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SOCIAL MEDIA :: A sweet Father's Day message courtesy of APD was one of the most shared posts in June. In case you missed it:

Happy Father's Day to all the dads who put on the badge and leave their families to protect others each day.



Recipients Honored at 2015 Valor Awards

On Thursday, April 30, friends, family, and coworkers gathered at the First Baptist Church on King Street to honor those Police, Fire, and Sheriff employees who exemplified valor above and beyond their normal call of duty. The event was hosted by NBC4's Julie Carey. For full write ups of these actions of bravery, visit <http://alexandriava.gov/84604>.

Receiving awards from the Police Department were:

Gold:

Officer Michael Nugent

Silver:

Officer Carlos Rolon and "Xig Xag"
Officer Steve Escobar and "Gracie"

Bronze:

Officer Erik Nygren

Life Saving Award:

Sergeant Nicholas Ruggerio

Officer William Rutz

Officer Matthew O'Malley

Certificate of Valor:

Officer Dan Caniff



On the Record

K-9 Officer Steve Escobar, K-9 Officer Kyle Russel, and K-9 "Chance" spoke with Greta Van Susteren today for a segment on her show, On the Record with Greta Van Susteren, on the Fox News Channel. K-9 Officers Escobar and Russel provided insight as to how police dogs train and track scents. "Chance" gave Greta a demonstration on exactly how tracking is done.





Wuckovich was able to train him as a bomb dog. He and Marco II were partners until Marco II's retirement in 2010. As Marco II was nearing the end of his career, Officer Wuckovich began looking for a new dog to work with after his retirement. He thoroughly researched and vetted a promising dog from the Netherlands. In a showing of devotion to the K-9 Unit, he purchased the dog with his own money. Rocco has been Officer Wuckovich's partner since 2010. Rocco has a good temperament which makes him easy to train. Rocco and Officer Wuckovich have earned Triple Crowns in K-9 competitions over the last three years.

This year marks Officer Mark Wuckovich and Officer Doug Serven's 26th year with the Police Department's K-9 Unit. While this is an exceptional accomplishment in itself, it is only one of a long list of achievements earned during two successful law enforcement careers.

OFFICER MARK WUCKOVICH

Officer Mark Wuckovich started his career with the Alexandria Police Department in 1983. While working in patrol he wore a bite suit with a helmet to assist the K-9 Unit with its training. His interest was peaked. In 1989, Officer Wuckovich left patrol for the K-9 Unit.

Officer Wuckovich and his first K-9 partner, Boy, began working in the K-9 Unit in October 1989. Boy was a Belgian Malinois. Officer Wuckovich cross-trained him as a bomb dog, one of the first in the department's history. He and Boy worked together for 10 years until Boy retired in early 1999. Following Boy's retirement, Officer Wuckovich partnered with a new Belgian Malinois, Marco. Tragically, this partnership lasted only two years. In 2001, while training him to be a bomb dog, Officer Wuckovich noticed there was something off about Marco. A trip to the vet confirmed that Marco had cancer and had to be put to sleep.

In August 2001, Officer Wuckovich recovered with a new partner, Marco II. Despite Marco II's toughness, Officer



One of the things Officer Wuckovich is most proud of during his time in the K-9 Unit is his ability to connect with and train dogs of all different temperaments. Each of his K-9 partners has had decidedly different personalities. Officer Wuckovich has been able to work with each of his dogs to figure out what works for them. He sees results; something, he says, is one of the main reasons he has remained in the K-9 Unit for so long. "I love to see the results of all the hard work, seeing the dog transform into a successful working K-9," says Officer Wuckovich.

Wherever he sees a need, Officer Wuckovich does what he can to make sure it is met. He has built agility equipment for the other members of the unit to train on. He acquired the proper equipment for the K-9s to use in bomb training. All this helps to keep all members of the K-9 Unit at the top of their game.

