



The Reston Reliance



Reston District Station

“Providing Our Community a Solid Foundation Through Excellence”

Summer 2007

My Neighborhood Police Incident Mapping

In June of 2007 Fairfax County released its *My Neighborhood Police Incident Mapping* web application to the public, showcasing its capabilities at the Fairfax Fair. The Police Incident Mapping portion of My Neighborhood has brought a visual representation of Fairfax County Police Department response to actual calls for service to the citizens it serves in a timely fashion. Police incident information, displayed on a map and in list format, is originally entered into the County’s computer aided dispatch system by the Department of Public Safety Communications (911 call center) and then processed into a format that allows the information to be shown on a map, within 48 hours of the time the incident is reported.

Incidents displayed on the Police Incident Map are presented as symbols placed along the street line segment in a location based on address and reported by the block number. Symbol placement is not exact and should not be associated with the particular address near which it is placed. Some incident types do not appear on the map and others are represented as part of a broad category. This, along with the general placement of symbols, is done to protect the victims. Incident types included in the My Neighborhood Police Incident Mapping application were determined through focus groups held with members of the Fairfax County community with representation from each of the eight police districts and include: Assault, Burglary, Destruction, Drug Offense, Larceny, Noise Violation, Robbery, Peeping, Prowling, Sex Offense, Stolen Vehicle and Vehicle Tampering.

Often, when a call taker receives information from a citizen regarding the need for police response, the original incident description may vary from what is discovered by responding officers. For instance, if a resident calls to report a stranger seen outside a neighbor’s home and suspects that a burglary may be about to happen, the call may be initially entered as a possible burglary.

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Reston District

Come see the Helicopter, Motorcycles, Police Cars, Police Dogs, McGruff, Police Car moon Bounce and much, much more



Open House

12000 Bowman Towne Drive

September 22, 2007

11 a.m.– 3 p.m.



Police Station

Please contact the Reston District Station, Crime Prevention Office with any question about the open house at (703) 478-0799

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Under Investigation

Reports of Police Impersonators Being Investigated

The Fairfax County Police Department has recently received reports of possible police impersonators making traffic stops in the county. The vehicle and driver descriptions are different in each case. The incidents have occurred on different days of the week, at different times and different locations. Unmarked vehicles, with blue emergency lights flashing in the dashboard, were used in each of the cases. The drivers of two of the vehicles were in casual clothes similar to those worn during training. The third stop was made by a person wearing a blue/gray uniform with a shiny belt and badge, but no patches on the sleeves.

The Fairfax County Police Department encourages motorists to abide by all traffic laws. Officers are required to identify themselves and, at some point, explain the reason for the stop. If an unmarked vehicle displaying flashing blue lights attempts to stop you in Fairfax County and you are uncertain as to the authenticity of the vehicle:

- Activate your vehicle's emergency flashers
- Drive carefully and immediately to the nearest well lighted and populated area or a police or fire station
- Dial 9-1-1 if possible. Give your location and ask the call taker to stay on the line
- Beep your horn to attract attention
- Lock your doors and stay in your vehicle and wait for the officer to approach
- You may ask for a uniformed officer operating a marked police vehicle to respond to the scene

Suspected Police Impersonator Assaults Woman

A 17-year-old South Riding-area teenager was assaulted by a man who allegedly identified himself as a police officer. She was driving westbound on Route 50

around 11:50 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, when she saw a car behind her with a flashing blue light in the dashboard. The woman pulled to the right shoulder near Plaza Lane, across from the Greenbriar Shopping Center in Chantilly. A man approached her driver-side window and ordered her out of the car. The woman questioned him and the suspect quickly flashed some sort of badge or identification. He again demanded that she exit the car. The victim got out and the suspect pushed her against the door and touched her inappropriately. The victim screamed, reached into her car in an attempt to blow the horn and the suspect drove off. The victim was not injured.

