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community outreach

Chief Continues Community Outreach in Alexandria

Throughout the summer and fall months Chief Cook hosted a number of community events as part of the Police Department's ongoing community outreach series. These events were a continuation of the *Coffee with the Chief* events and community outreach efforts by the Department and Chief Cook. The goal of these events is to help residents and police open new lines of communication with the community and strengthen relationships that have already been established.

Chief Cook held a series of community walks during the spring and summer, beginning with a walk through the neighborhoods surrounding Charles Houston Recreation Center in June. On July 23 and August 13, Chief Cook and members of

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Earl L. Cook

The Alexandria Police Department has always placed great importance on the relationships we have with residents, businesses, and organizations throughout the City. Creating and fostering these relationships is a high priority for me and the men and women of the Police Department. This year, we here at the Police Department have reached out to our community more than ever. We have held numerous events, forums, and meetings to encourage residents to interact with us, ask questions, and get to better know the officers who patrol their neighborhoods on a daily basis.

We at the Police Department enjoy spending time with residents and getting to know our communities. However, we are also very aware that our relationships with the community heavily influence our ability to solve crime and improve quality of life in the City. Many times, success in solving or preventing crime comes as part of a willingness of the community to share information with our officers and detectives.

My officers and I will continue to get out into the communities and it is my hope that, if you see us, you will say hi and get to know us a little better. We also ask that if you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood, no matter how small or insignificant you think it might be, please call the non-emergency number at 703.746.4444. Your calls could assist our officers and detectives in making your community a safer place to work and live.

Earl L. Cook
Chief of Police

COMMUNITY OUTREACH continued

the Police Department walked through the south and north side of Mount Vernon Avenue to visit with residents and businesses. They discussed crime and community concerns in addition to getting acquainted with those who live and work in the area.

In an effort to continue outreach efforts into the fall months, on September 10 Chief Cook hosted the first *Police in the Park* event to meet with Tarleton Park and Cameron Station area residents and discuss the concerns they have about crime and quality of life in their neighborhoods. Before this event Chief Cook made an unannounced visit to the businesses at Foxchase Shopping Center to check in with the employees and business owners in the area. Chief Cook later held another *Police in the Park* event at All Veterans Park. He visited the businesses in the Trade Center Shopping Center prior to the event.

Don't worry if Chief Cook and the Police Department haven't visited your neighborhood yet. More community outreach events are being planned for the coming months.

news and events

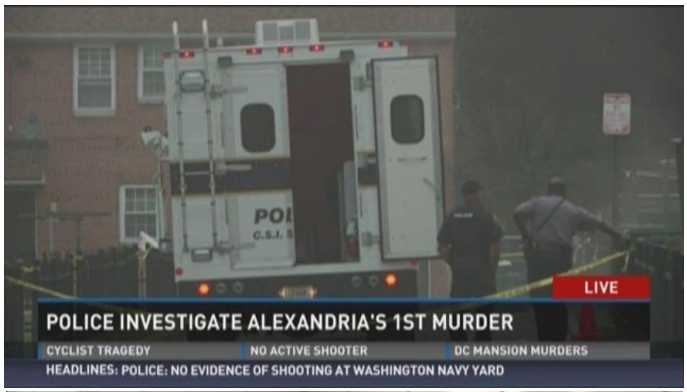
Homicide on North Fayette Street

Alexandria experienced its first homicide of 2015 on Thursday, July 2, in the 700 block of N. Fayette Street.

At approximately 11:32 p.m. officers responded to the area for a shooting. Police located the victim, 22-year-old Shakkan Elliot-Tibbs, of Woodbridge, suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he later died. The investigation is ongoing.

In response to community concern regarding the homicide and recent reports of shootings in the area, the Police Department hosted a community meeting on July 6 to talk with residents about these crimes. A follow up to this meeting was held a month later to make sure residents felt their concerns were being addressed.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Detective Loren King with the Alexandria Police Department at 703.746.6689.



