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Upcoming Events:

District II Robbery
Prevention Meeting
February 2002
Bowie Town Center

Citizens Advisory Council
Meeting
March 2002

Community Forum II
April 2002

Christmas In April
April 27, 2002

Message from the Commander

Major Thomas P. Connolly

District II would like to thank all of those involved in making the first **Annual Christmas Party for Honor Roll Students** a great success. Grade school students from the District II patrol area were selected for this recognition by their principals and the District II Community Oriented Policing Unit. The students were given Certificates of Achievement, Savings

Bonds from the City of Bowie, and gift certificates from various businesses in the Bowie area. The following businesses contributed to this event: **Orange Julius/Dairy Queen, Hoyt's Movie Theatre, Bowie Skating Rink, and TGI Friday's.** The Honor Roll Students are listed on Page 2 of this newsletter.



Major Connolly and Captain Gay with Brittny Cox at the Christmas Party for Honor Roll Students

Community-Oriented Policing

Working With the Community to Improve Our Quality of Life

In October 2000, a program was begun with the intent of improving relations and bridging the gap between the Prince George's County Police Department and the youth in District II. The program was the result of the vision of **Mr. Boh Newsom** for improving community partnership. Initially, the program involved police officers from District II Community Oriented Policing and students at **Bowie Senior High School**, under the guidance of Mr. Newsom, **Principal Suzanne Maxey**, and facilitators **Janet and Bruce Eberhardt**.

Sessions are held weekly for ninety minutes at the end of

the school day. Group participants discuss topics that include fear reduction, community trust, team approach to solving crime, and attitudes towards each other.

In June 2001, the first group of students graduated and received credit for **community service**. Because of the program's success, it is now being implemented at **Largo Senior High School** under the direction of facilitators **Kathy Brissette-Minus** and **Leo Minus**.

Corporals Eric Washington, Edwanto Jefferson, Patrick Madarang and Melvin

Proctor, and Police Officers First Class William Clifford and Greta Gray have been in the program from its inception to its expansion at Largo High School.

In February 2002, District II COPS Officers will begin participation in the Department's "**Operation Maximum Effort**." This is a re-deployment plan to place maximum emphasis on uniformed, **high visibility police presence** on the streets of Prince George's County. COPS will conduct directed enforcement three days a week in specific "hot spot" areas within District II to address crime concerns.

Honor Roll

The following students from the District II area were honored at the Christmas Party:

India Archie
Brian Badgett
Jared Bailey
Thomas Barber
Darian Brown
Michael Cheung
Finis Coleman
Courtney Conley
Brittney Cox
Cameron Crump
Samantha Daley
Eugene B. Davis III
Jazmyne Dupree
Amanda Dingley
Andrew Durkin
Karen Farrington
Giavanni Foreman
Danté Freeland
Tiera Harrison
Noah Kim
Mick Klakring
Aiesha Marshall
Risa Montgomery
Donnie Moreland, Jr.
Hannah Steeves
Ryan Taitano
Brittney Thomas
Whitney Turner
Jonathan Villanueva
Ciarra Walters
Nikki Webb
Thaddeus O. White III
Brandon Wildy
Morgan Wray

If you would like to suggest a topic or concern to be addressed in a future District II Newsletter, or would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please contact Captain Vincent Gay at 301-390-2150 or by e-mail at vegay@co.pg.md.us

Investigative Section

During the months of December 2001 and January 2002, several communities in District II were experiencing citizen robberies. The victims were approached in their driveways or near their homes and ordered to the ground at gunpoint by the suspects. Victims had several items of personal property taken, but fortunately there were no injuries.

Several suspects were developed and arrested by uniform patrol officers and detectives from District II. The suspects were

subsequently interviewed, admitted their involvement, and were charged with armed robbery and use of a handgun in commission of a felony.

The District II Investigative Section credits tips received from citizens through the District's **Confidential Tip Line** for assisting them with solving crimes such as these robberies. The **District II Command Staff** also extends its sincere appreciation for the continued partnership and support from the District II

community.

Investigative Section Telephone Numbers

Commander
Lt. Brian Hickey
301-390-2153

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Sgt. John Baione
301-390-2168
Sgt. John Buffington
301-390-2168

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Cpl. Elizabeth Joy
301-390-2179

Recent Crime Trends

District II Command Staff would also like to bring to your attention some crime trends in your neighborhoods:

- Several **citizen robberies** have occurred in the **Lanham-Seabrook** area during daytime hours. The suspects have been posing as County Police Officers and preying on elderly male victims. On several occasions, suspects displayed a badge and some sort of police identification. In all of the cases, suspects used a dark-colored vehicle.

A recent tip from the community gave a description of a dark green Mazda Millenium with a tag number that revealed the vehicle to be stolen.

- Between February 22 and 23, 2002, several nighttime **breaking and enterings** occurred in the **Lake Arbor/Mitchellville** area. Suspects forced open rear doors and windows to the homes and removed items such as home computers, VCRs, jewelry, amusement games, stereo equipment, and clothing. Several

citizens have noticed strange vehicles in the area during the night but were unable to provide specific details.

The District II Investigative Section needs the community's help to solve these recent crimes. You can provide information through the District's Confidential Tip Line at **301-218-0571**, Crime Solvers at **301-735-1111**, or by contacting the District II Community Oriented Policing Unit at **301-390-2110**.

"I hope it is as comforting to you as it is to us to know in these times with all of the "bad press" the Prince George's County Police have come under that you have such a fine officer in Cpl. Lee."

-- Mr. William D. Crawford in a letter commending Cpl. Sherree Lee #2111, District II, Squad 58, for her handling of a missing person call.

Important Numbers

Crime Solvers: 1-800-673-2777 or 301-735-1111

District II Investigative Section: 301-390-2160

District II Confidential Tip Line: 301-218-0571

District II Community Policing: 301-390-2110