The suspect was described as white, in his 30s. He was about 6 feet tall and weighed approximately 160 pounds. He was wearing dark clothing. The suspect was driving an older model Chevrolet Caprice with dull, black paint. The car had a flashing blue light in the dash and tinted windows.

Police are asking the public's assistance with any information regarding this incident. If you have information or were in that area at the time of the assault, please call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131 or Fairfax County Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

Robbery & Assault

A 21-year-old Herndon-area man was assaulted and robbed outside an apartment building in the 11600 block of Charter Oak Lane on Tuesday, July 10, just after 2 a.m. The man was walking alone when two men approached him. One brandished a handgun and demanded money. The victim ran and was chased down by both suspects, who then punched him several times and robbed him. The victim was not seriously injured.

The suspects are both described as black, 20 to 25 years

Three ways to receive
The Reston Reliance newsletter:



1. Contact the Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799
2. E-mail PFC Erica Slight to be added to our hardcopy mailing list at erica.slight@fairfaxcounty.gov
3. Sign up at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter to receive notifications to download current newsletters

FAIRFAX COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

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old. One suspect was approximately 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed about 250 pounds. The second suspect was approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighed about 140 pounds. Both suspects were wearing black, hooded sweat shirts and black bandanas partially covering their faces.

Assault & Larceny

A 48-year-old Reston man was assaulted after his cellular phone was taken from him. On Monday, June 25, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the victim was walking near 11806 Spectrum Center in Reston. He was talking on his cellular phone when a teenager allegedly grabbed the phone and began walking away. The victim followed the teenager and caught him while he was with a group of friends. Another young man allegedly punched the victim. The teenagers fled with the cellular phone. The victim was not seriously injured.

Alert patrol officers detained and identified several teenagers. The suspects were identified from this group. A 15-year-old from Suitland, Maryland was arrested and released to his parents. He was charged with grand larceny from a person. A 16-year-old from Augusta, Georgia was arrested and released to his parents. He was charged with assault.

Burglary (Garage)



Three men reportedly stole a television and the contents of a parked car from a garage in the 9800 block of Mill Run Drive. A 64-year-old Great Falls man awoke to find the three people in his garage at about 2:30 a.m. The men entered through an open garage door. When the man went to investigate, the men fled in a waiting vehicle, driven by a fourth person. There were no injuries. Two suspects were described as about 5 feet 8 inches tall, and the third was around 6 feet tall. All weighed about 180 pounds. There is no description of the driver of the vehicle.

Closed by Arrest

Bank Robbery

Police arrested Horace Smith, 41, at his home on Castle Rock Square around 10:20 p.m. The investigation concluded on Wednesday, July 11. Detectives and officers from the Reston Selective Enforcement Team set up surveillance on Smith's home. When Smith attempted to

drive away, he was taken into custody without incident. Smith was charged with robbery.

Employees of the Access National Bank located at 1800 Robert Fulton Drive were robbed on Friday, July 6, just after 3 p.m. A man walked into the bank and handed a teller a note demanding money. The teller handed over an undisclosed amount of cash. There were no injuries.

Robbery

On Monday, July 2, at about 3:10 a.m. a 52-year-old Reston-area woman was walking into the 7-Eleven store at 2303 Soapstone Drive when a man allegedly approached her as she reached for the door. He grabbed her purse, ran to a car, and sped away. An officer was nearby and immediately chased the suspect. The suspect eventually crashed and ran from the scene. The officers caught the suspect a couple of houses away. The suspect was not injured. The victim received minor injuries. John McCaw Flynn, 36, of Hunt Country Lane, Vienna was arrested and charged with robbery, reckless driving, hit and run, and speed to elude.