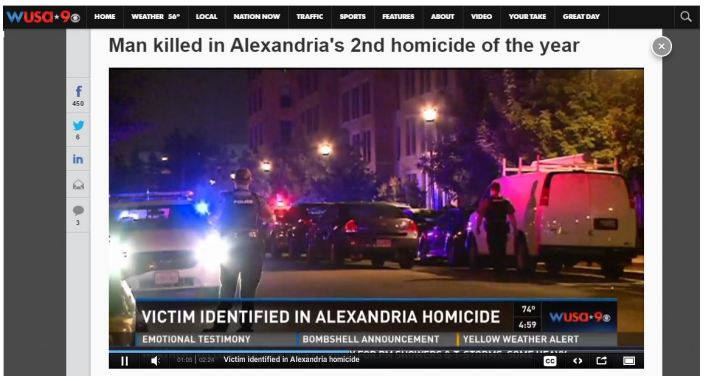
Homicide on Belle Pre Way

On October 7, the City experienced its second homicide of 2015. At approximately 11:45 p.m., officers responded to the area for a shooting. The victim was located by police suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim, Leon Williams, 37, of Alexandria, was transported to an area hospital where, he later died. The investigation is ongoing.

The Police Department reached out to the communities and surrounding areas of this recent homicide to ensure all questions and concerns were heard or being addressed.

Many times, success in solving these cases comes as the result of a willingness of the community to share information with our officers and detectives. We are asking anyone with information about this incident to please contact Sergeant David Cutting at 703.746.6627.

At the Police Department, we are always aware



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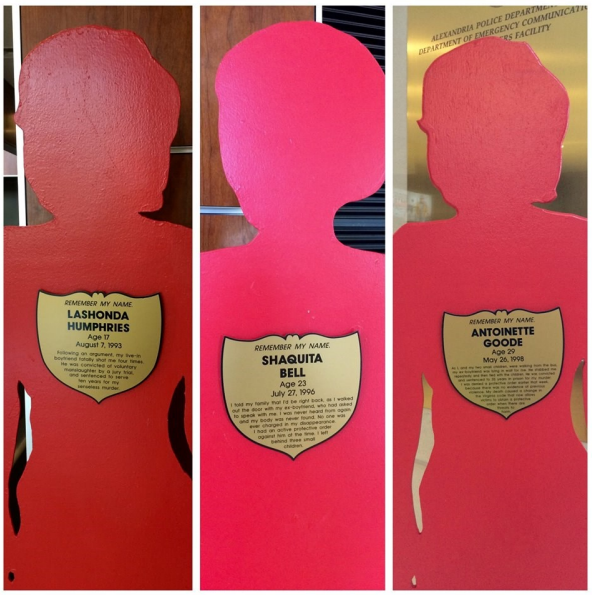
Silent Witnesses Raise Awareness about Domestic Violence

During the entire month of October, Silent Witnesses took up residence in the lobby of Alexandria Police Department Headquarters. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Its goal is to raise awareness and connect advocates across the nation who are working to end violence against women and their children.

Throughout the month, the City of Alexandria displays silhouettes of victims who died due to domestic violence at various locations. Family, friends, and community members honor these lives by displaying these silhouettes at various locations. The silhouettes memorialize Alexandrians who died at the hands of domestic violence. They will also represent the thousands of City residents who are still being hurt by those they love, and are still in danger.

The Silent Witness Project is a nation-wide initiative that began in Minnesota in 1990. The project was launched by a group of Minnesota women who felt an urgency to do something about the escalating domestic violence in their state. Twenty-six life-size red silhouettes were created, each bearing the name of a woman whose life was brutally cut short due to the violence in her life.



Three silhouettes of domestic violence victims from Alexandria were displayed in Police Department Headquarters throughout October to raise awareness about domestic violence.

COPS CORNER

Donation Drive

Throughout August and September, Officer Nicolette Clara and the Community-Oriented Policing Unit collected clothes, toiletries, school supplies, and other necessities as part of a Donation Drive for several transition housing and shelters for women and children in Alexandria. The COPs Unit dropped off the donated supplies to various organizations throughout the first week of September.

Fun at the Movies

On October 17, the COPs Unit took a group of local children to see "Hotel Transylvania 2."

Safety First

On October 21, Officers Holden, Aiesi, and Moore conducted a special safety class for children at John Adams Elementary School. Students were issued special badges at the end of the class.

Donuts4Good

Officer Pasquarell gave a deserving resident a Sugar Shack #Donuts4Good coupon for driving her pregnant friend to the hospital after the friend was a victim of a hit and run accident. Officer Pasquarell reached out to say "thank you." We notice when people do good deeds!

Helping our Furry Friends

The COPS Unit partnered with the Animal Welfare League and the Alexandria Police Foundation to host a "Cover the Cruiser" event at Unleashed by Petco, 283 S. Van Dorn Street, to collect animal food and toy donations.

OFFICER HONORED WITH CITY'S "JUST SAY THANKS AWARD"

On October 1, Deputy City Manager Debra Collins presented Alexandria Police Department Officer Ed Dougherty with the City's "Just Say Thanks" Award. Officer Dougherty was nominated by a fellow APD Officer.

