



The Reston Reliance



Reston District Station

“Providing Our Community a Solid Foundation Through Excellence”

Sept/Oct 2008

Open House a Success

The Reston District Station held our Open House on September 13, 2008, and we would like to thank everyone who attended. A special thank you goes out to all who donated and filled our marked police car with food for Reston Interfaith Food Pantry. Approximately \$1,590.00 worth of non-perishable food items was donated.

The event offered the community an opportunity to see many of Fairfax County Police Department’s specialty units up close: Explosive Ordinance Disposal truck, robot and Bomb dogs; SWAT truck; Police helicopter; Underwater Search and Recovery Team truck; K-9 officer with his canine partner and his Bloodhound; Special Operations Command truck; Police boat; and motorcycle officers with their Harley Davidson Police motorcy-

cles. We were glad that our local Fire Department Companies could join us again this year, as well as the Fire Department’s HAZ-MAT Unit and Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office Project Lifesaver. McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog had a great time visiting the children again this year. The police car moon

bounce and the train were big hits. Popcorn, snow cones, and refreshments were provided to all who attended.

Officers gave guided tours of the station. The Department’s Traffic Safety Division was on hand with

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McGruff joins the kids for a ride on the very popular train ride

Message from Commander of the Reston Station

I would like to personally thank the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce for their generous contribution to the Reston Station for our Open House. As a result of this donation we were able to feed our many volunteers and officers who staffed this event. The Open House was a great success and we had a great turnout from our community. The Reston District Station is very proud of our relationship with the GRCC as we are committed to strengthening our business and residential communities. Thank you again!

Captain Deborah Burnett
Commander, Reston District Station

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Under Investigation

Car Stolen by Force

A 52-year-old Reston woman was the victim of a carjacking at about 1:15 a.m. on Saturday, September 27. The woman was in a parking lot near the intersection of Dranesville Road and Leesburg Pike. She was standing next to her 2004 Toyota Corolla when an unknown man pushed her aside and took her car. She sustained minor injuries. The car was later discovered abandoned in Washington, D.C.

The suspect was described as Hispanic, in his late 30s. He was about 5 feet 9 inches tall with short hair. He was wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans.

Around the County

Police Detect Similarities in Two Burglary Scams

A 55-year-old Falls Church-area woman was the victim of a burglary scam that may be connected to a similar incident that occurred in another area of Fairfax County. A man posed as a tree expert to gain entry into the victim's home on Monday, September 22. The man approached the woman in her driveway around 2 p.m. in the 2800 block of Rosemary Lane and said he needed to take down

some trees in her backyard. The suspect escorted the victim and her husband to the back of the property to examine the trees. A short time later another man walked up and the two suspects left. The victims then discovered their rear door was open and a safe had been stolen. The safe contained an undisclosed amount of cash and other items.

The suspects were described as Hispanic with brown eyes and short, black hair. One suspect was in his 20s, approximately 5 feet 2 inches to 5 feet 5 inches tall with a small build. He wore a gray shirt, orange vest, dark pants and a white hard-hat. The other was in his 30s, approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall with a medium build. He wore a red and white checkered T-shirt and black pants.

A similar ruse was used to gain entry into an 86-year-old woman's home on Sunday, September 21 in the Alexandria-area of Fairfax County. The two suspects in that case also presented themselves as tree experts. They were described as white, in their 20s, approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall with medium builds. They both had brown hair and were wearing short sleeved shirts and light-colored pants. Detectives are working to determine whether or not these two incidents are related.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Scam Used in Burglary

Two men posed as tree experts to gain entry into an 86-year-old Alexandria-area woman's home. On Sunday, September 21, shortly after 5 p.m., two men knocked on the homeowner's door in the 6300 block of Lewin Drive. The men told the woman she had trees in her back yard that needed to be trimmed. The woman led the men to her back yard to inspect the trees. She asked for identification and when they produced none, she asked them to leave.

As the woman walked back to her house, entered and began to close the door, the suspects pushed the door open and came inside. Once inside, the suspects split up and went to different parts of the home. The victim threatened to call the police and one of the suspects pushed her aside. Both suspects fled without taking anything. The victim was not injured.

The suspects were both described as white, in their 20s, approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall with medium builds. They both had brown hair and were wearing short sleeved shirts and light-colored pants.

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1. Contact the Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799.
2. Join the mailing list by contacting MPO Chip Cogan at Harry.Cogan@Fairfaxcounty.gov.
3. Sign up at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter to receive notifications to download current newsletters.

Crime Trends

Burglary – 8/28 – **13300 block of Hungerford Pl** – sliding glass door on the second floor was left unlocked and jewelry was stolen.