Auto Theft

A police investigation into nine stolen vehicles has led to the arrests of eight people. The vehicles were all reported stolen between April and July in the Reston area. Police recovered the majority of those vehicles in Reston; the remaining ones were recovered in Loudoun County. In most cases, alert patrol officers located and apprehended the alleged car thieves with the vehicles. Evidence obtained determined that these nine vehicles were stolen by the same group of individuals. In addition to the cars, the suspects also allegedly stole license plates and used credit cards found inside the stolen vehicles. ***In all nine cases, the doors were left unlocked with the keys inside when the cars were stolen.***

In conjunction with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, eight males were arrested. Four of those charged were juveniles, two 15-year-olds and two 17-year-olds, from the Reston and Ashburn areas. One 17-year-old was charged with three counts of grand larceny (auto) and credit card theft. The second 17-year-old was charged with grand larceny (auto) and receiving stolen property. One 15-year-old was charged with grand larceny (auto).

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The other 15-year-old boy was charged with three counts of grand larceny (auto).

Four adults were also arrested in connection with the investigation. Joaquin Fuentes, 18, of North Shore Drive, was charged with grand larceny (auto) and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Jose Lopez, 19, and Edwin Geovani, 21, both of no fixed address, were charged with receiving stolen property. Lopez was also charged with grand larceny (auto). Pedro Arias, 18, of Covent Gardens Court, was charged with receiving stolen property and forgery.

Girl Charged for Setting Fires

A Reston girl has been charged for setting fires in two trash cans and one vehicle. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department fire investigators charged the girl on June 26 for setting fire to property valued at less than \$200 and for setting fires capable of destroying property valued at more than \$200. The charges were in connection to two trashcan fires on June 25 and a car fire on June 26. No injuries were reported. The girl will be held at the juvenile detention center pending a court hearing. She will be charged with a class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable by confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and/or a fine of not more than \$2,500, as well as a class 6 felony, which is punishable by a term of 1 to 5 years in jail, or confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and/or a fine of not more than \$2,500.

Neighborhood Watch Leads to an Arrest

A Neighborhood Watch volunteer called the police about a suspicious person in the Windermere neighborhood in Great Falls. On Wednesday, July 11, at about 6:30 p.m., officers responded to the area. Police identified the 20-year-old man and learned that he was soliciting without a license. The suspect collected several donations for a bogus baseball team.

The locations were:

10000 block of Lake Windermere Drive (2 events),
900 block of Welham Green Road,
8000 block of Brook Road

Justin M. Desmoss, 20, of Francesville, Indiana was arrested and charged with larceny by false pretense.

Traffic Related**Officers Target Drunk Drivers in July**

The Fairfax County Police Department, in the interest of promoting safe and sober driving, launched its "Safe and Sober Summer" program. The purpose of the campaign, which ran from Saturday, July 7, through Friday, August 3, was to educate the public about the dangers of irresponsible drinking and driving. During the last campaign, well over 100 drunk and impaired drivers were arrested.



The "Safe and Sober Summer" program consisted of 12 select officers and 10 auxiliary officers from a variety of stations and the motorcycle unit. They formed a roving squad with the primary purpose of identifying and arresting drunk drivers. These officers worked both weekdays and weekends throughout the evening hours. DWI checkpoints were also conducted as part of the strategic plan to combat impaired driving. The third component of the plan, "Operation Shoulder Tap", involves alcohol stings whereby underage cadets attempted to purchase alcohol from a variety of establishments.

The "Safe and Sober Summer" program resulted in **899 total charges**, broken down as follows:

- **62 DWI arrests**
- 72 Criminal Arrests
- 49 Reckless driving charges
- 220 speeding summonses
- 89 no operator's license/suspended operator's license summonses
- 407 additional miscellaneous traffic summonses

Captain Bowman, commander of the Traffic Division, said that "drunk and impaired drivers caused approximately 17,000 alcohol-related fatalities throughout the U.S. in 2006. There were 17 alcohol-related crashes in Fairfax County in 2006 resulting in 19 deaths. The Fairfax County Police Department is serious about enforcing Virginia's DWI related laws and our officers know exactly what to look for. When we find you driving while impaired we will arrest you. No warnings, no second chance. Your life, your future and the lives of others depend on your decision to not drive under the influence."