The nominating officer had injured both arms in the line of duty and was unable to drive. Officer Dougherty took his own time to drive the officer to numerous doctor's appointments, easing a source of stress and allowing the injured officer's wife to work instead of taking leave. Great job, Dougherty!

DOGGY HAPPY HOUR

On October 6, the Alexandria Police Foundation hosted a Doggy Happy Hour to support our Alexandria Police Department retired K-9s at Jackson 20 in the Hotel Monaco. The purpose of the event was to raise funds and awareness for our retired Police K-9 friends. Jackson 20 donated 10% of the proceeds to the retired Police K-9 fund. Some of the department's retired and active K-9s attended the event.

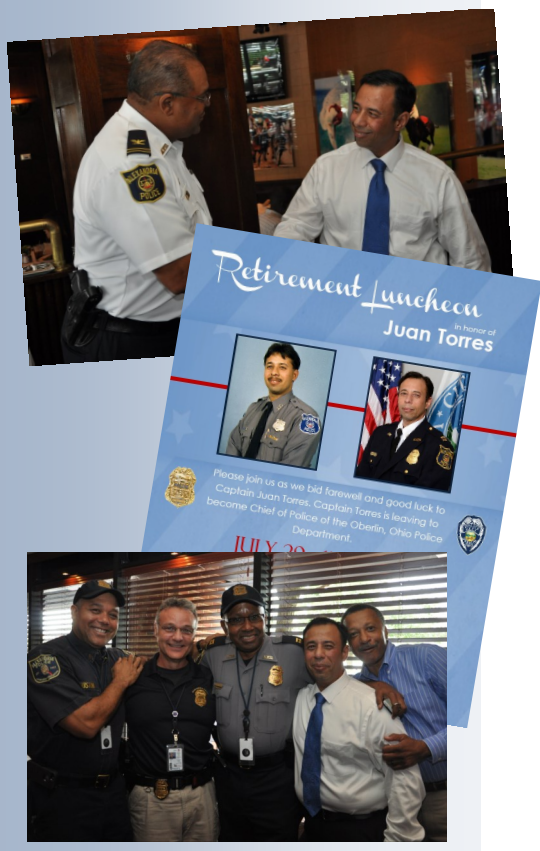
APD HISTORY

October 1 marked the 50th anniversary of the Alexandria Police Department hiring its first African-American police officer.

Albert A. Beverly, a 24 year old African-American from King George County and an Air Force veteran, took the oath of office on October 1, 1965, becoming the first person of color to be sworn in as an Alexandria police officer. At the time, Officer Beverly said he just wanted "to be equal andt reated like all the other rookies on the Alexandria Police force." Officer Beverly served in Patrol, the Community Relations Unit, and the Youth Division before retiring in 1985.

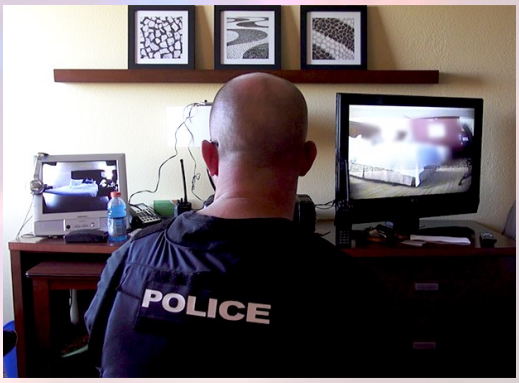
CAPTAIN JUAN TORRES RETIRES

In July, Captain Juan Torres retired from the Police Department after 26 years of dedicated service. Following his retirement, Captain Torres moved from Alexandria to Oberlin, Ohio, where he was hired as the town's new police chief.



POLICE PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION CROSS COUNTRY

On October 6, members of the Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) gathered at a local hotel to conduct sting operations as part of the FBI's nationwide Operation Cross Country enforcement. Operation Cross Country is a week-long, enforcement action to address commercial child sex trafficking throughout the United States. This year's enforcement action, coordinated through 73 of the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Forces (which include federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies) was conducted nationwide in 135 cities. More than 500 law enforcement officials took part in sting operations in hotels, casinos, truck stops, and other areas frequented by pimps, prostitutes, and their customers.



