



# FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE WEST SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT STATION

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

November 7, 2011

Staying informed has never been easier. The West Springfield District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department wants you to know about law enforcement initiatives, prevention programs, arrests, crime trends, and much more. Staying informed and working together, we can ensure our communities remain safe and enjoyable places to live.

For additional information from the Fairfax County Police Department's Public Information Office, visit:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsroom/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsroom/) and [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime/)

For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/westspringfield/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/westspringfield/) or call the Crime Prevention Office at 703-644-5026.

### Subscribe to West Springfield's Weekly Information Bulletin

The West Springfield District Station's weekly incident report subscription is released via ListServ. If you would like to receive The West Springfield Weekly Incident Report simply visit: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/westspringfield/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/westspringfield/). You may subscribe and unsubscribe at any time. You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 3 business days confirming that you will receive our publication. Response to this email as directed will complete the process. If you have any questions, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 703-644-5026. Please share this information with family, friends and community members.

The screenshot shows the website for the West Springfield District Station. The header includes the Fairfax County Virginia logo and navigation links: Home, Living Here, Doing Business, Visiting, Departments & Agencies, Search Site, and Advanced Search. The sidebar contains an Index and various service links. The main content area features a 'What's New' section with several news items and a 'Neighborhood News' section. A 'Weekly Bulletin Email Subscription' form is highlighted with a red circle, showing 'Subscribe' and 'Unsubscribe' options and a 'Continue' button.

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The Citizens' Advisory Committee for the West Springfield District Station will meet on Tuesday, **December 6, 2011** (the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month), at 7:30pm in the West Springfield District Station located at 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, Virginia 22152. Join us for a presentation about Auxiliary Police Officers and the Election of CAC Officers.



The Citizen's Advisory Committee, e-mail: [wspdcac@yahoo.com](mailto:wspdcac@yahoo.com)

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### **About Your West Springfield District Station Crime Prevention Officer**

MPO J.T. Frey is completing his 23rd year with the police department. J.T. has been assigned to the West Springfield District Station for his entire career. For 14 years, J.T. was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Section and his primary focus was the investigation of property crimes.

Under J.T.'s direction, the Crime Prevention Section at the West Springfield District Station is focused on Neighborhood Watch training and community education.

The West Springfield District Crime Prevention Office also thanks you in advance for your patience during the budget woes. With the reduction of the Crime Prevention Staff and the elimination of the School Education Officer, we cannot continue to provide presentations and / or public appearances like we have in the past and all elementary and middle school related events, whether public or private have been put on hold . We will continue to focus on our Neighborhood Watch Communities, our liaisons with other homeowners groups and associations, and our partnership with the Citizens Advisory Council. Requests for others activities will be handled on a case by case basis and we will continue to do our best to deliver our services in a timely manner.

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### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

#### **Car Seat Checks**

November 10 and 17, 2011

5 - 9pm at the West Springfield Station

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please call 703-644-7377, press 0 at the recording, to schedule your appointment

Seat checks will be held twice a month—visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/westspringfield](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/westspringfield) for upcoming dates.

**For Awareness:**

On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, FEMA, DHS and FCC will conduct the first national test of the Nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS) test. This nationwide test will kick off at 2:00 p.m. (EST) and run concurrently across all time zones.

This system test is the first of its kind designed to broadcast a nationwide message to the American public. In the history of the country, nothing like it has been conducted on such a level. As you may be aware, there have been tests in the past, but not of this magnitude encompassing all regions of the Nation simultaneously. The three (3) minute test will run concurrently on all radio and TV band stations exceeding the previous messages broadcast which were anywhere from a 30 second to 1 minute message.

Please share this information with your family and friends so they are aware of the test.

Below is FEMA's website that will provide more information regarding this test:

[http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas\\_info.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm)

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**Weekly Activity Report  
November 7, 2011**

**WEST SPRINGFIELD**

**ROBBERY:** Two men robbed a 39-year-old man in the 4700 block of Parkman Court around 10:20 p.m. on Sunday, October 30. The suspects were described as black, in their early 20s, about 5 feet 11 inches tall and 140 to 170 pounds. The victim declined medical attention.

