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## Nine Officers Complete Horse Mounted Training

Congratulations to the nine officers who completed the 2006 Horse Mounted Training Class. A rigorous ten-week program, the class teaches officers how to ride and take care of their horses from shoeing them to cleaning their stables. Crowd control and defensive tactics on a horse are taught in addition to how to make arrests while riding.

The graduating class performed a musical ride demonstrating their newly acquired skills in a graduation ceremony at the Potomac Horse Center in North Potomac, Maryland. Sergeant Rick Pelicano, the lead instructor, along with Maryland-National Capital Park Police Chief Nathaniel Barber, congratulated the officers on their successful completion of the course. Chief Bernadette DiPino of Ocean City, Maryland, was also there to applaud the group along with a representative from the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department.

Graduates of the class include four officers from the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, Montgomery County Division (Officers Johnny Beason, Jeffrey Coe, Marc Fanelli, and Kelley Hagen); four officers from the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (Sgt. Raymond Chairs, Officers James Crisman, Hyung Moon, and Roderick Torrence); and one Ocean City Police officer (Officer Bruce Stender).

Thanks to all the instructors who made the class possible: Sergeant Rick Pelicano and Officer John Ardivini (Prince George's County Park Police), Sergeant Major (Retired) Dennis Ayres, Officers Pancho Gonzales, and Mariea Clowers from United States Park Police. 



*Photo by Margaret Kingsley*

Horse Mounted Class



# Buckle Up!

by Officer Misti Hoffmaster




Photo by Det. Mau Ly

Lana and Jade Ly buckle up.

**T**he Maryland-National Capital Park Police join the efforts of law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Maryland and across the country to promote the “Click It or Ticket” campaign. Beginning on April 3 through June 3, 2007, the Park Police will participate in this program to increase safety belt use and reduce traffic fatalities.

Every year, thousands of loved ones, valued co-workers, and fellow citizens are needlessly injured or killed in traffic accidents. Many of these injuries and fatalities could have been prevented by safety belt use. In fact, numerous national studies prove that safety belts reduce the risk of serious injury or death by nearly 50 percent, and nearly 60 percent when they are combined with air bags.

Buckle-up every time you drive or ride. Click it right to prevent serious injury: lap belts, shoulder harnesses, and air bags are designed to work together and are most effective when all components are worn correctly. Maryland law allows police to stop a vehicle and issue citations solely for violating the seat belt law. So the next time you are in the car, remember to buckle up. It just may save an important life - yours. 



# Steven Burroughs Graduates From Police Academy

**C**ongratulations to Park Police Officer Steven Burroughs on his graduation from the Montgomery County Police Training Academy, Session 49, on January 11, 2007. The Academy is a demanding six-month program designed to teach and prepare candidates for their new roles as police officers. Officer Burroughs will now complete a 14- to 16-week field training program. Best wishes go to Officer Burroughs. **G**



*Photo by Sgt. Pam  
Skaiife*

Officer Steven Burroughs and his son, Jacob



# Keith Joseph Memorial Tournament

*by Detective Cindy Weisman*

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Keith Joseph Memorial Tournament, organized by Detective Cindy Weisman and Officer Nancy Jones, was held on January 22, 2007, at the Coffield Community Center. Officer Keith Joseph was hired in 1995 and was involved with several youth groups in Montgomery County, in particular, Good Hope's PAL program.

Officer Joseph created the Y2K Basketball Challenge in January 2000. It consisted of six basketball teams from various community centers around Montgomery County. Officer Joseph wished the Y2K tournament to be an annual event and to eventually add all nine community centers in which the Park Police have jurisdiction. Unfortunately, Officer Joseph passed away shortly after the tournament. His wife, Anita and two sons, Keith Jr. and Aubree, survive him.

The tournament has been held annually, growing in the number of teams participating and in support from the community. It honors Officer Joseph's commitment to providing a fun, competitive environment for children and as an avenue to strengthen the relationship between police and youth.

This year's tournament consisted of children grades 8-10 representing six different community centers within Montgomery County: Gwendolyn Coffield, East County, Plum Gar, Scotland, Bauer Drive, and Wheaton. Park Police officers and community center directors coached the teams. Park Police officers refereed all games.



*Photo by Ofc. Cindy Weisman*

Champions East County Community Center



# Keith Joseph Memorial Tournament

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The tournament was a great success with over 100 individuals involved or watching. Coffield Community Center Girls' Dance Team performed at halftime of the championship game. East County played Bauer for the championship, with East County winning. The tournament Most Valuable Player was Steven Griffin from East County

Each participant received a free lunch thanks to donations from Pizza Stop, Domino's, Papa John's, and Giant Food. Participants also received a tournament t-shirt, generously donated by Under Armour. Thanks to Wheaton Awards & Trophy Shop for donating all the trophies. Jamie Nicholas Printing & Graphics Company designed the tournament programs.

