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PFC Brad Wrobel Receives Officer of the Quarter Award



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Events of Interest for December 2005

- ◆ Wed., Dec. 21—Winter Begins!
- ◆ Sun., Dec. 25—Christmas Day
- ◆ Sun., Dec 25—Hanukkah begins at sundown
- ◆ Mon., Dec. 26—Kwanzaa begins
- ◆ Sat., Dec. 31—New Year's Eve

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) will not meet in December.



CAC Chairman John Werderman (right) presents PFC Brad Wrobel with award. PFC Wrobel's family is pictured with him.

PFC Brad Wrobel was awarded Officer of the Quarter at the Sully District Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on Tuesday, November 15. PFC Wrobel has been the School Resource Officer assigned to Centreville High School for the last five years. He is responsible for the security and safety of every person who enters Centreville High School on a daily basis. Earlier this year PFC Wrobel investigated a complaint of a student bringing a gun to school. PFC Wrobel came in early, waited at the student's bus stop and confronted them prior to boarding the bus. PFC Wrobel found the student was not armed, but his actions could have prevented a tragedy had the student been armed.

PFC Wrobel has been very proactive in combating underage drinking at the school. He put on a week long awareness campaign that included rewarding students for wearing their safety belts, reaching out to local businesses to prevent underage alcohol sales, and placing ribbons on student cars to remind them not to drink and drive.

We congratulate PFC Wrobel for a job well done! We are proud of his accomplishments and his dedication to the safety of the school and community.

Citizens' Advisory Committee Provides Thanksgiving Meals for Sully Officers



Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, police officers work to provide a safe community for the residents, businesses and visitors of Fairfax County. Holidays are no different which means officers often have to find a place open for business to get their breakfast, lunch and dinner. The members of the Sully District Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), and the communities they represent, helped make Thanksgiving a little easier on the Sully officers this year. Meals were provided for all three shifts starting at 5:30 am and running until the midnight officers came in for their shift at 7:30 p.m. The food came in easy, ready-to-go varieties from meat trays for sandwiches, bagels, muffins, bottled juices, chips, pretzels, pies and much, much more. Often officers have little time to sit and eat a meal on a holiday, so the food provided helped the officers to eat on the run.

We thank the CAC and all the community members who helped provide the meals for the officers. The generosity was very much appreciated by the officers who worked during Thanksgiving.

Holiday Crime Prevention



During the holiday season, take precautions to ensure the safety of you and your family. The following are shopping safety tips.

- * Shop during daylight hours whenever possible.
- * Park close to the store if possible. Know exactly where you park your car.
- * If shopping at night, park in well-lit areas.
- * If possible, 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. Pickpockets 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 I.D. and credit cards returned to you before you leave.
- * Use an escort or mall security if you have too many packages or if you are leaving the store after closing.
- * 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.
- * 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 it.

Taking the extra time to be safe will help ensure a happy holiday season.





Home Safety for the Holidays



During the holiday season, there are precautions you can take to help ensure the safety of your home and family. When decorating, buying new items for the holidays or gift giving, remember trash day. Items put out to the curb advertise what you have in your house. Break down cardboard boxes of expensive electronics and other items and put them in plastic bags to hide the fact you have valuable items in your home. Thieves are active during the holiday season and look for homeowners who do not take steps to protect their valuables.

If you exchange gifts during the holiday season, remember to take extra steps to keep them concealed. Keeping the gifts hidden from view through outside windows will help decrease your chances of being victim to burglary. Use shades and curtains when possible to conceal valuables.

Schedules are more hectic during the holiday season. People are preoccupied with family and social events. Take time for safety. 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 even if you are not. This will also ensure you do not come home to a dark house. 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 packages if you are not home at the time of delivery. If you go out of town for the holidays, make sure you ask a trusted neighbor, friend or family member to check on the house at least once a day. Make sure you leave contact numbers with the house-sitter in case there is an emergency.

When decorating for the holidays, remember safety as well. Before decorating, check lights for frayed or exposed wires. If lights are worn, replace them. Do not take the chance that they will hold up one more year! Many people leave lights up on their house year round. These lights too need to be checked because excessive weather can damage them. Make sure that you do not use an excess amount of extension cords plugged into one another (known as piggybacking). Ensure all extension cords are in good condition as well.

