

Bi-Annual Newsletter of the Queen Anne's County OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



SHERIFF GARY HOFMANN

Community - Integrity - Pride

VISION

Our vision is to maintain a safer Queen Anne's County where citizens and Law Enforcement are joined together, the rights of all persons are respected, and community values are reflected.

MISSION

The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff is committed to protecting life, property and individual rights while maintaining peace and order. "Prompt, Professional and Courteous police services with a *no tolerance to crime approach*".

GOALS

GOAL 1: Create safer neighborhoods by reducing criminal activity and conditions that foster crime and fear within the community.

GOAL 2: Enhance the safety of Queen Anne's County roadways and enforcement through education

GOAL 3: Assure accountability by effective and efficient use of personnel, equipment and technology.

GOAL 4: Provide a professional work environment that attracts and retains a diverse group of quality applicants, rewards employee excellence, and promotes leadership through education and training.

GOAL 5: Assure effective Court and detention services.

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A WORD FROM THE SHERIFF:

Communication, honesty and partnerships are a valuable part of the relationship between our office and our community. I believe that providing information on your office allows the community to assist local law enforcement. Together, with information sharing we will keep our county safe and enjoyable for years to come. After all, our families live here, friends visit, and families know that law enforcement is here to "Serve and Protect" but we can achieve that without the partnership we have established.

I wanted to share the revised Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff's new website. We have made several modifications to help ensure the safety of the public and keep the public up to date on emergency alerts and situations. We now have "alerts" that scroll across the top to ensure that the public knows of an emergency situation, amber alert, critical information, etc. You may also click the blue button mid way down the home page that says, "sign up" to receive the press releases by email. We are updating our subscription list, you will have to re submit a request to be added to the distribution list!

We have enhanced the Most Wanted page. You can now search by name, sex, race, etc. You can view our "QAC TV's Most Wanted" by clicking on our YouTube link under the Media tab, or to view the most current and up to date most wanted, scroll down half way on our page where its posted immediately.

There is now a calendar of events that you can view any upcoming events that the Sheriff's Office will be attending or hosting.

Our press releases are available on our webpage. Our press releases are also available on our Facebook page and Twitter page. Our Facebook page is listed as "Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff". Our Twitter account is listed as "QASheriff".

As your Sheriff, I appreciate your partnership and support as we keep our county a safe place for our Grandparents, families and children. Enjoy the newsletter!

- Sheriff Hofmann



Watch us on YOUTUBE Channel!

Get Crime Prevention Tips and see who in our community is QAC MOST WANTED

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHHh1c-sDrl>

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Two Queen Anne's County Sheriff Deputies Honored at recent Seminar

At the Maryland Chiefs of Police & Sheriffs Associations - 50th Annual Training Seminar held in Ocean City September 11 – 15, two Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Deputies were honored for their actions in 2010 by the Maryland Sheriff's Association.

Sgt. John Meyers received an award for Valor stemming from a traffic accident when he was struck head on while on his way to work. On June 25th, 2010 Meyers was in his Sheriff's Patrol unit, a 2007 Dodge Durango on Route 302 in the area of Dixon Tavern Road when a Nissan Pathfinder attempted to pass two other vehicles and struck Meyers head on. Both vehicles were demolished and the Pathfinder overturned and caught fire. Meyers was able to exit his vehicle and then pulled the unconscious driver from the burning vehicle which was fully involved by the time emergency crews arrived.

On December 23rd just before 11:00 PM, the Sheriff's Office was called to a residence just outside Centreville for a burglary in which jewelry and wrapped Christmas presents were taken. The victim, a single mother of two was not in the position to replace the presents, most of which were for the children. The next morning, Christmas Eve, D/Sgt Layton contacted Father Jennings who is the Sheriff's Office Chaplain, Social Services and several local businesses about the case. Together, funds were raised to help replace the gifts. D/Sgt Layton also called several retail stores attempting to locate several of the hard to find items and arranged for the stores to place those items on hold until they could be pickup. For his efforts, Layton was recognized for Outstanding Community Service.



Sgt. John Meyers, Sheriff Gary Hofmann, D/Sgt. Bruce Layton

As the outgoing President of the Maryland Sheriff's Association, Sheriff Gary Hofmann said he was honored to present these awards and was extremely proud to have these two fine men as members of his Office. "They exemplify the caliber of personnel the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office is fortunate to have serving and protecting the citizens" said Hofmann.