One of Officer Wuckovich's favorite parts of the K-9 Unit is the kennel itself. Located at 1108 Jefferson Street, it is a separate facility from the rest of the department. He likes to make sure the kennel looks good and has everything it needs. This often means Officer Wuckovich can be seen acting as groundskeeper. He was the main impetus behind the K-9 Memorial Wall at the kennel. Officer Wuckovich wanted something permanent, a lasting legacy to honor the dogs. With the help of Paw for a Good Cause, he was able to get a concrete wall built with memorial stones honoring Alexandria Police K-9s who are no longer with us.

Officer Wuckovich credits his K-9 partners with keeping him active throughout the years. If he could give any advice to incoming officers it would be just that – stay in good shape, physically and mentally. Besides staying healthy, he says to try to have interested outside of law enforcement. All this, along with the comradery of his fellow K-9 officers, is what has kept Officer Wuckovich's feet firmly planted in the K-9 Unit for the past 26 years.

OFFICER DOUG SERVEN

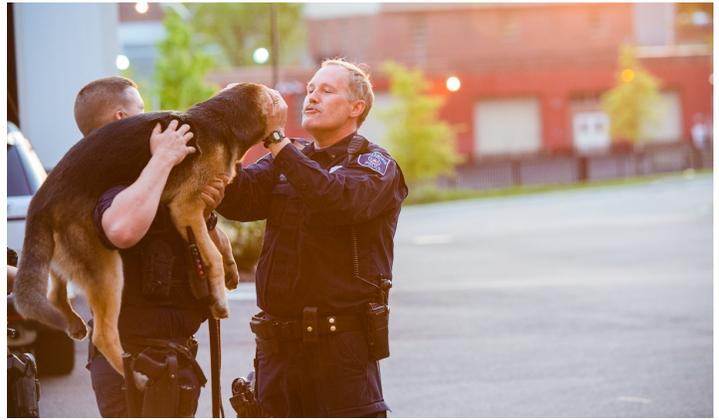
Officer Douglas Serven started in the K-9 Unit in 1989, on almost the same day as Officer Wuckovich. He recalls the moment the two met. Officer Serven was giving Officer Wuckovich's dog, Boy, a bath. This began a

career in the K-9 Unit that has spanned 26 years and six K-9 partners.

Described as diligent and meticulous by his fellow K-9 handlers, Officer Serven is respected for not only his knowledge but his way with the dogs. He became a certified trainer and now trains K-9s and their handlers at basic K-9 schools throughout the region. Officer Serven is also certified to train bomb dogs and is currently teaching Officer Wuckovich and Rocco to detect bombs. Officer Wuckovich says he is, "as meticulous as ever," despite his time in the K-9 Unit.

Holding what he claims is the "best job in the department" Officer Serven says that training is one of his favorite aspects of the job. He is quick to point out that he advanced ahead of Officer Wuckovich at their first Basic K-9 School back in 1989. Officer Serven went on to get the first ever perfect score on his final test.

Throughout his career, Officer Serven has continued to show his dedication to the unit by donating his own time to ensure the kennels are clean and stocked with the proper equipment.



Police Department Holds Memorial Dedication

On Saturday, March 28, past and current members of the Alexandria Police Department, along with friends and family, gathered for the Dedication Ceremony for the Alexandria Police Fallen Officers Memorial. After years of hard work, the Alexandria Police Foundation made good on a promise to build a memorial honoring those who have died in the line of duty. Since the early 1800s, eighteen of Alexandria's Police officers have lost their lives in service to the City of Alexandria.

The memorial was originally intended to be built with police headquarters in 2011. However, the City made the decision to have necessary funding for the project come from private sources. As a result, the Alexandria Police Foundation spearheaded an initiative to create a timeless, publicly accessible memorial. The Foundation worked with two local companies, HDR and Whiting-Turner, to make a memorial that would "properly honor the courage, sacrifice and memory of these officers."



COPs CORNER

On June 5, the COPs Unit had lunch with the kids at John Adams Elementary.



On June 28, the COPs Unit helped City of Alexandria Community Outreach escort 300 kids to the 2015 World Police & Fire Games.



On June 26, the COPs Unit was trounced at a "dance off" with kids at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



The COPs Unit kicked off Memorial Day weekend with a cook out for kids at the Ruby Tucker Family Center on May 22.