If you are putting up a tree in your home, there are certain things to keep in mind for safety. The placement of a tree (real or artificial) is very important. Do not block exits or place it too close to a heat source. If you have a live tree, keep it watered. A six foot tree will use one gallon of water every two days. Never place burning candles on trees whether live or artificial. Miniature lights have cool burning bulbs which prevent heat build up on the tree.

If there are small children (or pets) in the home or expected to visit during the holiday, child proof your home. Keep breakable ornaments out of reach. Also, tinsel can be a choking hazard for children and pets. If you use live greenery for decorating, remember that it is toxic if swallowed. Supervise small children and pets around greenery, holly, poinsettias and mistletoe. If your child ingests any of these plants, call 911 immediately.

If you have visitors for the holidays, remember to keep walkways and stairways clear from toys and electrical cords. Check handrails to ensure they are secure.

By taking a few extra minutes to ensure the safety of your home and family, you will be able to celebrate the joys of the holiday season. *Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!*

Holiday Season Prevention

*Make your holiday decorating
“motion detector free!!”*



- * *Interior decorating should not activate motion detectors.*
- * *Ensure no decoration activates sensors when heating systems are turned on.*
- * *Inspect window and door contacts to ensure proper connection once decorating is complete .*
- * *Winter can produce inclement weather conditions and high winds. Check all doors and windows for any loose fit within the frame.*

Holiday Season + Visitors = Temporary Alarm Users

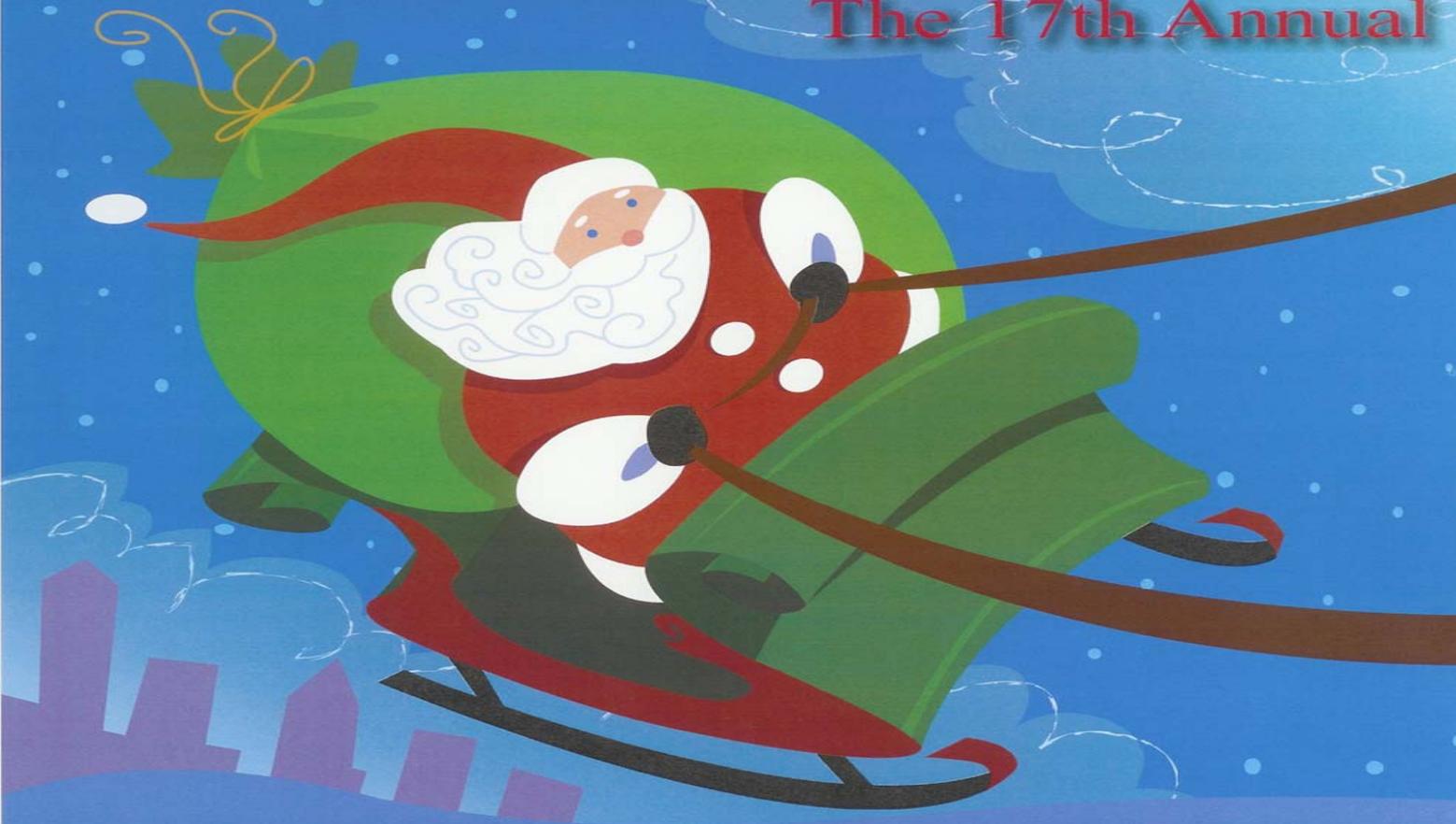
- * *All key holders should be properly trained to operate your security alarm system, from keypads, to passcodes and how to cancel a police response.*
- * *Temporary alarm users should be added to your contact list. Update information with your alarm company and the False Alarm Reduction Unit.*
- * *Inform your alarm company of your holiday travel schedule, and include information about house-sitters.*