Left: Sgt. John Meyers patrol vehicle after it was involved in a head on accident on June 25th, 2010.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

Do you want accurate information on Registered Sex Offenders and where they are living in Queen Anne's County? Go to the Sheriff's Website at www.queenannessheriff.org for details including up-to-date photos and a map of their locations.

BOYCE, ANTONNEO RENE A	1501 MERRICK CORNER RD, BARCLAY
PINDER, ROGER LEE SR	222 N CHURCH ST, SUDLERSVILLE
ROCHESTER, JAMES CARLTON	221 AGNES ST, CHURCH HILL
MAZZATENTA, JOSEPH MACK	409 LIME LANDING RD, MILLINGTON
ALSTON, SOOKLAL RONALD	400 LIME LANDING RD, MILLINGTON
POOLE, GEORGE ALTON JR	2913 MILLINGTON RD, MILLINGTON
MCCLUNG, RICHARD FOSTER	315 HUNTERS LN, CENTREVILLE
PULLIAM, ROBERT SANDS JR	1824 PRICE STATION RD, CHURCH HILL
CLAIR, CHARLES LAWRENCE	321 LOTS RD, STEVENSVILLE
APPLE, JOSPEH HENRY	221 SAINT PAUL DR, INGLESIDE
HARMON, FREDERICK MELVIN	107 HISSEY RD, GRASONVILLE
BLANKENSHIP, JAMES MARK JR	106 RAIL ROAD AVE, BARCLAY
BURTON, JAMES ADAM	309 POPLAR SCHOOL RD, CENTREVILLE
ROBINSON, OMER FRANCES JR	215 VILLAGE DR, CHURCH HILL
TURNER, DAVID SCOTT	700 FORTH ST, CRUMPTON
DREW, ROBERT CAMERON	309 WILL SMITH RD, BARCLAY
HALL, RONALD LEON	HOMELESS, CENTREVILLE
ALDERSON, JAMES EDWARD	6630 FRIELS RD, QUEENSTOWN
BURRIS, JAMES RUSSELL JR	6219 SUDLERSVILLE RD, SUDLERSVILLE
PAYNE, JOHN MICHAEL	21 QUEEN VICTORIA WAY, Apt/Unit# A, CHESTER
DWYER, ROBERT WAYNE	1420 BLOOMINGDALE RD, QUEENSTOWN
RICKET, RONALD EUGENE	129 HILLSIDE RD, CHESTERTOWN
SHORTS, DONALD LESLIE	1335 ROBERT STATION RD, CHURCH HILL
WHALEN, JAMES VERNON III	118 E MAIN ST, Apt/Unit# F, SUDLERSVILLE
MERKEL, MICHAEL PAUL	206 MARKET ST, CRUMPTON
CLARKE, WILLIAM MICHAEL CHRISTIAN	513 BROAD CREEK DR, STEVENSVILLE
STAFFORD, CLIFTON LEE JR	213 LEGION RD, MILLINGTON
WHITING, JAMES KENNEDY	324 LITTLE KIDWELL AVE, CENTREVILLE
COOK, JAMES MICHAEL	449 GRASONVILLE CEMETERY RD, GRASONVILLE
GOAD, JEFFREY ANTHONY	2608 MILLINGTON RD, MILLINGTON
CUTSHAW, DAVID CARTER	604 WYE MILLS RD, QUEENSTOWN

As the date of the publication this list is up to date. You should contact the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff for any questions pertaining to Registered Sex Offenders, 410.758.0770.

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Nationwide K9 Training held in Queen Anne's County

The Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office, K-9 Unit along with other members of the Eastern Shore Police K-9 Training Group the is composed of Kent County Sheriff's Office, Caroline County Sheriff's Office, Dorchester County Sheriff's Office, Centreville Police Dept., and Federalsburg Police Dept. hosted the North American Police Work Dog Association 2011 National Workshop in Grasonville, Md. The event was a week long training workshop that took place from June 16-24, 2011.

The workshop had a total of 111 K-9 Teams along with many other Trainers and family. During the week while the K-9 Teams were training, the families were taken on several trips that included Washington Monument, National Law Enforcement Memorial, Nationals Baseball game, Ocean City, and Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Also during the week a K-9 Demo was performed at Kent Island High School to show the public what the highly trained police dogs are capable of doing.