Burglary – 8/31 – **1400 block of Riva Ridge Dr** – a 1999 Nissan Altima was stolen from the open garage.

Burglary – 9/7 – **1500 block of Old Eaton Pl** – garage door left unlocked and bikes were stolen.

Burglary – 9/12 – **2100 block of Astoria Circle** – residence was entered and a radio, keys, and case files were taken.

Burglary – 9/18 – **12900 block of Park Crescent Dr** – window left unlocked and a laptop was stolen. The suspects have been identified.

Burglary – 0/19 – **2200 block of Gunsmith Sq** – residence was entered and a Playstation3 was stolen. The suspects have been identified.

Attempted Burglary – 9/1 – **1500 block of Inlet Ct** – attempt to gain entry to the rear sliding glass door. The door was damaged. No entry was made into the residence.

Larceny – 8/25 – **1000 block of Riva Ridge Dr** – unlocked car was entered. GPS unit stolen.

Larceny – 8/28 – **11900 block of Grey Squirrel Ln** – mailboxes were stolen.

Larceny – 9/5 – **1300 block of Butter Churn Dr** – car window smashed out and GPS unit was stolen.

Larceny – 9/5 – **1300 block of Rock Chapel Rd** – car window was smashed out and GPS unit was stolen.

Larceny – 9/7 – **1100 block of Great Passage Blvd** – car left unlocked and GPS unit, Nintendo DS, laptop were stolen.

Larceny - 9/7 – **1827 Library St (The Tap Room)** – two purses were taken.

Larceny – 9/7 – **2150 Centreville Rd (Sunoco station)** – car was left unlocked while inside paying for gas. Two bags of jewelry were stolen.

Larceny – 9/8 – **800 block of Forestville Meadows; 10500 block of Cavalcade St; 900 block of**

War Admiral St – car windows were smashed out and iPod, GPS unit, wallet, and sunglasses were taken.

Larceny – 9/11 – **11900 block of Freedom Dr; 1800 block of Explorer St** – car windows were smashed out and GPS units were stolen.

Larceny – 9/11 – **12600 block of Terrymill Dr** – car window was smashed out and GPS unit was stolen.

Larceny – 9/12 – **12200 block of Laurel Glade Dr** – car window was smashed out and cell phone and digital camera were stolen.

Larceny - 9/14 – **1100 Markel Ct** – car windows were smashed out and purses were stolen.

Auto Theft – 9/7 – **2100 block of Oram Pl** - 1997 Ford Contour 4dr was stolen.

Auto Theft – 9/7 – **2500 block of Logan Wood Dr** – 1997 Honda Civic 2dr was stolen.

Auto Theft – 9/13 – **1600 block of Washington Plaza** – 2003 Toyota Prius 4dr was stolen.

Auto Theft – 9/15 – **1800 block of Wiehle Ave** – 2006 Honda Civic 4dr was stolen.

Destruction – 8/25 – **12700 block of Magna Carta Rd** – mailboxes were ripped off posts

Crime Prevention Tips

- ★ **Lock your car at all times, even if it is for a short time.**
- ★ **Do not leave valuables in your car.**
- ★ **Lock all of your doors at home.**
- ★ **Keep your garage door closed and locked.**
- ★ **Do not leave your personal belongings unattended, i.e. purses. Keep them with you at all times.**
- ★ **Participate in Neighborhood Watch.**
- ★ **For more information on Neighborhood Watch call the Crime Prevention Office of the Reston District Police Station at (703) 478-0799.**
- ★ **Call the police to report any and all suspicious activity or persons at the non-emergency number (703) 691-2131.**

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their seat belt convincer and DWI convincer. Officers were also present to show attendees different police cars, including the 1940 antique patrol car, 1991 patrol car, 2006 marked police Camaro, and 2008 patrol car, as well as a seized BMW convertible and a seized Yamaha R1

motorcycle. A special thank you goes out to the Citizen Advisory Council, Citizen Emergency Response Team, Consumer Affairs, Department of Public Safety Communications, False Alarm Reduction Unit, Medical Reserve Corp, Police Recruiting, and all of the volunteers, police officers, auxiliary police officers, and firefighters who made the

Open House such a success. Thanks again to all who came out to the Reston District Station Open House. See you next year.

Enjoy pictures from the Open House below and on the next page.



Sparky "paws"es for a photo



A white-knuckle ride on the Seat Belt Convincer



McGruff ready to Take a Bite Out of Crime!



