



# District II Newsletter



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### Upcoming Events:

National Night Out  
August 6, 2002

Citizens Advisory  
Council Meeting  
September 2002

District II 2nd  
Community Forum  
September 2002

## Message from the Commander Major Thomas P. Connolly

On June 22, 2002, District II held its **2nd Annual Community Day Open House**. The event was a tremendous success, due in large part to the **over 200 community members** who participated in the festivities and showed the true spirit of the Police/ Community partnership.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the department components that provided equipment displays during the event, and the Prince George's County Park Police for their participation.

Many businesses in District II such as **Giant Food, Murray's Steaks, BJ's**

**Wholesale Warehouse and Wa-Wa** also helped with generous contributions of food and beverages.

Again, Captain Gay and I appreciate the support given to making this concept a success, and look forward to hosting our next Community Day in 2003.



District II Community Members at the 2nd Annual Community Day Open House



Departmental equipment on display during festivities

## Community-Oriented Policing Working With the Community to Improve Our Quality of Life



**National Night Out** is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate participation in local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a

message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Last year's **National Night Out** campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups,

businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 9,500 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, **32 million people** participated in NNO 2001.

On **August 6, 2002**, District II Command Staff and Community Policing Officers will be participating in NNO activities in the **City of Bowie and Campus Way South in Largo**. Please join the partnership!

**Public Notice**

The Prince George's County Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment, as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on August 5, 2002, at 7:00 PM at the Police Services Complex, 7600 Barlowe Road, Palmer Park, Maryland. You may also offer comments by calling (301)772-4819 on August 4, 2002 between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM.

A copy of the standards is available for review at the Office of Accreditation in the Police Services Complex. The contact person is Mr. Milton J. Michaelis at (301)772-4784.

Written comments may be submitted to CALEA, 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2201.

*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 [vcgay@co.pg.md.us](mailto:vcgay@co.pg.md.us)*

**Highlight: Teamwork (Patrol/Investigations/Contract Officer)**

*I am writing in regards to an incident involving my son Kyle that took place on June 26, 2002. The incident occurred in the townhouse area behind the Wal-Mart in Bowie and involved two other young men.*

*This incident was very trying and caused personal injury to my son. Kyle was in the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong people. The outcome was that he was punched in the face, had*

*money, a necklace, and his bicycle stolen. He made it to Wal-Mart and notified PGPD.*

*I wanted to bring to your attention the outstanding/professional actions of all the Officers involved in the apprehension of the boy that committed the assault and the return of the bike. Whether it was good luck or good police work, they brought the incident to a close within a 2-hour period.*

*I would specifically like to thank **Officer J.J. Flynn II #1544, Officer M. Cheshier #2104, and Detective Qualls.** They were extremely courteous, compassionate and professional. They truly exemplified the best that PGPD stands for. I for one feel secure knowing we are served and protected by the best Police Department in the Nation. Keep up the good work.*

Lisa Longo, Bowie Resident  
July 24, 2002

**Focus: Directed Enforcement**

As part of Chief of Police Gerald M. Wilson's **Operation Maximum Effort**, District II will be utilizing overtime funds to conduct directed enforcement initiatives. Through crime mapping and analysis, the command staff at District II has identified several areas that will receive additional crime abatement attention because of citizen robberies, breaking and enterings, assaults, auto thefts, and thefts from automobiles.

During May and June, these initiatives were conducted at least three times a week

during hours that provided the greatest opportunity to impact identified crime patterns.

In July and continuing through August, the overtime program will again be conducted at times and in locations based on updated crime analysis.

The command staff at District II welcomes feedback from the community on our efforts thus far as well as any information on areas needing additional attention.

**Profile: Summer Youth Initiative**

The Prince George's County Police Department is participating in the **Summer Youth Initiative Program**, which employs youth interns for a six week period each summer. The program bestows a variety of learning opportunities for Prince Georgian youths. District II is happy to welcome Bowie High School graduate **Christina Carey**, who is assisting in Administrative and COPS functions. In Fall 2002, Christina will be entering Anne Arundel Community College.

*"In times like these when there are questions as to actions of Police Officers on the street, I want to be the advocate for the County and state that we do have some of the finest Police Officers in the country. I as a resident feel more comfortable knowing that we have them out there serving us with the distinction and pride that we as Prince Georgians and Marylanders deserve and expect.*

-- Larry R. Goff, Sr. (Director of Public Works, Town of Bladensburg) commending Sgt. Matthew Stapleton, Cpl. Francis Mammano, and Pofc. Charles Russell after they responded to a call for service at his home in Bowie

**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