At the conclusion of the week the organization had an awards banquet at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club. Several K-9 Teams from Maryland were recognized for outstanding performance and critical

incidents.

They are as follows: Cpl. Nick Cicale, Prince Georges County Police Dept., Special Operation Div., K-9-OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD X2, Cpl. Donny Taylor, Prince Georges County Police Dept., Special Operations Div, K-9-OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD, EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD, Cpl. Jeff Brown, Prince Georges County Police Dept, Special Operations Div, K-9-OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD, Cpl. Mike Amorino, Prince Georges County Police Dept, Special Operations Div, K-9-OUTSTANDNG SERVICE AWARD. Cpl. Mark Carr, Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office, Field Operations Div, K-9-OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD, and the VALOR AWARD.

Notable K-9 Uses:

Aug 21-Dfc. Boyles/ K-9 Beny performed a K-9 sniff for an MSP Motor Unit. After a positive alert to the veh. Approx. 1lb of suspected Marihuana was seized. As a result of the suspected CDS found, three suspects were arrested for Possession w/ intent to Dist Marihuana. US Currency and the Motor Vehicle were also seized.



Sept 7-Dfc. Boyles/ K-9 Beny were called by other Deputies on the scene of a traffic stop. Upon arrival the Deputies advised Dfc. Boyles that the driver of the veh. had fled on foot. Dfc. Boyles and K-9 Beny performed a track of the suspect that led approx. ¾ mile to an apartment over a business. After interviewing the resident he consented to a search of the apartment and the suspect was located and charged with several offenses.



Cpl. Mark Carr receiving the Valor Award from Ben Bennett, President of NAPWDA and Retired from Norfolk Police Dept, K-9, Va President- at NAPWDA banquet in June

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I obtain a Peace or Protective order?

By going to the District Court, Phone # 410-819-4000.

Who do I contact about my noise ordinance concerns?

You can contact Sgt. Johnston 410-758-0770 x 1270

Finger Prints: \$5.00, per card; must have own cards & photo I.D. Monday-Friday, 8-4pm, no appointment needed.

How do I get a copy of a Police Report?

Police reports are not automatically sent by our office you must request them in writing. We search police reports by case #, date or location. All reports are reviewed by the Lt. and must be closed before being mailed. This process may take 7-10 business days.

Adult Reports: Cost: \$10.00, per report.

Juvenile Reports: Cost: \$10.00, per report. Must include copy of birth certificate & photo I.D.; can only be requested in writing by parents of Juvenile.

Photographs: Photographs are released on a case by case basis.

CD's: \$10.00, per disk **DVD's:** \$20.00, per DVD **911 Tapes:** Contact Dept of Emergency Services # 410-758-4500

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School Is Open!!!

Children going to and from school are playing, running, talking to friends and usually not paying attention, so motorists watch out for them; always obey the posted speed limit in a school zone.



State of Maryland Preliminary Traffic Fatalities

August 20, 2011

Location	Month Total	To Date Total	Person Type Driver	Person Type Passenger	Contributing Circum. Error	Contributing Circum. Speed	Safety Equip. WHL	Safety Equip. I/U
Caroline	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Queen Anne's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Talbot	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: WHL-WOULD NOT HAVE LESSEN; I/U-IN USE; N/A-NOT APPLICABLE; UNK-UNKNOWN

*Fatalities reported through August 30, 2011, including any adjustments for prior periods. Through August 30, 2010 (389).

This data is compiled by the Central Records Division. For further information, contact Ida J. Williams, Division Director. 410-298-3444



Oct. 8th & 9th - Safety Weekend Kmart National Safety Weekend, Stevensville MD

Oct. 11th & 24th - TIPS (Training Intervention Procedures) for bartenders and servers of alcohol— Oct. 11th and 24th from 5:00pm until 9pm, Queen Anne's County Planning & Zoning, Liquor Board Hearing room, 106 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD. For more information 443.995.5367.

Oct. 15th - Island Bay Day at the Kent Island American Legion from 11am until 11pm.

Oct. 22nd - Open House at the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff. 505 Railroad Ave. Centreville. Starting at 10am - 1pm. Tours of the office and new addition, K9 Demo, Private Document Shredding (two boxes per person), all for FREE!