Thanks to the command staff and all officers who came by and showed their support. Thanks to Officer Greg Ford from Prince George's Park Police for coming out and doing an excellent job officiating games. Thanks to Officers Nicole Adams, Clay Goldston, Alfredo Laporte, Sabrina Oglesby, Keith Gentry, Howard Battle, Jeff Coe, Codi Evans, and Lt. Tony DeVaul who contributed to the event and helped make this year's tournament another great success. A special thank you to Officer Nancy Jones for all her work in preparation for the tournament and on tournament day. **G**



*Photo by Ofc. Cindy Weisman*

Park Police Officers  
 Front Row (L-R): Howard Battle, Jeff Coe, Clay Goldston  
 Middle Row (L-R): Cindy Weisman, Sabrina Oglesby, Codi Evans, Nicole Adams  
 Back Row (L-R): Nancy Jones, Keith Gentry, Lt. Tony DeVaul



## Gaywood Garden Club Provides Special Holiday Luncheon

On January 18, 2007, the members of the Gaywood Garden Club treated the Park Police to a special Holiday luncheon at one of its member's homes. Staunch supporters of the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, Club members have volunteered their time and money for the past four years to host this event.

Park Police employees were given tours of the incredible house, which is decorated with over 50 Christmas trees each year. Each tree has a different theme and there is even an upside-down one suspended from the ceiling! The trees take months to decorate and just as long to take down.

Thanks to the Gaywood Garden Club for the fantastic food and camaraderie. We appreciate everything you do. 



*Photo by Ofc. Lauryn McNeill*

Gaywood Garden Club members prepare feast.



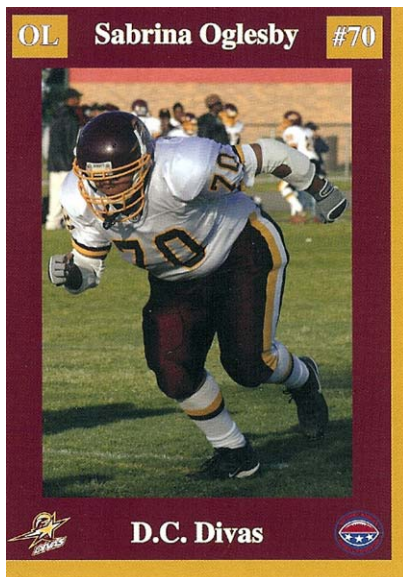
# Park Police Officer Sabrina Oglesby: Football Star

by Lt. Harvey Baker

**K**udos to Montgomery County Park Police Officer Sabrina Oglesby and her D.C. Divas teammates on their undefeated record and National Women’s Football Association Championship. This is Officer Oglesby’s first season as an offensive linesperson with the D.C. Divas.

The D.C. Divas play in a 36-team league. During their championship run, they dominated their opponents outscoring them 450 to 13. The D.C. Divas do not receive a salary, but play for pride and love of the game.

The 2007 season starts on April 28, 2007, at the Prince George’s Sports and Learning Complex. Come on out and support Officer Oglesby and the D.C. Divas as they defend their Super Bowl title. **G**



Officer Sabrina Oglesby's Football Trading Card



# The Latest Scoop

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## Welcome Back to Captain Dan McNickle

*by Captain Dan McNickle (e-mail to all Park Police members dated January 5, 2007)*

Park Police Family,

**I**t is with great pleasure that I inform you that I have been cleared to return to full duty status as of today. As you know, I have been out, off and on, since November 2005, dealing with an eye problem that got worse before it got better.

I am pleased and excited to return to work and I wish to thank all of you who kept me and my other family in your thoughts and prayers over the past 13 months.

It is a humbling experience to face the possibility of ending a career sooner than planned, but the support of the fine men and women of the Park Police makes the experience and the return that much sweeter.

Thank you again for your support, especially to those who picked up additional responsibilities in my absence (you know who you are). I look forward to seeing everyone soon and 2007 being an awesome year for all of us. **G**

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## Baby News

**C**ongratulations to Detective Jeff Price and his wife, Melissa, on the birth of their son, Nathaniel Sean Price. Nathaniel was born on January 8, 2007, weighing in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Best wishes to the Price's!

Best wishes also go to Sergeant Patrick Lau and Officer Megan Lau on the birth of their baby boy, Ethan Donohue Lau, on January 13, 2007.

Sergeant Mike Young and his wife, Beth, are the proud parents of Luke John Young. Born on February 1, 2007, Luke joins big sister Rachel to complete the Young family.

Congratulations one and all and best wishes for much health and happiness! **G**