Fill the Police Car With Food For the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry

This year at the Reston District Station's Open House on September 22, 2007 we are asking the community to donate non-perishable food items to fill a police car with food for the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry. A marked police car will be parked at the Open House for you to put a food donation into the car. The Reston District Station has been collecting food for the Food Pantry for several years through our Child Safety Seat Inspection program. In 2006, the stations total donations reached over 1100 lbs of food to the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry. Reston Interfaith is a non-profit organization serving Northern Virginia that promotes self-sufficiency by providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality child care, and other human services. You can learn more about Reston Interfaith on their website, www.restoninterfaith.org.

Most Needed Items :

- Cereal, Other Breakfast Items
- Jelly
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Children's Pasta (Chef Boyardee, etc.)
- Helper Meals (easy make)
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Beans - all sorts (canned or dry)
- Canned Mixed Vegetables - regular or no salt (all sorts)
- Canned Peas
- Canned Meat or Fish (tuna, salmon, chicken, ham)



Please help the Reston District Station fill a police car full of food to stock the shelves of the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry. Non-perishable food will be collected starting at the Open House and continue until September 28, 2007 when the food will be turned over to the Food Pantry in the police car. If you have any questions about the food drive or food collection information for the Open House, please call the Reston Crime Prevention Office at 703-478-0799.

Special Police Hotline Unveiled

The Fairfax County Police Department has established a special telephone hotline to handle an increasing number of citizen complaints about large commercial dumpsters and self-contained, portable storage units, on the streets in their neighborhoods. The hotline number, (703) 280-0583, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Citizens of Fairfax County can alert police to a potential problem with the location of a commercial dumpster or self-contained storage unit on the street. This hotline should not be used to report issues involving self-contained storage units on private property (i.e. in a neighbor's driveway).

An investigator from the police department will respond to the reported location to assess the situation. If the investigator determines that the container is in a location that creates a traffic hazard, it will be removed from the location immediately. The container will be purged of its contents and stored by the Fairfax County Police Department.

If the container is not deemed to be a traffic hazard, but is in violation of Fairfax County Code Section 15.2-2018, the owner of the container, not the homeowner, will be notified of the violation and will have four working days to remove it. If the container is not removed within the allotted four-day period, the police department will have it removed.

In both scenarios, the cost incurred for removal and storage will be absorbed by the owner of the container, not the homeowner.

A summons will be issued or a warrant obtained for the owner of the container, at the time of the removal.

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When officers arrive and conduct their preliminary investigation they may determine that the stranger was in fact a neighborhood youth who has broken a fence slat. In this example the map would display a destruction symbol rather than a burglary symbol.

By using the incident type associated with responding officer's findings rather than the incident type as perceived by callers the Police Incident Mapping allows users to see the most accurate information available at the time that the call is closed. Users of the site are cautioned to keep this in mind when accessing information appearing on the site. The data represented through My Neighborhood Police Incident Mapping gives the user insight into what is occurring on a given street or area. Please visit the My Neighborhood Police Incident Mapping at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police by clicking on "Incident Mapping" in the "Quick Links" box.

Crossing Guards Needed!

Are you looking for a way to make a few extra dollars? Become a crossing guard.

Pay: \$14.56 per hour

What do Crossing Guards Do? Work ten hours per week. Control traffic to ensure the safe and orderly movement of student pedestrians to and from school. Monitor operation of wink-o-matic school flashing lights during opening and closing times and report any malfunctions. Report hazardous traffic conditions at student crossing locations.

What qualifications do you need? High school graduation or a G.E.D. issued by a state department of education. Knowledge of traffic regulations; ability and willingness to work in inclement weather; ability to work with children; ability to follow written and oral instructions; tact and courtesy.

Applicants should be able to pass a medical exam provided by the Occupational Health Center. They must satisfactorily complete a criminal background check.

Benefits: Uniforms and training are provided. Employees are able to participate in a retirement program; they earn annual and sick leave according to hours worked (minimum of 1 hour per pay period); they are reimbursed for mileage and afforded the option of enrolling in a health plan if they have more than two crossings.

