*3

#### These vehicles were previously not considered “Commercial” for parking purposes.

##### Beginning February 1, 2010, they now are:

- The vehicle is over 8 feet high, 21 feet in length and over 12,000 lbs GVW.
- The vehicle is over 8 feet high and over 12,000 lbs GVW .
- Utility Trailer with two or more axles
- Cargo Trailers
- Cargo Trailers Over 21 feet in length including appurtenances
- Out of state cab needs additional VA license

#### These vehicles remain legal

- Less than 21 feet, 8 feet, 12,000 lbs Single Axle Utility Trailer
- Less than 8 feet high, less than 21 feet long, Less than 8 feet high including ladders
- 4000 lbs GVW per DMV
- Cab registered in VA to a residential address Cable service vehicle is exempt

#### Exceptions:

\*\*1

One vehicle per single family dwelling unit is permitted (house, apartment, condo, etc) The vehicle must be registered in Virginia to the address (dual registration is OK (DC and VA, etc))

\*\*2

Vehicles used by a public service company as defined in 56.1, or others working on their behalf are allowed. Vehicles providing cable television services, such as Cox Cable 56.2-2108.1 are also allowed.

School buses used on a current and regular basis to pick up students are permitted.

Properly placarded private vehicles used to transport disabled persons are permitted.

Moving vehicles such as a U-haul truck are permitted within 48 hours of the execution of the leasing contract.

Vehicles used in the provision of propane gas service are also permitted

\*\*3

Vehicles designed to be used as a camper or boat trailer or a single axle utility trailer are permitted, as long as the roadway has not been designated as part of a Community Parking District, 82-5B-7.

Another change to the code clarifies enforcement on service roads that abut residential areas. The entire service roadway which abuts a residentially zoned area shall be deemed residential for the purposes of enforcement.



Cargo Trailer Over 21 feet in length including appurtenances



Utility Trailer with two or more axles

## *Use Your HEAD- Help Eliminate Aggressive Driving*

What do you call a car weaving in and out of traffic, running red lights and cutting people off?

Fairfax County Police call that **Aggressive Driving** as defined in the Commonwealth of Virginia Criminal Code, § 46.2-868.1.

The Aggressive Driving code sections says that any person that is in violations of one or more of the following traffic violations:

§ [46.2-802](#) (Drive on right side of highways),

§ [46.2-804](#) (Failure to observe lanes marked for traffic),

§ [46.2-816](#) (Following too closely),

§ [46.2-821](#) (Vehicles before entering certain highways shall stop or yield right-of-way),

§ [46.2-833.1](#) (Evasion of traffic control devices),

§ [46.2-838](#) (Passing when overtaking a vehicle),

§ [46.2-841](#) (When overtaking vehicle may pass on right),

§ [46.2-842](#) (Driver to give way to overtaking vehicle),

§ [46.2-842.1](#) (Driver to give way to certain overtaking vehicles on divided highway),

§ [46.2-843](#) (Limitations on overtaking and passing), any provision of Article 8 (§ [46.2-870](#) et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 (Speed), or

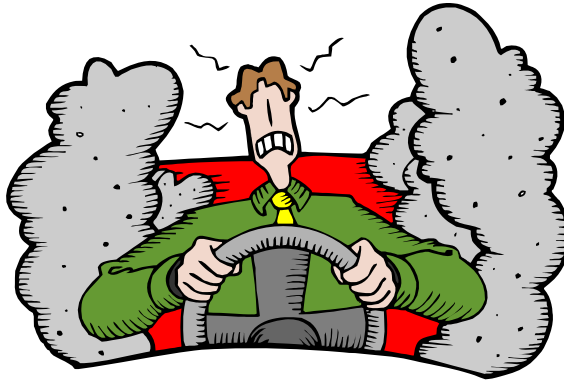
§ [46.2-888](#) (Stopping on highways); and

The driver is a hazard to another person or commits an offense that intends to harass, intimidate, injure or obstruct another person is guilty of aggressive driving and can be ticketed by a law enforcement officer.

Officers at the Reston District Station will be out to identify Aggressive Drivers during the Operation

“Use your HEAD, Help Eliminate Aggressive Driving” in

March on the main roads of the Reston District. They will be looking for violators and can always use some assistance from other drivers on the road.



If you should be confronted by an aggressive driver, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) suggests you:

- Make every attempt to get out of their way
- Do not challenge them
- Wear your seat belt
- Avoid eye contact
- Ignore gestures and refuse to return them

Report aggressive drivers to your local authorities by providing a vehicle description, license plate number, location and if possible, direction of travel.

If you see an aggressive driver, call the Fairfax County non-emergency number, 703-691-2131, to report what you see. If you would like more information about the NHTSA campaign against Aggressive Driving visit <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> and click on the traffic safety tab. For more information about the Reston District Station Operation “Use your HEAD”, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/reston>





## 2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

### **SAFETY FIRST: HOW TO IDENTIFY CENSUS WORKERS NOW IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**

The U.S. Census Bureau says safety is top priority for its employees and the public. That's why the Census Bureau is reminding people that census address listers wear official identification badges and use handheld computers to record addresses. Their employees are now combing Fairfax County streets. Building an address list for the 2010 Census, employees might also carry black workbags with the words "U.S. Census Bureau" on them.