Congratulations Class 132

On June 22, the Police Department recruits in Class 132 were sworn in as law enforcement officers in Alexandria and received their Department badges.



Chief Cook Hosts "Coffee with the Chief"

For three nights in April, Chief Cook hosted "Coffee with the Chief" events throughout the City. These small, informal question and answer sessions allowed residents to ask Chief Cook about community concerns as well as law enforcement topics from around the nation.



Chief Cook Hosts Community Walk

On June 25, the Police Department held a Community Walk in the area surrounding Charles Houston Recreation Center. The Community Walk (some referred to it as a "walk-a-bout") was a great time. Many neighbors were able to meet each other and discuss issues with area Officers. Don't worry if you missed it, we plan to have more walks like this in various residential and business neighborhoods in Alexandria.



Special Olympics Torch Run

On June 11, Police, Fire, and Sheriff employees participated in the VA Special Olympics Torch Run. Each summer, law enforcement officials carry the *Flame of Hope* across the state, culminating with the lighting of the cauldron to officially open the Special Olympics Virginia Summer Games in Richmond. This year's event was particularly special as Chief Cook served as the Torch Run 2015 State Chair. Participants carried the torch three miles before handing it off to Fairfax County.



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

The Police Department was honored to host National Police Week 2015 at the Hilton at Mark Center. Officers provided support and security to the families of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The Krispy Kreme truck got in on the action too. No need to break into the Krispy Kreme trailer though guys! They were helping support Police Week 2015 by providing donuts to survivor families at their hotel.



Alexandria Continued to Experience Lows in Part I Crime in 2014

The Alexandria Police Department reports that total Part 1 crime decreased by 0.1%, or by four offenses, in calendar year 2014. As in previous years, Alexandria continues to experience historic crime lows. These remain some of the lowest Part 1 crimes the City has experienced since the 1960s. Homicide, aggravated assault, and auto thefts decreased in 2014; there was one additional rape in 2014, while robberies and burglaries also increased.

"The crime stats from 2014 are another example of the tireless work of our sworn, civilian and volunteer staff complete to protect the City of Alexandria. Overall, Part 1 crime is down. In addition to these historic lows, we also closed six homicides by arrest; two of which were considered cold cases from 2003 and 2009. These numbers are also a reflection of the unprecedented level of cooperation we have with our City partners, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and most importantly, our community. The Alexandria Police Department is committed in our efforts to reduce and prevent crime so that all who live, work, and visit Alexandria can do so in a safe community," stated Chief of Police Earl L. Cook

CRIME TYPE	2013	2014	CHANGE	% CHANGE
HOMICIDE	5	4	-1	-20.0%
RAPE	14	15	1	7.1%
ROBBERY	115	139	24	20.9%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	114	104	-10	-8.8%
BURGLARY	251	257	6	2.4%
LARCENY	2,546	2,546	0	0.0%
AUTO THEFT	277	253	-24	-8.7%
TOTAL	3,322	3,318	-4	-0.1%

Police Staff Participate Read Across America

On March 2, numerous members of the Police Department volunteered for Read Across America. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Oh, the Places You'll Go, this year's theme was Dr. Seuss books. Sworn and civilian Police staff read their favorite Dr. Seuss book to children in classrooms throughout Cora Kelly Elementary School.



PIO Commander Crystal Nosal and Lieutenant Jack Compton read Dr. Seuss books to the children at Cora Kelly Elementary School for Read Across America.

Police Offer Advice to Carolyn Hax

On March 19, as part of her column for *The Washington Post*, Carolyn Hax posted advice from the Police Department regarding children who are anxious about being home alone:

"Children have different personalities. Some are ready to take on responsibility at an early age, and some are not. The [Alexandria] Police Department frequently gets questions about what age children can be left home alone and for how long. We always say, "It depends on your child." There are general age guidelines, but a well-prepared 10-year-old could be fine on his or her own while an anxious 13-year-old may need a lot of supervision.