Everyone can make this holiday season free of false alarms!

Have a Safe and Prosperous Holiday Season!!

Fairfax County Police Department, False Alarm Reduction Unit, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
Phone: (703) 246-5424 / Fax: (703) 246-5430 / e-mail: alarms@fairfaxcounty.gov

The 17th Annual



Santa's Ride

for Children



Conducted by the **Fairfax County Police Department's Motor Squad** with the cooperation of Vienna Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, Fairfax City Police and Virginia State Police.



We need **NEW** toys, games, books, stuffed animals and **gifts** to be distributed on December 16th to children at Fairfax Hospital and to children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!



We need your help! Please bring your items to any Fairfax County Police Station or the **Fairfax County Print Shop, Government Center, Suite 143**, no later than 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 14th.

Santa will be arriving at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, on Wednesday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m. Please deliver all unwrapped toys and gifts before that time.

Thank you for your support!

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: Thursday, December 1, 2005 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
 Thursday, December 8, 2005 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
 Thursday, December 15, 2005 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 19, 2005 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 Thursday, December 29, 2005 5:00 p.m.—9:00 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 § 18.2-266. **Driving motor vehicle, engine, etc., while intoxicated, etc.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train (i) while such person has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more by weight by volume or 0.08 grams or more per 210 liters of breath as indicated by a chemical test administered as provided in this article, (ii) while such person is under the influence of alcohol, (iii) while such person is under the influence of any narcotic drug or any other self-administered intoxicant or drug of whatsoever nature, or any combination of such drugs, to a degree which impairs his ability to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train safely, (iv) while such person is under the combined influence of alcohol and any drug or drugs to a degree which impairs his ability to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train safely, or (v) while such person has a blood concentration of any of the following substances at a level that is equal to or greater than: (a) 0.02 milligrams of cocaine per liter of blood, (b) 0.1 milligrams of methamphetamine per liter of blood, (c) 0.01 milligrams of phencyclidine per liter of blood, or (d) 0.1 milligrams of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine per liter of blood. A charge alleging a violation of this section shall support a conviction under clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v).

For the purposes of this article, the term "motor vehicle" includes mopeds, while operated on the public highways of this Commonwealth.



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Chantilly, VA 20151

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Fax 703-814-7013

File a Report on Line
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm

Aggressive Driving—
Report Online at
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
(for reports only)
703-464-4756



Having Packages Delivered to Your Home This Holiday Season?



Have you decided to do your holiday shopping on-line this year instead of fighting the crowds at the stores? Who is going to be home when the packages get delivered? Most times packages are delivered to an empty house because you are at work. Packages sitting on front porches or stoops are a thief's dream come true. A thief can take your package and either take the contents or discard it in some other area once it is learned what is inside. Every year at the holiday season, reports of stolen packages get called in to the police. If you choose to shop on-line, make sure you have the package delivered to a safe location. If your workplace allows you to accept packages, have the item delivered to you at work. If you cannot accept packages at work, have it delivered to a friend or relative that is home during the day. If you have no other option but to have it delivered to your home, try to have it delivered so that a signature is required before the package can be left. Many websites now give you a tracking link so that you can follow where your package is at any time. Take a few extra minutes to ensure your packages are delivered safe and secure this holiday season!



Drive Responsibly This Holiday Season!

With the holiday season comes social events and parties. Please use designated drivers to ensure everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