Anyone who is worried by someone gazing at his house or knocking at her door should ask for identification. You can ask for the address lister's name and the phone number of the local census office to call and verify employment. We want residents to feel safe so that census workers can safely do their jobs.

There are four local census offices:

#### **Fairfax**

Fairfax Boulevard  
Fairfax, VA 22031  
Phone: 703-865-3060

#### **Alexandria**

Edsall Road  
Alexandria, VA 22304  
Phone: 571-730-6390

#### **Fredericksburg**

Carr Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408  
Phone: 540-322-5580

#### **Manassas**

Liberia Avenue  
Manassas, VA 20111  
Phone: 703-881-4650

Address listers are updating and completing a confidential address list that will be used to mail or deliver 2010 Census questionnaires. The address canvassing operation has begun and will continue through mid-summer. Address listers use handheld computers that capture GPS information as they verify an address and ask residents about additional living quarters on the premises. Please remember that census workers should never ask for a bank account number or social security information during 2010 Census operations. The 2010 Census will be America's 23rd decennial census, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Address listers record only address information during this operation. All of the information the Census Bureau gathers in the decennial census, as well as other surveys and censuses, is strictly confidential.

Census employees take an oath of confidentiality and can face a fine of up to \$250,000 and five years in prison for violating that oath. Decennial Census results will be used to determine the number of congressional seats for each state, the shape of legislative and local government districts, and how \$300 billion in federal funds is distributed annually to communities across America.

April 1, 2010, is Census Day, the reference date for collecting decennial census information.

**For more information, fact sheets and multimedia go to the Census Bureau's online newsroom at <http://www.census.gov/2010>. All information collected by the U.S. Census Bureau is confidential by law (Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9).**

## CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Would you like to become more involved in the Reston District? You can, by attending the Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) meetings. The CAC was established in 1979 to enhance the Department's ability to communicate with and better serve the community.

The CAC meeting can involve presentations by any aspect of the police department, and may cover the helicopter division, identity theft, the canine division and child safety. In addition, you will find out what is going on in your community and will have the opportunity to talk to the Commander and other officers of the Reston District Station and express your concerns directly.

The formal meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and runs about 1½ hours. (The Neighborhood Watch precedes it at 7 p.m.) The meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Reston District Station at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. ***The next meeting is Thursday, April 15, 2010***

There are no dues or membership requirements and dress is casual. Late arrival/early departure is OK. This is time well-spent and we hope to see you there. For more information contact the Crime Prevention Office at 703-478-0799. Everyone is welcome—join us!

## RESTON DISTRICT

### STATION SERVICES

For more information regarding the following services, please contact the Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478 - 0799 or e-mail the Crime Prevention Officer Katy Fernbacher at [katy.fernbacher@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:katy.fernbacher@fairfaxcounty.gov)

**Reston District Police Station Web Page:** You will find links to on-line reporting, neighborhood news, station information, the Reston Reliance and other information at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/reston>

**Reston Reliance Newsletter:** If you would like to sign up to receive the Reston Reliance, please visit the Fairfax County Police webpage at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter>

**Home/Business Security Assessments:** Are you concerned about the safety and security of your home or business? If so, call us to schedule a free security assessment. We will make recommendations and offer suggestions to better safeguard your home or business.

**Neighborhood Watch Training:** If your community is interested in receiving Neighborhood Watch training, please call us and we will schedule a time to come to your community to give the training.

**Reston Business Crime Watch:** This e-mail alert system is designed to give businesses up-to-date and specific crime information pertaining to the type or location of the business.

## Seniors and Law Enforcement

**Together (SALT)** is reaching out to seniors in Reston and Herndon to get more involved. Seniors, law enforcement, community services and anyone who has an interest in reducing the victimization of seniors come together on a regular basis to discuss issues like ID theft, fraud, fire prevention, emergency management and other crime prevention topics. Meetings are held in the Reston/Herndon area and are open to anyone interested in attending. For more information about SALT, please e-mail Phyllis Smith or Margie Shapiro at [trisalt40@aol.com](mailto:trisalt40@aol.com) or call the Crime Prevention Office at 703-478-0799

### In the next issue of the Reston Reliance:

- The importance of reporting a crime when it happens
- Crimes Under Investigation and Updates
- Stopping at Red Lights and the Traffic Codes that apply
- Starting a Neighborhood Watch

## Community Resources

Cut out and hang near your phone for easy reference

POLICE— <b>Non-Emergency</b> .....	<b>703-691-2131</b>
<b>EMERGENCY</b> .....	<b>911</b>
Reston District Police Station.....	703-478-0904
Alcohol and Drug Services (Youth Services).....	703-961-1080
Center for Multicultural Human Services.....	703-533-3302
CrisisLink Crisis Hotline (Suicide, trauma, life crises).....	703-527-4077
Community Services Board (Prevention services).....	703-324-7000
Emergency Mental Health Services (24 hour).....	703-573-5679
Department of Family Services.....	703-324-7938
Fairfax Area Agency on Aging.....	703-324-7948
Fairfax County Dept. of Community and Recreation Services—Teen Services...	703-324-8336
Fairfax County Gang Coordinator.....	703-246-2396



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