Donations for Reston Interfaith Food Pantry



Bomb Squad answers questions



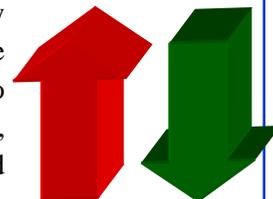
Beautiful weather yielded high attendance

Some of Our Equipment On Display at the Open House



Mid-Year 2008 Crime Report

Overall crime in Fairfax County increased 12.1 percent during the first six months of 2008 compared to the first half of 2007. Violent crimes, including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, dropped 9.6 percent in the first half of 2008 compared to the first half of 2007. Property crimes, including burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft, increased 13.4 percent for the same period.



The crime statistics used for these comparisons are index crimes reported to federal authorities. Index crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

The following table is a comparison of index crimes for the first half of 2007 and 2008.

Crime	Jan – June 2007	Jan – June 2008	% Difference
Murder	6	9	50%
Rape	55	51	-7.3%
Robbery	292	218	-25.3%
Aggravated Assault	147	174	18.4%
Burglary	623	692	11.1%
Larceny	6,442	7,451	15.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	714	682	-4.5%
Total	8,279	9,277	12.1%

Monthly reports of index crimes are valuable tools used by commanders throughout the Police Department to help determine where to target enforcement, information and education.



Criminal Justice Academy Graduation

Twenty-nine new police officers graduated from the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy's 54th session on Thursday, September 25, to serve and protect the citizens of Fairfax County. The ceremony was held at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia, at 1 p.m. The keynote speaker was Robert Tobias, Director of the Public Sector Executive Programs as well as Director of the Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation and a professor at The American University.

Each Fairfax County police officer's first assignment will be to one of eight district stations. Their training will continue with a senior officer, known as a Field Training Instructor, for three months. Additional personnel graduating with this class include one fire marshal and 18 sheriff's deputies. Six of the graduating officers will be assigned to the Reston District Station.

The six month basic recruit session is a non-residential training program. Recruits commute to the facility in Chantilly Tuesday through Friday for a ten-hour day, varying between day and evening hours. The curriculum includes Virginia law, report writing, criminal and crash investigation, warrant service, crime prevention, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operations, first aid, and firearms skills.

In order to attend the Academy and become officers, candidates go through a rigorous application process which includes testing, background check, medical check, polygraph test, and interviews. On average, of the 1,800 people who take the entry level test every year, only 97 make it to the Academy.

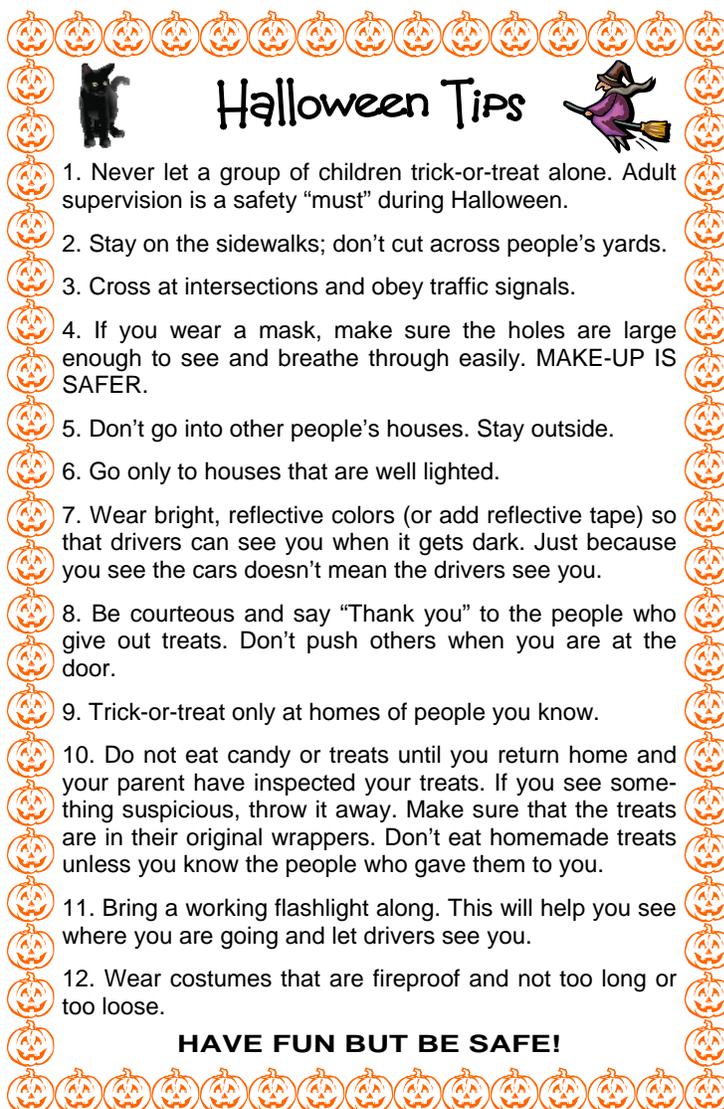
The Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy trains approximately 140 to 150 new law enforcement officers a year. It is the current training center for all law enforcement officers from the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and the town police departments of Herndon and Vienna. Animal Control Officers and Fire Marshals are also trained here.

