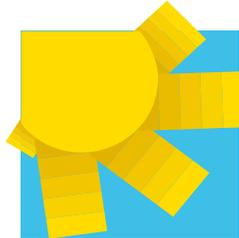




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## Extra Care Needed in Summer Heat

### Monitor Those at Higher Risk

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#### Events of Interest for August 2006

There are no significant events in the month of August.



Although any one at any time can suffer from heat-related illnesses, some people are at greater risk than others.

- ◆ Infants and children up to four years of age are sensitive to the effects of high temperatures and rely on others to regulate their environments and provide adequate liquids.
- ◆ People 65 years of age and older may not compensate for heat stress efficiently and are less likely to sense and respond to change in temperature.
- ◆ People who are overweight may be prone to heat sickness because of their tendency to retain more body heat.
- ◆ People who overexert during work or exercise may become dehydrated and susceptible to heat sickness.
- ◆ People who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure, or who take certain medications, such as for depression, insomnia or poor circulation, may be affected by extreme heat.

Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course need much more frequent watching.

If you witness a small child, animal or elderly person sitting in a hot car unattended, contact the police department immediately to have an officer dispatched to the location. Give any information that you can on the health of the person or animal, i.e., distressed, conscious or unconscious, so that appropriate emergency personnel can be dispatched. If at all possible, remain with the vehicle and update the dispatchers of any changes in the person's or animal's health status. Try to give as accurate a location as possible with a detailed description of the vehicle for responding emergency personnel. Your call could save a life.



## Take Care of Your Pets in Summer Heat



“Leave your pets at home.” That is the advice Fairfax County Animal Control officers give pet owners at this time of year. Take the dog to the veterinarian’s office or to the dog park, but do not take him or her on errands, even when you are “just going to be a minute” at the grocery store or drycleaner. Days that seem mild to us, are too hot for a pet to be locked in a car. Leaving a window down an inch or two is not enough to provide a safe environment for your pet. According to animal experts, when the outside air temperature is 60 degrees, the inside of a car can reach a danger zone. Fifteen minutes in a hot car is enough for animal body temperatures to go from normal to deadly. On a 78 degree day, temperatures in a car parked in the shade can exceed 90 degrees -- and go well over 100 degrees if parked in the sun. Each year the Public Safety Communications Center averages about two calls per day reporting dogs in hot cars during the warmer months. In July, the number of daily calls can more than double. If the temperature is in the 60s or higher, many experts recommend not leaving pets or children in parked cars, even for short periods. If you must keep your pet in the car briefly, choose a shady spot, leave the windows down as far as possible (and the pet restrained) or keep the air conditioning on.

If you see an animal in a parked car that appears to be in distress or could soon be in distress, call the Public Safety Communications Center at 703-691-2131. Note the car make and model and license plate number and the location. If the pet owner is possibly in a nearby store, you can have the store page the owner over the public address system.

Animal control officers, police officers, and fire and rescue personnel have the authority to break into a car to rescue an animal in distress. Depending on the health of the animal at the time it is rescued, the owners can be charged with animal cruelty.



# Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 5 p.m.—9 p.m.  
Thursday, August 24, 2006 5 p.m.—9 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 29, 2006 5 p.m.—9 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.



## Traffic Trivia



### **Code of Virginia § 46.2-865.1. Injuring another or causing the death of another while engaging in a race; penalties.**

A. Any person who, while engaging in a race in violation of § 46.2-865 in a manner so gross, wanton and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life:

1. Causes serious bodily injury to another person who is not involved in the violation of § 46.2-865 is guilty of a Class 6 felony; or
2. Causes the death of another person is guilty of a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than one nor more than 20 years, one year of which shall be a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment.

B. Upon conviction, the court shall suspend the driver's license of such person for a period of not less than one year nor more than three years, and shall order the surrender of the license to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of § [46.2-398](#).

### **Code of Virginia § 46.2-867. Racing; seizure of motor vehicle.**

If the owner of a motor vehicle (i) is convicted of racing such vehicle in a prearranged, organized, and planned speed competition in violation of § [46.2-865](#), (ii) is present in the vehicle which is being operated by another in violation of § [46.2-865](#), and knowingly consents to the racing, or (iii) is convicted of a violation of § [46.2-865.1](#), the vehicle shall be seized and disposed of in the manner provided in §§ [4.1-339](#) through [4.1-348](#) for seizure and forfeiture of conveyances or vehicles used in the illegal transportation of alcoholic beverages. Such sections shall apply mutatis mutandis.

The penalties imposed by these sections are in addition to any other penalty imposed by law.

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File a Report on Line  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm)

Virginia Amber Alert  
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Aggressive Driving—  
Report Online at  
[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf\\_sfty\\_report.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)



#### PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime  
Solvers :  
1-866-411-TIPS

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

Sully District Crime  
Prevention Office:  
703-814-7018

Child Car Seat  
Installation:  
Sully District Station  
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)  
703-246-7806

Citizen Reporting System  
(to file reports only )  
703-464-4756

**CRIME  
FLASH**

## Think Safety! Closing Your Garage Door Protects You!

Leaving your garage door open is a right as a homeowner. However, an open garage door opens you and your home to criminal activity. Many larcenies from open garages occur without the homeowner's knowledge. If the theft from an attached garage occurs after dark, the law states that it is a burglary. Many residents have recently notified the police of neighbors having open garages at night. Although this is not a crime, officers have responded and tried to educate the homeowners on the risks associated with leaving their garage open. These calls for service often prevent officers from engaging in other enforcement efforts in the district.

Many garages allow access into the main house. The door leading from the garage into the main house is in most cases an interior door. Interior doors are hollow core which are easily broken through. Allowing access to this door gives criminals easy access to the home at night, endangering the occupants of the house and creating a dangerous response for police officers.

Education is a valuable tool. If you know residents who often leave their garage doors open, please inform them of the risks with open garage doors. Taking an extra few seconds to secure the garage only helps prevent victimization of the homeowners and prevents many hours of investigation by the police department.

## Light Up Your Neighborhood!

Residents are encouraged to turn on their exterior lights at night to aid in the deterrence of crime. Criminals are looking for the dark streets and parking lots to break into cars, commit robberies or other crimes. If every homeowner turned on their exterior lights at night, your neighborhood could be safer. You would be amazed at the difference in your neighborhood if everyone participated. Energy saving fluorescent bulbs cost only pennies a year to burn. Placing your lights on timers or using photo cell sensors to come on at dusk and turn off at dawn will help in the cost even more. So join in with your neighbors and **LIGHT UP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