This year, the FBI's Public Information Office filmed operations in Alexandria, Virginia and Jackson, Mississippi as part of their awareness campaign. The video and interviews captured were used in their nationwide campaign. The full video and further information regarding Operation Cross Country can be found on the FBI's website at https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2015/october/operation-cross-country/operation-cross-country.

apd in action

Alexandria Police Youth Camp 2015

The Alexandria Police Department partnered with the YMCA to continue the longstanding (over 60 years!) Alexandria Police Youth Camp also known as YMCA / APYC Camp Kekoka. Alexandria Officers and staff go to the camp, help counselors, and get to know Alexandria children. Public Information Officer Crystal Nosal was at the camp from July 26 to July 31, 2015 and documented her experience.

National Night Out 2015

The Police Department participated in many community activities during National Night Out on August 4. Our City had more than 30 community events!

APD vs SOHO Soccer Game

On August 5, officers from the Police Department played their second annual soccer game with children from mentoring programs in Alexandria including SOHO - Space of Her Own and Space of His Own.

apd in action

Team APD played a few games at the ACPD Friends and Family Fund Charity Softball Tournament in Crystal City on October 10. Despite a loss, a great time was had for a great cause! The non-profit supports police families in need.

Sergeant Brian Thompson, the Motor Unit, and officers from the Police Department were deputized on September 23 to assist the Washington Metropolitan Police Department during the Pope's visit to Washington, D.C.

On September 10, the Washington Nationals honored the region's first responders at their annual Heroes Day. Members of the Police Department and Sheriff's Office lined up for a special ceremony before the game.

The Alexandria Police Department Community Oriented Policing (COPs) Unit stopped by the Patrick Henry Elementary for lunch with the kids.

School Resource Officer Loren West welcomes students back to T.C. Williams High School on the first day of school in September.

Members of Recruit Class 133 cleaned up the area around the Police Department as part of the "Adopt a Block" program.

CRIME INFORMATION

Major crime and arrests from July 1, 2015 through October 30, 2015

Fatal Pedestrian Crash at Intersection of Braddock Road and Commonwealth Avenue

Around 9:40 a.m., on Thursday, September 3, Alexandria Police were called to the intersection of Braddock Road and Commonwealth Avenue for reports of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle. Upon arrival, the victim was located and was later pronounced dead at the scene. It was determined that sometime around 9:20 a.m. an unknown vehicle struck and killed a female pedestrian victim.

The victim of was later identified as Deborah Ann Bogart, 60, of Alexandria. The vehicle and driver involved in this incident were identified on the day of the incident.

On October 21, Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter released his decision to not seek charges in the pedestrian fatality.

Police Investigate Shooting on Edison Street

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a shooting that occurred in the 3700 block of Edison Street on Tuesday, October 20.

At approximately 8:56 p.m., officers responded to a report of shots heard in the area of Edison Street and Mark Drive. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, a 32 year-old male, suffering from an injury to an extremity. He was transported to a local hospital. The victim's injury was identified as a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. The investigation is ongoing.

Police Investigate Shooting on Duke Street

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a shooting that occurred in the 4200 block of Duke Street on Tuesday, August 18.

At approximately 8:26 p.m., officers responded to a report of shots heard in the 4200 block of Duke Street. As officers investigated the initial report, they were notified that a 53 year-old man arrived at a local hospital with a gunshot wound. The victim had driven himself to the hospital. The investigation is ongoing.

ARRESTS

Police Arrest Two for Grocery Store Bomb Threats

Dewayne Ishmell, 37, of Washington, D.C., was charged with two counts of Threats to Bomb. Melvin Kelly, 36, of Arlington, was charged with Soliciting Another to Communicate Threats to Bomb. They were both arrested on September 11, 2015. The suspects were arrested in connection with five bomb threats at the Harris Teeter grocery store, located at 735 N. St. Asaph Street between April 30 and July 20.

Police Arrest Alexandria Man for Robbery

Police arrested Muhammed Jagne, 20, of Alexandria, on August 27, in connection with a series of robberies in the West End of Alexandria. He was charged with Robbery and Attempted Robbery. Detectives determined the suspect was responsible for the following offenses.

- August 15: Robbery on the bike trail near 4600 block of Duke Street
- August 20: Attempted Robbery in the 4600 block of Raleigh Avenue

Police Arrest Suspect for Burglary

Around 8:49 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, police responded to a residence for the report of a breaking and entering in the 1100 block of Colonial Avenue. Police found several other area residences had also been entered. Patrol Officers arrested Tonny Anthony Pitt, 29, of Washington, D.C., at the scene. He was charged with Burglary and Possession of Burglarious Tools. More charges may be pending as the investigation continues.