Parents could also consider playing a "what if" game with their [children] on a regular basis as they go through normal, everyday moments that don't induce stress. "We are at the store, what if you couldn't find me anywhere? What would you do?" "What if Grandpa started feeling sick and there wasn't an adult around, what are some options?"

The main thing we tell parents is that their child needs to have a plan of how to handle events while they are home alone. These type of everyday conversations and "planning" can lead to a more prepared and confident child, one who feels prepared to make the right decision if something goes wrong, or at least knows her options.

— Crystal L. Nosal, Senior public safety information officer, Alexandria, Va., Police Department"

Police Help Family Displaced by Fire in Alexandria

Metropolitan Police Department Detective Jeremiah Johnson, his wife, and their 18-month old son, Brandon, were displaced by a fire that destroyed their home in the ParkFairfax neighborhood of Alexandria on February 27. Three weeks later, APD was happy to present the family with some toys for Brandon (and cash for his parents).



Wednesday's Child

Every Wednesday NBC Washington airs a segment called Wednesday's Child. NBC reporter Barbara Harrison features a child in need of a family to call their own. The segment that aired on May 21 featured a 17 year-old named Javonte who wants to be a police officer. Javonte spent the afternoon at the Police Department learning about all the different facets of police work.





Bratelli Wins the Gold

Officer Bratelli won the gold medal in boxing for the 2015 World Police and Fire Games on Wednesday, July 1. Members of APD turned out to cheer on Officer Bratelli as well as all the other officers competing in this years events.

Congratulations Officer Bratelli!



"Just Say Thanks" Award

On June 24, Crime Analysis Commander Matt Smith was honored with the City of Alexandria's "Just Say Thanks Award." The award recognizes peers for working above and beyond expectations, and the City Manager selects a monthly winner who receives a \$100 gift card.

Deputy Chief Tammy Hooper Retires; Appointed Chief of Police in Asheville, North Carolina

On July 1, Deputy Chief Tammy Hooper retired after 26 years of dedicated service to the Alexandria Police Department. She will begin the next phase of her life as Chief of Police in Asheville, North Carolina.

Perhaps among Deputy Chief Hooper's greatest accomplishments are the ones sealed in APD history. Deputy Chief Hooper served as the first female captain and first deputy chief within the Police Department.

Deputy Chief Hooper graduated from the FBI National Academy, earned a graduate certificate in Criminal Justice from the University of Virginia, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice from George Mason University. During her tenure, Deputy Chief Hooper held assignments in all four bureaus of the department, and last served as the commander of the Support Services Division over Accreditation and Property.



Police Compete in 2015 World Police and Fire Games

From June 26 to July 5, ten officers from the Police Department participated in the 2015 World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax, VA. This year's event brought together more than 9,000 police officers and firefighters at various sites throughout the National Capitol Region. Participating from APD were:

Officer E. Takeuchi	Submission Grappling (Jiu Jitsu)
Officer Dan Schultz	Mountain Biking
Officer B. Vu	Crossfit
Officer M. Wuckovich	Golf
Officer J. Bratelli	Boxing
Sergeant C. Seckler	Motors Rodeo
Sergeant B. Thompson	Motors Rodeo
Officer E. Rumph	Motors Rodeo
Officer M. Sprague	Motors Rodeo
Officer J. Fowler	Motors Rodeo



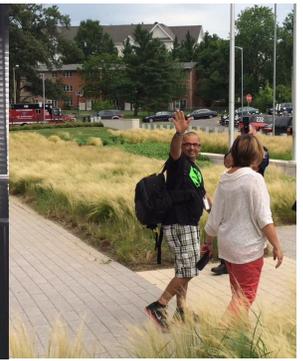
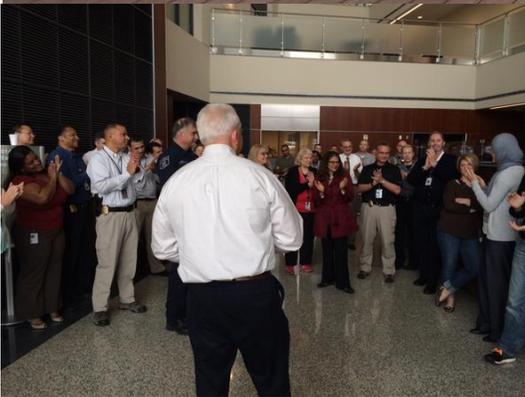