911 Hang Up	299	Fingerprinting	36	Special Assignment	139
Abandon/Disable Vehicle	169	Firearms Complaint	13	Speed Trailer	25
Administrative	861	Follow-up	817	Suspicious Activity	581
Alarm	841	Fraud / Forgery	36	Swat Operation	11
Animal Complaint	23	Harassing	92	Tobacco	0
Arson	2	Hazard-Roadway	22	Theft	452
Assault	117	Homicide	3	Traffic Arrest	106
Assist Non Law Agency	226	K9 Use	126	Traffic Enforcement	362
Assist Other Law Agency	640	LEADS / DOT	38	Traffic Complaint	297
Attempt to locate	9	Liquor Law Violation	19	Training	215
Bomb Threats	2	Littering	10	Trespass Complaint	77
Burglary	102	Loitering	3	Unattended Death	15
Check Welfare	246	Lost Property	34	Vehicle Stop	2446
Child Abuse	13	MDOP	189	Warrant CS Attempt	447
Church Hill Patrol	2	Missing Person	45	Warrant CS Svd	480
Civil Matter	154	MVA - Property Damage	213	Noise Complaint	39
Civil Process	3226	MVA - Hit & Run	84	CSAFE	16
Civil Violation	6	MVA - Personal Injury	26	Town Ordnance (CPD)	1
Community Policing	134	Open Door/Window	12	Foot Patrol (CPD)	1
Community Policing - Bike	2	Patrol Check	5867	Report Writing	6
CDS	82	Police Information	191	Unauthorized Use	1
Court	442	Queenstown Patrol	29	Theft - Motor Vehicle	14
Court Security	56	RAAM	34		
Crime Prevention	3	Radar	569		
Death - Non Homicide	8	Recovered Property	43		
Disturbance	396	Robbery	9		
Domestic	89	Runaway	13		
Domestic Standby	68	Security Assignments	67		
Emergency Petition	123	Sexual Offense	25		
Escort	10	Sex Offender Registration	33		
				Total:	22,874

Above: A breakdown of the entire agencies CAD calls up to Sept. 1st, 2011

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CIU: Criminal Investigations Unit Update

C.I.U. CASES ASSIGNED and STATISTIC TOTALS

The Criminal Investigations Unit has been assigned 191 new cases since January 1, 2011. These cases include Murder, Rapes, Bank Robberies, Burglaries, Thefts, Child Abuses, Sex Offenses and Unattended Death Cases. These investigations have been aggressively investigated by the committed detectives assigned to our unit.



TRAINING:

2011 Maryland Sheriff Association Conference: D/Sgt. Layton attended the 2011 Maryland Sheriff's Association / Maryland Chiefs of Police Conference held in Ocean City Maryland. D/Sgt. Layton received the Deputy of the Year Award for Community Service. He also attended numerous training sessions that were offered during the conference.

12th Annual Cold Case Homicide Investigation Conference: D/Cpl. Stouffer and Det. Goodman attended this four day training course. They made several contacts to assist in open and future investigations. This training was located at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis Maryland.

2011 Homicide Training located at the Maryland Medical Examiner's Office: D/Cpl. Stouffer and Det. Lopez attended a five day training course offered by the Chief Medical Examiner's Office. This training was funded by the Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force which allowed the two investigators to attend.

New Office For DEVELOPMENT OF C.I.U. QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY CHILD ABUSE RESPONSE & EVALUATION (C.A.R.E.) CENTER

The Criminal Investigation Unit has moved to their new home. The new office space provides investigators nearly double the space they formally had. It allows for a more organized and centrally located area to store equipment. The new office space also contains a meeting room for case reviews, training and information sharing. Members of the C.I.U. look forward to meeting several members of the community during Sheriff Hofmann's open house set for this month.

The C.A.R.E. Center has made huge success since our last newsletter. The management team meets several times a month and has recently proposed to the Executive Board a Memorandum of Understanding / Interagency Agreement which they approved and signed. This allows for special Grant funding and for the C.A.R.E. Center to continue in its progress. Several fund raisers are set in the upcoming months.

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Lt. Patrick & Sgt. Tarr Retire Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff

On Friday, July 29th Sheriff Gary Hofmann and Staff hosted a luncheon for two Deputy Sheriffs retiring August 1, Lt. Dale Patrick and Sgt. Chris Tarr.