How do you apply? You can get an application at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police or from the station and send to MPO Janice Mihelarakis at 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Openings in the Reston District Station Area:

Fox Mill Elementary is considered part time (10 hours per week) and has no benefits. Times: 7:40 a.m. - 8:10 a.m. and

2:45 p.m. - clear (Monday 12:20 p.m. - clear).

Sunrise Valley ES is combined with Langston Hughes for a full time position (20 hours per week). Full benefits are included for these two crossings combined.

South Lakes/ Langston times: 6: 55 a.m. - 7:25 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. - clear.

Sunrise Valley times: 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. and 3:50 p.m. - clear (Monday 1:25 p.m. - clear).

COME JOIN OUR TEAM



CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

Call 703-478-0904 for more information



Reston Business Crime Watch

Taking Safety to Work With You, Crime Prevention at Work

By Katy Fernbacher

Safety should not be something that you reserve for your home and your family. It should follow you to work everyday. The same basic principles of safety and security should translate into your job and business.

While at work, you should always:

- Lock up your belongings, such as purses, wallets, iPods and valuables, when you are not at your desk.
- Check the identity of any person in a secure area that does not have proper identification displayed on their person. Call security or management. If an area is secured, do not allow any person to “piggy back” behind you through a door. This creates a possibly dangerous situation by allowing someone who does not belong in a building or area.
- Make sure you know the fastest and safest way out of the building. Know the evacuation plan for your building. If you do not have an evacuation plan, ask about having one completed and posted throughout the building. It is a good idea to practice the plan so you and your co-workers know where to go and what to do in case of an emergency.
- Let security or management know of any areas of the building or parking lot that you feel are not safe. Report all flickering lights, burned out lights, doors that do not close or lock properly or any part of the property that is in disrepair to management or security so they can be addressed.

Report any suspicious activities in or around your place of business. You know what is normal and what is out of the ordinary. By reporting suspicious activity you show pride in your place of business and you could stop a crime before it happens.

Suspicious activity is anything that looks out of place or does not feel right. You see the same things everyday at work and know when something is out of place. Those things that are out of place are the things that should be reported. Any person that does not follow company protocol, like displaying a photo ID should be reported to security or management immediately.

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Crime Solvers Unveils a New Crime Fighting Tool with the Help of a Local Business

With the help of a local business, Fairfax County Crime Solvers has hit the streets advertising its anonymous tip line. Drivers in the Metropolitan region will now see the regional tip line telephone number on a rolling billboard as they make their commute every day. Go-Mobile Alliance has provided the space on their mobile advertising trucks as a way to give back to the community. The large, bright yellow advertisements are hard to miss as they roll down the highway with “Sherlock” and the tip line number prominently displayed on these new, state of the art vehicles.

Fairfax County Crime Solvers works closely with other Crime Solvers programs in the region to promote a regional tip line. Crime Solvers programs are non-profit organizations operated by business leaders and citizens. They provide an anonymous tip line for the public to report information on crimes that occur in their jurisdiction. Crime Solvers provides that information to their respective police or sheriff’s departments for investigation. If that information leads to arrests, case closures, or the recovery of stolen property or narcotics, the anonymous tipster is then eligible for a cash reward of \$100 to \$1,000. Crime Solvers programs are able to pay those tipsters because of the generous donations received from both businesses and citizens alike. Without those donations, the programs could not function. Crime Solvers is not funded or operated by law enforcement.

Information provided by tipsters has made an impact on case closures around the region. For example, in Fairfax County last year, information received through the tip line closed 16 bank robberies, 10 of which occurred in Fairfax County. Most recently, a tipster’s information led to the arrest of another serial bank robber in May. He was responsible for two bank robberies in Fairfax County in 2006, as well as possibly 11 others around the region.