Retirements in Review

This year the Police Department has said good-bye to valued friends and coworkers as they begin a new chapter:

Officer Kent Balcom
 Officer Michael Booth
 Detective Jason Bell
 Detective Tom Buckley
 Captain Jack Compton
 Officer Jim Colantuoni

Deputy Chief Tammy Hooper
 Officer Peter Laboy
 Records Clerk Grace Lytle
 Officer Curtis McClish
 Records Supervisor Jerry McHugh
 Captain Scott Ogden
 Captain Juan Torres



Deputy Chief Reyes Receives AFCEA 2015 Government Award

Deputy Chief Eddie Reyes received a AFCEA 2015 Government Award for National Security for his commitment and dedication to the LinX Program which assists with national security.

Deputy Chief Reyes worked tirelessly from 2006 through 2015, coordinating with fellow police executives in acquiring funding and coordinating with new law enforcement agencies to expand the system. In 2009, Chief Reyes along with fellow Police Executives began coordinating with NCIS and Department of Defense (DoD) law enforcement agencies to begin sharing official law enforcement data with the goal of improving safety to Military personnel and Military families in the region.

In 2011, Deputy Chief Reyes again coordinated with NCIS and offered space at the new Alexandria Police Department Data Center to assist NCIS with consolidating LinX operations. This resulted in a 67 percent reduction in hardware and software warranty costs for NCIS. The LinX National Capitol Region has grown from an initial 6 agencies to more than 190 agencies. Prior to Deputy Chief Reye's effort, Law enforcement officers could spend days and weeks calling other agencies when working an investigation. In addition, Law Enforcement officers did not have the information available in the field. Today, officers can access data from all agencies in the region from mobile devices increasing officer safety.



The LinX National Capitol Region currently shares data with 14 DoD Law Enforcement entities and nearly 5,000 other law enforcement agencies via the FBI National Data Exchange (N-DEx) system, allowing users to solve complex investigations in shortened periods of time, helping to make our communities safer for our citizens.

Crime Information

Major crime and arrests from March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Police Investigate Abduction on Seminary Road

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating an abduction and attempted sexual assault that occurred in the 5000 block of Seminary Road on March 23.

At approximately 3:40 a.m., a woman let a man she did not know into her hotel room. They made arrangements for this meeting through the Internet. Once inside, the male brandished a hand gun, assaulted the woman, and physically prevented her from leaving the room. The victim escaped to the hallway and called police.



The suspect is described as a black male, 6'0" to 6'1", 220 to 230 lbs. He was last seen wearing a black leather zip-up coat with dark pants and a dark shirt. The suspect spoke with an accent and may be of Ethiopian nationality.

During the course of investigation, detectives obtained the attached surveillance image of the suspect. It is unknown if he has targeted other victims he met online.

Anyone with information about this incident or the suspect is asked to contact Detective Brad Cecchetti with the Alexandria Police Department at 703.746.6858.

Police Investigate Traffic Fatality on Van Dorn Street

On April 28, at approximately 3:40 a.m., a vehicle traveling northbound on Van Dorn Street left the roadway and struck a building near W. Braddock Road. The driver was found deceased inside the vehicle.

The vehicle involved in the collision was a newer model white Ford Mustang. Police ask that anyone who witnessed this vehicle in the area early that morning contact Investigator Diana Barrett at 703.746.6873.

Police Investigate and Resolve Barricade Incident

Alexandria Police Officers attempted to serve a warrant at approximately 7 p.m. on April 19, in the 2100 block of Jamieson Avenue. The suspect refused to open the door. While officers were speaking to the subject through the door they heard the sound of a weapon from inside the residence. They secured the hallway and radioed for assistance.

Incident Command was established and residents near the subject's apartment were asked to shelter in their apartments until more units arrived. Residents were later given the opportunity to evacuate before police operations were directed at the apartment. The suspect was taken into custody shortly before 4 a.m. on April 20.