Operation Safe Start Results

During the two week period of September 2, 2008, through September 12, 2008, officers at the Reston District Station participated in Operation Safe Start. The focus of this campaign was to educate motorists and to keep the roads safe, especially during the opening of the 2008-2009 school year. Variable message boards displayed safety tips, and informational pamphlets were passed out. Officers conducted high profile traffic enforcement in selected school zones throughout the district.

During this campaign a total of 66 summonses and warnings were issued. Approximately 30 hours were spent on site in school zones and 1500 to 2000 vehicles were affected by the presence of the officers.

The officers that participated in Operation Safe Start are to be commended for their dedication and hard work during this campaign.



Halloween Tips

1. Never let a group of children trick-or-treat alone. Adult supervision is a safety "must" during Halloween.
2. Stay on the sidewalks; don't cut across people's yards.
3. Cross at intersections and obey traffic signals.
4. If you wear a mask, make sure the holes are large enough to see and breathe through easily. MAKE-UP IS SAFER.
5. Don't go into other people's houses. Stay outside.
6. Go only to houses that are well lighted.
7. Wear bright, reflective colors (or add reflective tape) so that drivers can see you when it gets dark. Just because you see the cars doesn't mean the drivers see you.
8. Be courteous and say "Thank you" to the people who give out treats. Don't push others when you are at the door.
9. Trick-or-treat only at homes of people you know.
10. Do not eat candy or treats until you return home and your parent have inspected your treats. If you see something suspicious, throw it away. Make sure that the treats are in their original wrappers. Don't eat homemade treats unless you know the people who gave them to you.
11. Bring a working flashlight along. This will help you see where you are going and let drivers see you.
12. Wear costumes that are fireproof and not too long or too loose.

HAVE FUN BUT BE SAFE!

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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



The CAC meeting can involve presentations about any aspect of the Police Department, such as the helicopter division, identity theft, the K-9 division, or 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 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 meeting precedes it at 7 p.m.). The meetings are normally held the third Thursday of each month in the community room of the Reston District Station at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 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 to join us!

Crime Solvers Launches New Website!

Fairfax County Crime Solvers has launched its own website. It was designed to aid the program and the Police Department. There are pages to advertise wanted fugitives, cold cases, suspects caught in the act, and more at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org.

Community Crime Statistic Information Line

Residents interested in receiving a report based on the frequency of calls dispatched to a specific area of interest over the previous 12-month period are now able to do so. Call (703) 246-7932 and you will be directed to leave your name and phone number, fax, email or mailing address. Requests take approximately 5-7 days.

Fairfax Police Department Programs

Fairfax County Police Department SAFE (Sexual Assault Free and Empowered)

Women's Self Defense Program: SAFE teaches realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. The program begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance. It then progresses to the basics of hands-on defense training. To learn more or to register for the course, call (703) 246-7806.

Reston Police 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 Officers Katy Fernbacher at katy.fernbacher@fairfaxcounty.gov or Chip Cogan at Harry.Cogan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Reston Police Newsletter: Please visit the link below to access the Fairfax County Police newsletter service center to sign up to receive The Reston Reliance: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter>.

Home/Business Security Assessments: If you are concerned about the safety and security of your home or business, 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.

Child Safety Seat Inspections: Inspections are scheduled through voicemail by calling (703) 478-0904 x5208. If you are interested in this service please allow enough time before your due date to have your child safety seat inspected. Scheduled BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

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.



Community Resources

Cut out and hang near your phone for easy reference

POLICE—Non-Emergency.....	703-691-2131
EMERGENCY	911
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 County Dept. of Community and Recreation Services—Teen Services...	703-324-8336
Fairfax County Gang Coordinator.....	703-246-2396
Fairfax County Health Dept.....	703-246-2411
Fairfax Co. Health Dept.—Tattoo Removal Program.....	703-246-7182
Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	703-246-2495
Fairfax County Police Gang Prevention Coordinator.....	703-246-7844
Fairfax County Public Schools—After school programs.....	703-246-6740
Northern Virginia Gang Task Force—Tip Line.....	1-866-664-2647
Youth Employment (NVWIB job hunt).....	703-368-0775



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Fairfax County Police Department at (703) 246-7562 and TTY (703) 204-2264.



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