On Thursday, June 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., representatives from the GoMobile Alliance and two of their trucks will be available to the media at police headquarters. In addition, members of the Fairfax County Crime Solvers board and the National Capital Area Crime Solvers board will be on hand to answer questions. Any media wishing to attend should contact PFC Shelley Broderick in the Police Public Information Office at 703-246-2253 to coordinate.

Fairfax County Police Department Adds Convenience To Reporting Non-violent Crimes

Fairfax County residents who are victims or witnesses of certain misdemeanor crimes can file police reports by telephone or online. The “Citizen Reporting System,” or CRS, operates seven days a week and includes evening hours. Although the CRS system has been in place since 2003, and telephone reporting was available before then, the Police Department has recently introduced some enhancements to improve accessibility. The system has been centralized at police headquarters, and a cadre of officers is assigned to the system full time.

Not all crimes can be reported using the Citizen Reporting System. The following criteria must be present to use the system:

- The crime or incident must have occurred within Fairfax County;
- The identity of the suspect must not be known, or the citizen must not want to pursue criminal prosecution;
- The report is being made for informational and/or insurance purposes only and the citizen understands and agrees that the Police Department will take no further action;
- The suspect information is so general in nature that it provides no real investigative leads (i.e., blue van or white man).

An example of a crime that could be reported using CRS would be a missing bicycle. A young boy leaves his bicycle in the front yard one night and doesn’t realize it’s missing for a few days. No one knows when the crime happened and there aren’t any suspects or leads. The parents are able to go online, fill out the required information and within 24 hours receive a case number. The case number can be used for insurance claims.

The following types of crimes or incidents can be reported using CRS (keeping in mind the criteria mentioned above):

- Alcohol violation
- Counterfeit prescription
- Check/credit card case
- Civil dispute
- Destruction of property, littering
- Disorderly conduct
- Drunk in public
- DWI
- Forgery
- Fraud
- Larceny under \$5,000
- Loitering
- Lost property

- Parking violation
- Solicitor violation
- Suspicious vehicles, persons or events
- Telephone violation
- Traffic violation
- Trespassing
- Vehicle tampering

Reports cannot be handled using CRS if any of the following criteria apply:

- The offender is still on the scene or the incident occurred within the last 30 minutes;
- The crime was perpetrated based upon race, religion or national origin;
- The report is for a lost or stolen passport or firearm.

One convenient option for those with access to a computer is through the Department’s online reporting system. Citizens can visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police and click on the link to “file a police report.” They follow the directions, providing all the information required about the crime, and receive a case number within 24 hours. The second method for filing certain reports is through the Department’s non-emergency phone number at 703-691-2131. Citizens tell the call taker they would like to use the Citizen’s Reporting System (CRS) to report a crime (or incident). If citizens choose this option, their names and contact numbers will be taken by the call taker and a CRS officer will call them back to take the report over the phone. This process typically takes less than 24 hours to complete.

The advantage to using CRS is convenience. Instead of having an officer respond to take a report, citizens can file the report at a time and location convenient to them. Waiting for an officer to free up from more urgent calls is eliminated. When the reports are filed online, officers can e-mail a case number, for documentation or for insurance purposes, usually within 24 hours.

When citizens use CRS, patrol officers are able to use their time to conduct proactive and preventive patrols, such as traffic enforcement, community policing, high visibility patrols in residential and business districts and criminal/drug interdiction.

Information obtained by CRS officers assists the Police Department in preventing crimes by allowing the Department to analyze trends, locations and times of incidents. The report may also assist in the identification and return of stolen property recovered as a result of other investigations.

For more information on CRS visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police.

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

LOCK IT...



BEFORE YOU LEAVE IT

The Reston District Station is asking for your help in reducing criminal activity. There are many things that you can do to help reduce thefts, deter burglary and prevent or reduce auto theft, just to name a few!