Aaron Alan Jones, 42, of Alexandria, was arrested for violation of a protective order and other charges are pending.

The Alexandria Police Department would like to thank area residents and businesses for their cooperation during the incident, especially The Westin Alexandria.

Police Make Arrest in Malicious Wounding

The Alexandria Police Department has arrested Juan Carlos Garay, 24, of Alexandria, in connection to the Malicious Wounding that occurred in the 4100 block of Mount Vernon Avenue on June 16. Garay is charged with Malicious Wounding, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and Gang Participation.

Around 11 p.m. on June 16, police responded to a report of a shooting. An adult male victim was transported to the hospital with a non-life-threatening injury to the hip. The shooting occurred after a verbal altercation, during which the suspect made reference to a criminal street gang. The investigation is on-going.

Police Conduct Death Investigation

The Alexandria Police Department is conducting a death investigation in the 2800 block of Park Center Drive.

Around 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, officers responded to assist the Fire Department and medics with a person found deceased beside a building. Upon arrival, they located the victim, a 17 year-old male. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause and manner of death will be determined through an autopsy.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Sergeant Dave Cutting at 703.746.6627.

Police Conduct Death Investigation on Quantrell Avenue

The Alexandria Police Department is conducting a death investigation in the 5800 block of Quantrell Avenue.

Around 9:49 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, officers responded to the report of a person found deceased behind a building. Upon arrival, they located the victim, a 21 year-old male. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause and manner of death will be determined through an autopsy.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Detective William Oakley at 703.746.6606.

Suspect in Alexandria Abduction Sentenced

On June 18, Horace White, 53, pled guilty to one count of Burglary While Armed, one count of Malicious Wounding, two counts of Robbery, two counts of Abduction and one count of Carjacking in relation to an incident that occurred in the 400 block of Jackson Place on January 9. White was sentenced to a total of 40 years in prison with 15 years of that sentence suspended, meaning that he will serve 25 years. Following his release from prison, White will be on supervised probation for five years. The plea was part of a global plea agreement reached in conjunction with the Arlington and Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices regarding other burglaries committed in the Commonwealth.

Around 4 p.m. on January 9, police responded to a residence for the report of a stabbing. White had attempted to burglarize the residence, but was interrupted when the two victims, both 84, returned home. They were attacked by White and one victim was stabbed. White bound that victim and forced the other to drive him to the Braddock Street Metro Station before she was released.

"The successful outcome of this case could not have happened without a collaboration with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and the Metro Transit Police Department. We cannot overlook the exemplary efforts by members of both departments working together to bring a suspect to justice. Additionally, I am extremely proud of the hard work and effort put forth by the men and women of the Police Department, both at the scene and during the investigation. This exemplifies our commitment to the safety of our community," said Chief Earl L. Cook.

Police Investigate Serious Crash at North Beauregard and North Armistead Streets

The Police Department is investigating a vehicle crash that occurred in the early hours of June 26, at the intersection of North Beauregard Street and North Armistead Street.

At approximately 2:26 a.m., police responded to the intersection for a single vehicle crash. Initial investigation revealed a black truck ran off the road at the intersection then struck a street sign and a parked vehicle. The driver of the striking vehicle fled the scene and was apprehended nearby a short time later. The passenger, a 25 year-old male, was transported to Fairfax Hospital and is in critical condition. The driver of the vehicle, Richard Ressa, a 27 year-old resident of Falls Church, Virginia, sustained minor injuries. He was charged with DUI and Felony Hit and Run. The Crash Reconstruction Team is investigating the incident.

Police ask that anyone with information regarding the accident contact Officer Greg Holden at 703.746.6184.

Alexandria Police Investigate Felonious Assault

On April 13, a felonious assault occurred at the intersection of Lincolnia Road and Breckenridge Place. Around 1:40 a.m., officers responded for reports of an assault. Upon arrival they located the victim, an adult male, who had been stabbed. The victim stated he was walking in the area when he was confronted by two suspects. He was transported to a hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

The first suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years-old, with braided hair and a thin build. He was last seen wearing a blue North Face jacket and dark pants. The second suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years-old, with a thin build and wearing dark clothing.