Lt. Patrick has 33 years of local law enforcement serving Talbot County, Denton and for the last fifteen years with the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff. In the course of his career he has served as a Chief Deputy, Detective Sergeant, a Division Commander, Hostage Negotiator and most recently as the Public Information Officer for the Sheriff's Office. He has also been involved with the Most Wanted Persons on the Sheriff's Website and QAC-TV. "There have been some rough times over the years when confronted with some cases, especially after the shooting deaths of Jason Schwenz and Mike Nickerson" said Patrick. "But overall I've had a lot of great experiences as well, working with local and state police on numerous cases, being at the Mid-East Peace Talks, bank robbery investigations with the FBI, Presidential Security with the Secret Service, assisting Scotland Yard with a homicide case, being a guest of the America's Most Wanted TV Show and working with major drug cases with the DEA". Over the years Patrick has received two Governor's Citations, a Chief's Commendation for life-saving, Supervisor of the year award and numerous other distinguished service awards and unit citations.

Sgt. Tarr originally worked for the Edmonston Police Department in Prince George's County before joining the Sheriff's Office thirteen years ago. In addition to Patrol duties, Sgt. Tarr has been assigned as a Community Officer, Quartermaster, Duty Officer, Fleet Coordinator and as the supervisor of Circuit Court Security and Civil Process. Sgt. Tarr has been a member of the Bicycle and Motorcycle patrols and the Accident Reconstruction Unit. He has also been involved with Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run each year. Sgt. Tarr has been recognized for his work in Crime and Traffic Safety Programs.



Lt. Patrick receiving his third Governor's Citation, retiring after 33 years of Service



Sgt. Tarr receiving Years of Service Award, retiring after 18 years of Service



The new training room

After months of planning and construction, the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office has expanded into a larger portion of the current building. The newly rebuilt portion will provide a larger records room, evidence storage and processing areas, a training room, full scale kitchen, quartermaster office and storage, several administrative offices and a criminal investigation unit with space allowed for allied agencies such as ICE, MEMA, MD State Comptrollers Office to use as a satellite office.

The holding cell area was also improved with added security and drains enabling the area to be easily cleaned. Staff will also reorganize in the existing area of the office to improve traffic flow and duties.

Funding for the project was approved by the County Commissioner's aided by a large portion of seized funds. "Our office was in need for added space, a training room to hold mandated in-service programs, safer storage of evidence, and a more organized area for equipment" added Sheriff Hofmann.

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Tips for Teen Driving

Teen driving safety is an important goal for all parents. Here are ten ways to keep teens safe on the road.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death among 15 to 20 year olds. Handing keys to your teenager for the first time is enough to cause teeth-clenching, hand-wringing anxiety for even the calmest of parents. In honor of Teen Driving Safety Awareness week, AAA released a list of "10 Things Parents Can Do To Keep Their Teen Driver Safe." (Washington DC 10/15/07) "Parents can have a tremendous impact on their teens' safety," said Robert L. Darbelnet, president and CEO of AAA. "Teen Driver Safety Week provides an opportunity for parents to focus on teen driver safety and take practical steps that can reduce teen driver crashes. AAA created a list of ten things parents can do to help keep their teen drivers safe all year long."

Know Your Teen

Not all teens are ready to drive at the same age. Teenagers mature, develop emotionally and become responsible at different

ages. Parents need to truly know their teen in order to determine when their teen is ready to drive.

Be a Responsible Role Model

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Parents' driving behavior directly influences the driving actions of their teens. AAA Research has found that, when using the number of collisions and traffic tickets as criteria, the parents of teens involved in crashes were more likely to have poor driving records than the parents of collision-free teens.

Choose Quality Driving School

Driving can be a risky activity for teens and warrants professional instruction. It's essential for parents to find a driving school with current curricula and professionally trained instructors.

Practice Makes Better Teen Drivers

Supervised driving sessions with parents can provide teens with opportunities to enhance learning, reinforce proper driving techniques and skills, and receive constructive feedback from the people who care most about their safety and success. AAA offers a



parent coaching program called Teaching Your Teens To Drive, to assist parents.

No Teen Passengers At Night

Teen drivers' chances of crashing increase with each additional teen passenger. Parents need to make sure they know who is driving with their teen at all times. Teen crash rates spike at night and most nighttime crashes occur between 9 p.m. and midnight.

Teens Need Sleep

Teens need about nine hours of sleep every night, but many teens fall short due to the combination of early-morning school start times and homework, sports, after-school jobs and other activities. Lack of sleep negatively affects vision, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and judgment.