- Lock vehicle doors at all times
- Park vehicles in well lit areas
- Do not leave valuables in vehicles
- Do not leave keys in vehicles
- Items that must be left in vehicles should be kept hidden from view
- Lock all of your doors at home
- Keep garage doors closed
- Participate in Neighborhood Watch
- Report any and all suspicious activity



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Fairfax County Police Department

Non-Emergency

703-691-2131

Emergency

911



by neighbors who care

To request this information in an alternate format, call the Reston Crime Prevention Office at 703-478-0799. TTY 703-204-2264

Reston CAC Selects Officers of the Quarter

By Maurice Sovern

MPO Jon R. Pearson and Officer Jonathan R. Luety were selected as Officers of the Quarter by the Awards Committee of the Reston Citizen's Police Advisory Committee (CAC). Both are being recognized for their combined apprehension of a dangerous robbery suspect.

On April 12, 2007, at 11:43 p.m. MPO Pearson was dispatched to an armed robbery in the 11500 block of North Shore Drive in Reston. The victim, who was a Domino's Pizza delivery driver, stated he was just robbed at knife point while delivering a pizza. The victim stated the suspect approached him wearing a ski mask and dressed in all black. The suspect displayed a gold-colored knife and demanded the victim's money. The victim relinquished cash, checks and credit card receipts to the suspect. The suspect fled on foot.

Moments later the victim observed a vehicle leaving the apartment complex at a high rate of speed. He noticed the driver crash into a street sign and gave police dispatch a vehicle description and direction of travel.

MPO Pearson and Officer Luety were in the area and responded to the scene quickly. They arrived at the same time and noticed the suspect vehicle disabled with damage about a half mile from the robbery location. MPO Pearson and Officer Luety took the driver to the ground at gun point and held him there until back-up units arrived. When additional units arrived the suspect was handcuffed.

The victim could not identify the driver due to him wearing a mask. The victim did observe this driver run over a street sign at North Shore Drive and Village Drive and leave the scene. Patrol units checked the area and noticed a street sign lying in the roadway. He was now being detained for Hit and Run. A protective sweep of the driver's area of the vehicle was conducted by MPO Pearson. A gold-colored knife was discovered under the driver's seat, the same type of knife described by the victim of the robbery. The driver was now in custody for armed robbery. A search incident to arrest of the vehicle was conducted. Inside the trunk Officer Luety lo-

cated cash, Domino's credit card invoices, Domino's checks, a navy blue ski mask and black clothing.

The quick actions of MPO Pearson and Officer Luety in this case took a violent suspect off the street in the Reston area. The victim in this case was very grateful that this suspect was now in custody and no longer a threat to the community.

Their quick actions, bravery, diligence and dedication are examples of the superior service, the grateful citizens of the Reston Police District, have come to expect. They are to be saluted for bringing credit to the Reston Station and the citizens of the Reston Police District.

The Selection Committee consisted of the CAC Chair Jenise Roach, Vice Chair, Mr. William Daliz, Mrs. Dee Cotton, Ms. Tracey Ryan and CAC Representative to the Chief's Council, Maurice Sovern.

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If you are reporting something to the police or internally to security or management, here are some things to remember:

- The time that the incident occurred
- A description of any person or vehicle involved
- If anyone else saw the same thing you did
- If you have called security or management (if you are calling the police)
- If a weapon was displayed or implied

The Reston Crime Prevention office provides an e-mail alert system for businesses. This system sends out public releases of crimes that have occurred in Fairfax County. These releases provide the type of crime committed and may include video, photos, and descriptions of any suspects. The Reston Crime Prevention Office also provides a Safety and Security Site Survey for any business in the Reston District. If you are interested in either of these free services, please contact PFC Katy Fernbacher at katy.fernbacher@fairfaxcounty.gov or call the Reston Crime Prevention office at 703-478-0799.

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 and may cover 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 7:15 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. ***The next meeting is September 20, at 7:30 p.m.***

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!

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 **Erica Slaight** at erica.slaight@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Reston Police Newsletter: Please contact us if you are interested in being on our e-mail/ mailing list for the monthly *Reston Reliance* 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

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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



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