The Alexandria Police Department asks that anyone with information about this incident call Sergeant Dave Cutting at 703.746.6627.

Police Address “Shots Fired” Calls and Notifications

The Police Department has been notifying the public of ALL “shots fired” calls that it receives, even if there is no evidence that a crime occurred. In order to more accurately relay incidents related to public safety, the department will now only put out a “shots fired” notification if there is evidence that a weapon violation occurred.

If you follow APD on Facebook you have seen that we have notified the public of every call a resident has made regarding “shots fired”. Even if one person heard an unverified loud noise or other commentators stated that they heard the noise and it was not a gun shot. Many residents questioned why they were getting so many notifications if the department did not have proof that a crime occurred. APD erred on the side of public safety. The department is now balancing that with verified crimes so the public has the correct information. The Police Department is committed to public safety and informing the community of any crimes or incidents that may pose a risk to the public.

These “shots fired” calls remain a priority for the Police Department. We are actively investigating these incidents and making progress in identifying the individuals or groups responsible. There have been multiple incidents of “shots fired” calls for service in the area between Braddock Road Metro, Cameron Street and Washington Street. Detectives have seized firearms and collected a number of pieces of physical evidence. Several arrests have been made. In response to these incidents, the Patrol Operations Bureau, Community Support Section, Criminal Investigations Division, Crime Analysis Unit, and the Public Information Office (PIO) have dedicated resources to address the issue. Increased uniformed presence and extra staffing have been deployed to

the area of concern. Detectives are investigating each case thoroughly while the PIO is keeping residents well-informed of incidents and police presence through social media. To that end, we are advising the community to follow the APD on social media:

- Twitter: Follow us @AlexandriaVAPD
- Facebook: Like us at www.facebook.com/AlexandriaVAPD

Residents are also urged to sign up to receive Alexandria Police Department news releases and notifications through the City's email notification system, eNews at www.alexandriava.gov/eNews. This free service allows you to receive information on topics of your choosing, including vital emergency alerts. The messages can be sent as email messages, text messages, or voice messages. Residents can keep themselves informed about the crime in their neighborhoods through: www.raidsonline.com. You can find a detailed description of Raidsonline.com on the Alexandria Police Department's website at <http://www.alexandriava.gov/police/info/default.aspx?id=17030>. This website allows residents to search by incident type, date, and other analytics.



Police Arrest Two After Officer Involved Shooting

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred this afternoon in the 4200 block of Duke Street.

At approximately 4 p.m., undercover Alexandria Police Detectives were conducting a narcotics operation involving two suspects. A suspect brandished a gun and attempted to rob a Detective and a struggle ensued. During the struggle the Detective fired one round from his firearm. No one was injured.

Donta Boxley, 19, of Alexandria, and Nashay Tillis, 18, of Springfield were charged with Attempted Robbery, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, and Conspiracy to Commit Robbery. Boxley was also charged with Brandishing a Firearm. They were both held without bond.

The Alexandria Police Department asks that anyone with information related to this investigation contact Detective Gill at 703.746. 6751.

At-a-Glance: 2015 Crime Statistics*

OFFENSE	2014	2015	% CHANGE
Homicide	2	0	-100.00%
Rape	6	11	83.33%
Robbery	74	51	-31.08%
Aggravated Assault	43	82	90.70%
Burglary	100	116	16.00%
Larceny	1,219	1,155	-5.25%
Auto Theft	126	105	-16.67%
Total	1,570	1,520	-3.18%

*Crime statistics are for January 1 through June 30, 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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These social media platforms allow you to follow what's happening at APD from information about crime to crime prevention tips and information about what our officers have been doing. Stay informed. Don't be afraid to retweet us, tweet at us or comment on our Facebook page.



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During a recent Flashback Friday, this picture of Deputy Chief Dianne Gittins when she was Officer Gittins patrolling Old Town with Officer Mark Bergin (now retired) was posted on the Police Department's Facebook and Twitter page.