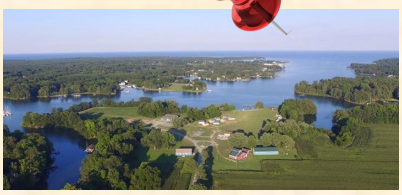
Police Arrest Two for Robbery at Verizon Wireless Store

William Nolan, 20, of Forest Heights, MD, was arrested on June 28. Ronnie Ingram, 21, of Forest Heights, MD, was arrested on July 2, 2015. Nolan and Ingram were both charged with Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony and Abduction in connection with a robbery at the Verizon Wireless store, located at 800 block of S. Washington Street on June 25.

APYC CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The APYC will be hosting its annual Christmas tree fundraiser again in 2015. All of the proceeds go towards helping children, who would otherwise not be able to afford camp, to attend our summer program. **Sales begin Saturday, November 28, at 110 Callahan Drive.**

While assigned to the youth camp, Officer Downey learned of a family of campers who did not have beds at home. An online fundraiser was created, and with the generous support of the public and APD officers, enough money was raised to buy each child a bed of their own. A group of APD Officers went to the family's home to deliver and setup the beds, so that each child could get a good night's rest for the upcoming school year.



APYC held its annual summer program again this year, reaching more than 150 Alexandria children. Campers enjoyed tubing, swimming, crabbing, archery, and many other activities on APYC's 97 acre property in Kilmarnock, VA. APYC invested $1.7 million dollars, with help from local charities & businesses, into the camp by building new cabins and a new dining hall.

CRIME INFORMATION continued...

Police Investigate Shooting on Ellsworth Street

On Saturday, August 28, at approximately 11:52 p.m., Alexandria Police responded to a report of a person injured in the 3100 block of Duke Street. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, a 34 year old male City resident, suffering from an injury to the abdomen. He was transported to a local hospital. The victim's injury was identified as a non-life threatening gunshot wound at the hospital. Officers determined the crime occurred in the 100 block of Ellsworth Street. The investigation is ongoing.

Police Investigate Robbery at sweetFrog

On Wednesday, August 29, Alexandria Police responded to a robbery of sweetFrog, a frozen yogurt shop located in the 500 block of S. Van Dorn Street.

Around 4:20 p.m., on Wednesday, July 29, an unknown man entered the store, sat at a table, and waited for customers to leave. The suspect then approached the cashier and brandished a knife. He took cash from the register and fled. There were no injuries.

The suspect is described as a white male in his mid to late 20's, average height, brown hair, a mustache with a goatee, and a slim build. He was last seen wearing a white t-shirt with a graphic on the back, dark shorts, flip flops, a baseball cap, and glasses.

The suspect fled the scene in a newer model silver Honda accord. The vehicle had front end damage, a missing front grille, and the passenger side mirror was hanging from the car. A white female with blond hair was driving the vehicle.

The store had numerous surveillance cameras. The footage of the crime was edited into a single video and can be viewed on the Alexandria Police Department's YouTube Channel: youtube.com/AlexandriaVAPD.

Police Investigate Shooting on First Street

At approximately 10:14 p.m., on August 1, in the 1000 block First Street, officers responded to a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, a 31 year-old male non-City resident, suffering from injuries to the lower body. He was transported to a local hospital. The victim's injuries were identified as several non-life-threatening gunshot wounds at the hospital.

AT-A-GLANCE: 2015 Crime Statistics

OFFENSE	2014	2015	% CHANGE
Homicide	4	2	50.00%
Rape	12	17	41.67%
Robbery	117	112	-4.27%
Aggravated Assault	84	121	44.05%
Burglary	192	195	1.56%
Larceny	2135	2059	-3.56%
Auto Theft	223	223	0%
Total	**2,767**	**2,728**	**-1.41%**

**Crime statistics are for January 1 through October 31, 2015, and are compared to the same period of the previous year. The numbers in the chart are raw and unverified. They are not the final crime statistic values and may be changed by our review process.*

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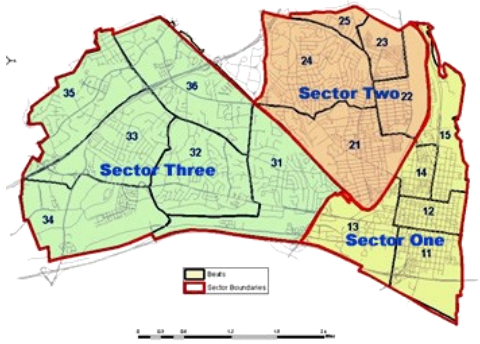

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