Eliminate Distractions

Cell phones and text messaging have rightly gotten significant media and legislative attention as hazardous distractions for teen drivers. 1/3 of states have recently banned cell phone use by new teen drivers. Parents should make it a strict rule in their households, too.

Create a Contract

A parent-teen driving agreement with rules, conditions, restrictions and consequences of teens' driving written down in advance establishes driving as a privilege, and not something to be taken lightly. Parents should establish rules and consequences

that they and their teens agree upon that extend beyond state laws. If the teen breaks a family driving rule, consequences should be enforced. Proper driving behavior should be encouraged and rewarded with additional liberties.

Discuss and Review

Parental involvement and communication is critical in the prevention of teen-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. Designate a time each week to address concerns (both parent and teen) and review the teen's driving performance.

Make Smart Vehicle Choices

As the family member most likely to crash, a teen should drive the safest vehicle the family owns. Things to consider are vehicle type (sedans are generally safer than sports cars, SUVs and pickup trucks), size (larger vehicles fare better in crashes than smaller vehicles) and safety technology (front and side air bags, anti-lock brakes and stability control systems).

Keeping teens safe on the road is an essential goal for parents. AAA's report on Ten Safety Tips for Teens is an excellent tool.

Source: www.teendriving.com



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CALEA Accreditation Update

On July 31, 2010 the Office of the Sheriff was awarded the prestigious Certificate of Recognition by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The award signaled both a beginning and an end to the accreditation process. It was the end of two years of arduous labor by many employees of the Office of the Sheriff which consisted of many hours of research, writing policies, and collecting proofs of compliance. The policies proved that we met the CALEA standards of "best practices" by a professional law enforcement agency. The proofs of compliances showed that we "walked the talk" by complying with our policies. However, obtaining Recognition was also a new beginning. In order to maintain our Recognition status we have to continuously review our policies and revise them as necessary to conform to changing standards. Proofs of compliance must also be updated annually to prove that we have continued to comply with the standards and our own policies. Failing to do so would result in the loss of our Certificate of Recognition. The Certificate of Recognition is valid for three years.

In keeping with the ever changing environment facing the law en-

forcement profession today, and to better serve the public safety community, the CALEA Commissioners recently instituted a new tiered law enforcement accreditation model. Previously a law enforcement agency could obtain Recognition by complying with the most significant 112 standards, or Accreditation consisting of all 464 standards. Under the new tiered system the two levels of accreditation are (1) CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation consisting of 177 standards, and (2) CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation consisting of 464 standards. As a logical "next step," the Office of the Sheriff will be pursuing CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation. The 177 standards necessary for this award is comprised of those standards essential for the effective delivery of services for contemporary law enforcement agencies, and are linked life, health, and safety issues.

The Office of the Sheriff is excited at the prospect of enhancing our professional status and community service by moving from Recognition to Accreditation over the next two years. With help from our dedicated and professional employees, working as a team, I have no doubt that we will accomplish this new goal.

Effort sought to combat underage drinking

By: Star Democrat Staff Writer Shauna Thompson

Grasonville - Underage drinking is a big problem in Queen Anne's County and will require a community effort to overcome, according to law enforcement and juvenile service workers at a Sept. 15 community meeting.

"We have a huge underage drinking problem and a huge underage drinking and driving problem," said Terry Ober, traffic coordinator for the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office.

Ober has daily exposure to the problem through multiple jobs including administrator of a youth drug and alcohol education program, instructor of a retailer training program to help identify underage customers and the traffic coordinator position.

Maryland 2009 judicial statistics rank Queen Anne's County third for the number of juvenile citations involving alcohol, said Ober. Talbot and Kent counties numbers are one and four, respectively, but he did not know who was number two.

Many people believe underage drinking isn't really a problem at all, said panel members. They dismiss underage drinking as normal part of growing up, something they may have done in their own youth.

Sixty percent of Queen Anne's County 12th graders reported that it is OK with their

parents if they drink alcohol, according to a 2007 coalition study.

People don't realize the extent of this. We're talking about kids. They're not just talking a couple of drinks. Their goal is to get drunk," said Margaret Dowling a juvenile



services case worker.

Sheriff Gary Hofmann said underage drinking parties are a major focus for law enforcement because they provide access for multitudes who binge drink and then drive.

"They drink and then get in their car and drive...parents say they take the keys away,

but the kids find ways around it...they're getting more and more creative," said Hofmann.

