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Park Police Provide Security for Presidential Inauguration

by Sgt. Harvey Baker

Park Police Officers from both Prince Georges and Montgomery County Divisions participated in the 55th Inauguration of the President of the United States George W. Bush. With more than 3,500 local, county, and state law enforcement personnel assisting with security related operations, the inauguration was designated a National Security Event. Park Police sent two squads of mounted officers and a group of 10 specially trained officers as part of the Montgomery County Special Event Response Team (SERT). SERT is a multi-agency enforcement team trained to respond to various incidents in the region that may require crowd control.

Park Police were assigned to the parade route, federal parks and at various inaugural locations. It was a historic but long, cold day with the officers working from 10-17 hours straight. SERT Team members included Lt. David McClintock, Sgt. Harvey Baker, Officers Justin Andrews, William Kellogg, Changsup Kim, Thomas Mock, Sabrina Oglesby, Joshua Scully, and Richard Roberts. Mounted Officers included Lts. Linus Louketis and Gerard Wilson, Sgts. Glenn Jones, Michael Murphy, Richard Pelicano, Christopher Tippery, and Officers Jeffrey Adcock, Megan Anderson, Dennis Benden, Yasmin Brown, Paul Christ, Howard Johnson, James Lawrence, Jeffrey Murphy, Ernie Newman, James Power, Adam Sengbusch, Sheri Severn, Amy Sheehan, Sean Thomas, and Noell White. Congratulations go to all on a job well done! 



L-R: Lt. Linus Louketis, Officers Paul Christ, Sean Thomas, Dennis Benden, Adam Sengbusch, and Jeffrey Adcock



Park Police Join DWI Task Force

Members from the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, Montgomery County Division, joined forces with Montgomery County Police, Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and other Montgomery County law enforcement agencies to keep Montgomery County roads safe during the holidays. Sergeant Chris Tippery, Officers Brandy Malocha, Lauryn McNeill, John Polk, Joshua Scully, Adam Sengbusch, Cindy Weisman, and Christian Ziegler participated in the 2004 Holiday Impaired Driving Task Force.

From November 24, 2004 to January 8, 2005, the Task Force increased enforcement of drinking and driving violations, aggressive driving behaviors of teen drivers, underage drinking parties, and underage alcohol purchases. By conducting sobriety checkpoints, dispersing underage drinking parties, and checking identification at liquor stores and restaurants throughout Montgomery County, the Task Force intercepted and prevented many potential tragedies.

Because there have been so many teenage accidents lately in Montgomery County, the Task Force focused on teen drivers who speed, engage in street racing, and drive impaired. Saturation Patrols were also used during the campaign. A Saturation Patrol targets a specific roadway or area where there have been fatalities and impaired driving in the past. Specially trained volunteer adults and teenagers assisted with the law enforcement by spotting violators and reporting them to one of the Task Force officers.

The 2004 Holiday Impaired Driving Task Force was a huge success with 212 driving under the influence arrests and 664 alcohol citations. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an impaired driving-related collision. Hundreds of thousands more are injured each year. So remember, don't drink and drive. Give your keys to a designated driver. **G**



L-R: Officer John Polk conducts sobriety checkpoint and sobriety test.

Photos by Steve Hagberg



Welcome to New Park Police Officers

Congratulations go to Park Police Officers Todd Archer, Nancy Jones, Alfredo LaPorte II, and Lakeisha Robinson on their graduation from the Montgomery County Police Training Academy, Session 45, on January 6, 2005. The Academy is a grueling six-month program designed to teach and prepare candidates for their new roles as police officers.

All the graduates will now complete a 14-16 week field training program under the supervision of Field Training Coordinator Officer Neita White. Best wishes go to our new police officers! 📷



Chief Barber congratulates Officer Alfredo LaPorte II.



Chief Barber congratulates Officer Nancy Jones.



Chief Barber congratulates Officer Todd Archer.



Chief Barber congratulates Officer Lakeisha Robinson.

Photos by Lt. Brian Smith



Be Smart: Buckle Up

by Lt. Stanley Johnson, Prince George's Division

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Montgomery and Prince George's Park Police are participating in the 2005 Maryland Chiefs' Challenge, Tuesday, April 5 through Sunday, June 5. This campaign challenges the Maryland law enforcement community to increase public awareness of the use of safety belts and child safety seats. During this campaign, the Park Police will increase enforcement of Maryland's seat belt and child safety seat laws throughout Prince George's and Montgomery County's park systems.

It's a proven fact that buckling up your seat belt and the use of child safety seats saves lives. Traffic crashes are the number one cause of death and injury for children after the first year of life. Each year, 1,700 children die and almost 300,000 are injured in motor vehicle accidents. Six out of 10 children killed in crashes are completely unrestrained.

Traffic injuries are the leading cause of death for people ages six to 27. They are also the leading cause of on-

the-job fatalities and the third leading cause of death for all Americans. Only cancer and heart attacks claim more American lives. Every hour someone dies in America simply because they did not take the time to buckle up. Every 14 seconds someone is injured in a traffic accident; 10,000 of those who died while unrestrained could have been saved if they had been wearing seat belts.



Buckle up. It's easy and it takes only three seconds. Once a person establishes the habit of wearing seat belts on every trip, it's usually a habit for life.

Seat belts work. They are the most effective means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries when traffic crashes occur. Research has found that lap/shoulder belts, when used properly, reduce the risk of fatal injury to the front passengers by 45 percent.