**LARCENIES**

Bardu Avenue Tires stolen from vehicle	6100
Burke Lake Road iTouch stolen from school	9200
Cluny Court Sheet metal stolen from vehicle	7900
Cove Landing Road License plate stolen from vehicle	5900

Ethan Allen Lane Wallet stolen from business	7900
Ox Road Television and computer stolen from business	4900
Port Royal Road Beer stolen from business	5200
Rolling Road Jewelry stolen from residence	6100
Rolling Oak Lane Cell phone stolen from residence	7300
Sydenstricker Road Camera stolen from library	6400
Wheatstone Drive Cash stolen from residence	4800
Woodview Drive Halloween decorations stolen from residence	8600

### **VEHICLE THEFTS**

None reported

### **Holiday Safety**

Everyone is looking for extra money or gifts during the holiday season, from mid-November through early January, and that includes criminals. They are out in force trying to separate you from your money and property. Be extra vigilant during the holiday season and keep the following tips in mind.

- **Personal Safety When Shopping**
  - Shop during daylight hours whenever possible
  - Know exactly where you park your car.
  - If shopping at night, park in well-lit areas.
  - Avoid shopping alone.
  - Carry keys, cash and credit cards separate from each other and be constantly paying attention to your surroundings.
  - Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. If possible, avoid carrying a purse. Use a fanny pack or deep pockets in clothing to carry what you need. Limit the number of credit cards that you carry.
  - If you have to carry a purse, carry it close to your body and always zipped or snapped.

- Be aware of strangers “accidentally” bumping into you. Pick-pockets use this as a diversion.
  - Avoid carrying large packages that block your vision and make you a target for thieves.
  - Avoid shopping until you are exhausted. You are more alert when you are less tired.
  - When hurried or in a crowded shop, make sure you get all forms of identification and credit cards returned to you before you leave.
  - Leave the mall/store well before closing time. This way, there is a greater assurance you will walk out with other people. There is safety in numbers.
  - Use an escort or mall security if you have too many packages or if you are leaving the store after closing.
  - Be alert while walking to your car. Check under and around your car as you approach it. After checking your car, lock it immediately upon entering.
  - If you see a van parked next to your car, you can choose to enter your car through the passenger side.
  - Avoid using automatic teller machines at night and remember to keep others from observing you type in your PIN.
- **Home Safety**
    - Do not leave the boxes of your Christmas gifts (such as computers, televisions, etc.) at the curb as this advertises the contents of your home to potential thieves.
    - Ensure doors and windows are locked at all times, even when you are home.
    - Use timers on lights to give the appearance you are home when you are not.
    - If you order gifts to be delivered to your home, ensure someone is there to accept the package. Have a trusted neighbor keep a lookout for the packages.
    - If you go out of town for the holidays, make sure you ask a trusted neighbor, friend or family member to check the house at least once a day and pick up mail and newspapers. Provide your contact number in case of emergency.
    - Keep garage doors closed and be sure the door from the garage into the home is locked.
    - Make sure your home address is not showing on your luggage.
- **Identity Theft Protection**
    - Watch for shoulder-surfers. When entering a PIN number or a credit card number in an ATM machine, on a cell phone, or even on a computer at work, be aware of who is nearby and make sure nobody is peering over your shoulder to make a note of the keys you’re pressing.
    - Require photo ID verification. Rather than signing the backs of your credit cards, you can write “See Photo ID”. In many cases, store clerks don’t even look at the signature block on the credit card, and a thief could just as easily use your credit card to make online or telephone purchases which don’t require signature verification, but for those rare cases where they do actually verify the signature, you may get some added security by directing them to also make sure you match the picture on the photo ID.
    - Shred everything. One of the ways that would-be identity thieves acquire information is through “dumpster-diving,” aka trash-picking. If you are throwing out bills and credit card statements, old credit card or ATM receipts, medical

statements or even junk-mail solicitations for credit cards and mortgages, you may be leaving too much information lying about. Buy a shredder and shred all papers with personal information before disposing of them.

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**Addresses shown indicate blocks and not specific locations. Thus an entry showing Chain Bridge Road 4100 would mean the 4100 *block* of Chain Bridge Road, not the address 4100 Chain Bridge Road.**

**An asterisk (\*) before an item indicates that an incident report was distributed on that offense.**

For personal safety tips and other helpful ideas, please visit:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/citizen-awareness/>

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