He said kids today are genius at camouflage. They drink alcoholic beverages that look like sodas and teas or spike a container of alcohol-free beverage. You have to look closely to see what it really is, he said.

Hofmann used an underage party in own neighborhood as an example of public attitude and the craftiness of kids.

"We have three or four police officers in my neighborhood and here's this blatant underage party," said Hofmann.

When confronted, parents said they didn't think the kids were drinking because they were walking around the house with bottles of water and non alcoholic beverages. Police found vodka in the water bottles and darker alcohol in other drinks.



To report underage drinking parties call 410.758.0770. Non-urgent anonymous tips, call 410.758.6666.

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Domestic violence awareness month events scheduled in mid-shore region

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence (MSCFV) will hold a press conference on October 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cambridge Police Department to kick off "Domestic Violence Awareness Month". At the press conference, representatives from law enforcement agencies will place purple ribbons on their vehicles to show support for victims of domestic violence throughout the month. This event will also provide an opportunity to educate communities about domestic violence and resources that are available. Guest speakers include Delegate Addie Eckardt, Delegate Jeannie Haddaway, Scott Patterson, State's Attorney for Talbot County and Captain Ronald Lewis, Maryland State Police.

The second "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" event will be our annual Memorial Service which is held to remember those that have died as a result of domestic violence. This service will take place on October 26, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Todd Performing Arts Theatre on the campus of Chesapeake College. Immediately following the service David Thomas will provide a presentation about



Cyber Stalking and Domestic Violence. Mr. Thomas is a Program Administrator at John Hopkins University and provides training on issues regarding Domestic Violence. We will conclude with the viewing of "Amy's Story", an emotional documentary of the timeline of events leading up to a domestic violence homicide that occurred in Pennsylvania on November 8, 2001.

On October 27, 2011, MSCFV and Mid-Shore Pro Bono will be hosting a "Pro Bono Awards Program" at The Milestone in Easton from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The event is being held to recognize those in the legal profession who have helped clients and/or the agencies.

Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels

and gender and patterns of violence behavior are passed from one generation to the next. An estimated 30% of those witnesses of violence in their homes become perpetrators of violence. In 2008 - 2009 1,603 individuals received services from MSCFV. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, battering is the most common, yet least reported crime in the United States and the FBI reports that a battering incident occurs every 15-18 seconds.

All are welcome to participate in "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" events and services. MSCFV is a non-profit organization which has been providing services since 1980. To learn more visit www.msfcv.org or if you or someone you know is in need of our services call our 1-800-927-4673 hotline.

Hurricane Irene: August 2011

During the end of August, Hurricane Irene passed through the Queen Anne's County area with high winds, heavy rains, and local flooding. Several roadways were made impassable by downed trees and power lines, and many residents were left stranded due to flooding of roadways. Deputies from the Office of the Sheriff were assigned to various locations throughout the county during the storm. Those deputies provided continuous patrols even during the most severe weather conditions, ensuring the safety of all county residents.

Sadly, one life was lost in the Queenstown area as a result of the

storm, and deputies were on scene to conduct their investigation and provide assistance to the family as needed. The citizens of the county can be proud of their Sheriff's Office and the dedication to public safety displayed by all those men and women who provided necessary law enforcement services even in the face of severe weather.

A great reference tool would be a short video prepared by Sheriff Gary Hofmann that could apply to major events as well as possible upcoming snow storms.

Click on the link to view the youtube video. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftIY9Vxna8Y&feature=youtu.be>



Hurricane Irene, August 27th 2011 caused over \$7 billion dollars in damage, killed 44 people, one in Queen Anne's County, and over 3 million people lost power for several days.

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Lewis Edward Hanifee

FTA/2nd Degree Assault

Last known address:
29 Lake Forrest Circle Felton, DE

**Sheriff Hofmann's
Perp of the Month**



Asa Neuwiller

FTA/Support Hearing

Last known address:
958 Chester River Rd. Chestertown



Phillip Randolph Nelson II

CDS Charges

Last known address:
124 Bree Court Grasonville



Shawn Geary Wiseman

Violation of Probation

Last known address:
10 8th St. Ridgely



Adrian Bruce Murray

VOP/Possession of CDS

Last known address:
23634 Henry Rd. Ridgely



Samantha Ann Monroe

Fail to Comply/CDS Charges

Last known address:
115 Miller St. Sudlersville
540 Maple Ave. Middletown, DE



Robert Allen Sauers

VOP/Theft Over \$1,000

Last known address:
517 High Street Chestertown



Michael Bradley Trigg

FTA/Driving While Suspended

Last known address:
209 Prospect Bay Drive East
Grasonville



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Halloween Safety Tips For Parents

Have your child wear bright clothing and stay in a well lit area.