Remember to Buckle Up. It's the law! For more information contact Lt. Stanley Johnson, Prince George's Division, 301-429-5686, or Officer Brandy Malocha, Montgomery County Division, 301-962-1674. **G**

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Public Safety Memorial: Montgomery County's Tribute to Its Fallen Heroes


Presently, Montgomery County does not have a memorial to honor public safety officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Therefore, the County Executive and County Council have allocated funds to construct a Public Safety Officers Memorial on the grounds of the Public Service Training Academy in Rockville, Maryland and are challenging the private sector to match these funds. This long overdue tribute to the County's fallen heroes will ensure that they and their service to the community are never forgotten.

Public safety agencies have always been necessary to preserve and enhance the quality of life for which Montgomery County is known. In the wake of September 11th and the increasing threats to the nation's homeland, the importance of public safety has become more evident.

The memorial will represent five public safety agencies in Montgomery County responsible for preserving the peace, protecting residents, and maintaining a safe community:

- The Maryland-National Capital Park Police, Montgomery County Division
- Montgomery County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services
- Montgomery County Police
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

These agencies employ more than 3,000 sworn personnel and 500 civilians and collectively respond to hundreds of thousands of calls for assistance each year. Ted Clausen, a Boston-based artist, has been commissioned to design the Memorial. The Public Safety Officers Memorial is being coordinated through the Public Arts Trust, which is managed by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC). Donations can be mailed to AHCMC, 801 Ellsworth Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. All contributions will be acknowledged and donors will receive notice of the memorial's completion date and an invitation to the dedication ceremony.

A fundraiser for the memorial is being held on Sunday, September 4, 2005, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Smokey Glen Farm in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Activities such as basketball, horseshoes, mini-golf, moonbounce, volleyball, and more will be held throughout the day. Tickets for children between the ages of three and 11 are \$15. Adult tickets are \$25. Free parking is available on-site. All proceeds go to the Public Safety Officers Memorial Fund. The event will be held rain or shine. Hope to see you there! 



Third Annual Keith Joseph Memorial Basketball Tournament Held

by Officer Noell White

The Third Annual Keith Joseph Memorial Basketball Tournament, organized by Officer Noell White and Officer Cindy Weisman, was held on January 24, 2005 at the Gwendolyn Coffield Community Center. Officer Keith Joseph became a Park Police Officer in 1995 and was very involved with several youth groups in Montgomery County. He created the Y2K Basketball Challenge in January 2000, consisting of six basketball teams from various community centers around Montgomery County. Unfortunately, Officer Joseph passed away shortly after the tournament. His wife, Anita, and two sons, K.J. and Abree, survive him.

In 2003, Officer Noell White organized the First Keith Joseph Memorial Basketball Tournament. Growing in participation and support from the community, the tournament has been held annually ever since. It honors Officer Joseph's commitment to providing a safe, fun, and competitive environment for children and strengthening the relationship between police and kids.

The Third Annual Keith Joseph Memorial Basketball Tournament consisted of children from grades 8-10 representing six different Montgomery County community centers: Gwendolyn Coffield, East County, Plum Gar, Wheaton, Damascus, and Good Hope. Park Police Officers and community center directors coached and refereed the teams.

The Coffield Community Center Girls Dance Team, coached by Officer Leatrice DeBruhl, performed at the Tournament. Thank you, Officer DeBruhl, for a great job with the girls. The tournament was a huge success with more than 100 participants and spectators. Officer Joseph's brother, wife, and two sons came by the tournament to show their appreciation and support. The Joseph family presented awards to the Tournament Champions Coffield Community Center and the runner-up East County.



L-R: Keith's Brother Shirvan Joseph, Officer Noell White, and Officer Cindy Weisman



Tournament Champions Coffield Community Center (Coached by Officer Howard Battle and Ron Martin, Director, Coffield Community Center)



Third Annual Keith Joseph Memorial Basketball Tournament Held

Each participant received a free lunch thanks to donations from Pizza Hut, Papa John's, and Domino's Pizza. Thanks go to Giant Food and The Bicycle Place for providing refreshments. Thanks also go to Wheaton Awards & Trophy Shop for donating all the trophies and to FOP Lodge 30 for providing funding for the tournament programs. Sowa & Nicholas Printing & Graphics Company donated their time to make the programs. Thank you Prince George's Park Police Officer Greg Ford for your support and thanks go to all the officers and command staff for their participation and support.

Congratulations go to Officer Battle, Ronald Martin, and Coffield Community Center on their third consecutive Keith Joseph Memorial Basketball Tournament Championship. Officers Weisman and White are looking forward to organizing next year's tournament. Hope to see you there! **G**

L-R: Abree, Anita, and K.J. Joseph



Photos by Ofc. Noell White

The Coffield Community Center Girls Dance Team
(Coached by Officer Leatrice DeBruhl)





The Latest Scoop

George Coleman Promoted to Sergeant

Congratulations go to Officer George Coleman who was promoted to Sergeant on January 17, 2005. George comes to us from Prince George's County where he served for seven years as a Patrol, Mounted, and Motor Officer. Sgt. Coleman is also an Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor. Before coming to the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, George was a University of Maryland Police Officer for four years. Congratulations, Sgt. Coleman, and welcome aboard! **G**



Sgt. George Coleman

Photo by Steve Hagberg

Birth Announcements

Congratulations go to Lieutenants Lisa Vasco and David McClintock on the birth of their daughter Darby Grace McClintock. Weighing in at seven pounds, six ounces, Darby was born on January 21, 2005. **G**

Congratulations go to Michelle Snyder and her husband, Karl, on the birth of their daughter, Isabelle Francis, on January 28, 2005. Isabelle was 20 inches long and weighed in at seven pounds, five ounces. Best wishes go to the Snyder family! **G**

Congratulations also go to Officer Johnie Fennell and his wife on the birth of their girl, Dina Sanaa Fennell. Dina was born on February 13, 2005, and weighed six pounds, 13 ounces. **G**