**Sheriff Gary Hofmann,
Jocelyn Krause, Manager,
Samantha Kamm, Assistant Manager
at Walgreens in Chester, MD.**

Always chaperone your child or have a responsible adult to take your child trick-or-treating.

Throw away any unwrapped candy.

Have your child carry a flashlight at all times.

Do not let your child go into a strange neighborhood.

Don't let your child wear a costume that restricts his or her vision.

Report any suspicious activity to your local police or Sheriff's Office.

Drive your vehicle with more caution.

Try to get a handle on your children's plans before they go out.

Explain to them that you want them to have a good time, and that you do not tolerate the vandalism of another person's property.

Halloween Safety Starts at Home

There's nothing spooky about Halloween safety. Use these common-sense Halloween safety tips to protect your ghosts and goblins.

*By: Mayo Clinic Staff
(www.mayoclinic.com)*

It's the time of year for tricks and treats, costumes and sweets. Put Halloween safety first with these common-sense tips.

Carving safely

Are your children begging to carve pumpkins? Make Halloween safety a family affair. Use markers. Let young children draw faces on pumpkins with washable markers. Leave the carving to an adult. Invest in pumpkin cutters. With supervision, older children can carve their own pumpkins with special pumpkin cutters equipped with safety bars. Use candles with care. Place candlelit pumpkins on a sturdy surface away from curtains and other flammable objects. Never leave candlelit pumpkins unattended.

Clever costumes

From furry animals to princesses and superheroes, choosing costumes wisely is an important part of Halloween safety. The brighter the better. Whether you buy a costume or make one yourself, choose bright colors and flame-retardant materials. If your child will be trick-or-treating outdoors after dark, attach reflective tape to his or her costume.

Size it right. In case it's chilly outdoors, make sure your child's costume is loose enough for warm clothing to be worn underneath — but not long enough to cause tripping. Avoid oversized shoes and high heels.

Skip the masks. A mask can obstruct your child's vision, especially if it slips out of place. Use kid-friendly makeup instead. Limit accessories. Pointed props - such as wands, swords and knives - may pose safety hazards.

Trick or treat

The promise of Halloween candy may leave stars in your child's eyes. But Halloween safety still rules.

Get in on the fun. Accompany trick-or-treaters younger than age 12. Pin a piece of paper with your child's name, address and phone number inside your child's pocket in case you get separated. Encourage older kids to trick-or-treat with a group of friends, parents or

older siblings. Make sure someone in the group carries a flashlight with fresh batteries.

Stay close to home. Don't allow your child to go door to door in an unfamiliar neighborhood.

Set ground rules. If your child will be trick-or-treating without you, establish a route and set a curfew. Review safety rules, including staying with the group, walking only on the sidewalk, approaching only clearly lit homes and never going inside a home. You may want to give your child a cell phone for the evening should he or she need to contact you.

Inspect the treats carefully. Don't let your child snack while he or she is trick-or-treating. Inspect the treats first — and discard anything that's not sealed, has torn packaging or looks questionable. If you have young children, weed out gum, peanuts, hard candies and other choking hazards.

Plan a party

Consider planning a trick-or-treat party with a couple of neighbors instead of house-to-house door knocking. Decorate the garages, have a costume contest, and plan games and prizes. This can be safer and healthier, and it allows your child to interact with more children.

A sweet and safe home front

If you'll be handing out treats, make sure you're ready for trick-or-treaters.

Clean up. Put away anything trick-or-treaters could trip over, such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations. Clear wet leaves, snow and ice

from the sidewalk. Turn the lights on. Replace any burned-out bulbs to ensure good visibility at your door and the walkway leading up to it.

Control your pets. Take no chances that your pet might be frightened and chase or bite a child at your door.

Consider sugar substitutes. Instead of handing out sugar-laden treats, try stickers, glittery pencils, rubber insects or colored chalk.

If you'll be driving on Halloween, watch for children who might pop out between parked cars. Be especially careful entering or leaving driveways and alleys. Extra caution can help ensure Halloween safety for everyone.



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