Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office
Ashburn Station

Quarterly Community Meeting
July 13th, 2022
WELCOME!
Meeting Agenda

➢ Welcome
➢ Captain David Hibberd
  ▪ Introductions
  ▪ Station Overview
  ▪ Calls for Service
  ▪ Up and Coming
➢ Station Sergeant Larry Vermeer
  ▪ Section Overview
  ▪ Community Outreach
  ▪ Significant Cases
➢ Closing Informational Items
Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office Station Populations

**Eastern Loudoun Station**
Population: 86,781

**Ashburn Station**
Population: 102,896

**Dulles South Station**
Population: 131,502

**Western Loudoun Station**
Population: 54,349

Compiled by: Loudoun County Department of Planning and Zoning, April 2021
**Mission:** The Field Operations Division provides twenty-four-hour pro-active patrol of Loudoun County as well as reactive response to calls for service. It is also responsible for routine traffic enforcement and preservation of crime scene evidence. The patrol shifts are responsible for answering calls for service and general enforcement within the entire county.
ASHBURN STATION SECTIONS

COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT

PATROL SQUAD DAYS

ASHBURN STATION

PATROL SQUAD NIGHTS

STATION DETECTIVES
## Ashburn Station

### Population: 102,896

#### Quarterly Calls For Service

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<td>11,660</td>
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<td>37,105</td>
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<td>Ashburn Station % of Calls</td>
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#### YTD Calls For Service

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<td>21,482</td>
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#### Quarterly Parking & Traffic Enforcement

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## Online Reporting Statistics

### Calendar Year 2022

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<td>1094</td>
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### Total Reports 2022

![Bar Chart showing total reports by month]
What’s happening in Ashburn

- LCSO is preparing for the arrival of METRO – Silver Line.
- Coordinating with WMATA, MTPD, FFXPD and OEM.
- Opening Fall 2022

- National Conference Center- Afghan Evacuees
- Federal Government resettlement program
The Crime Prevention Unit:
- Free security assessments.
- Active threat awareness.
- Residential Security Assessments
- Commercial Security Assessments
- Community Security Assessments
- Neighborhood Watch
- Group Presentations:
  - Fraud & Scam
  - Internet Safety
  - Vaping
  - Active Threat
  - Houses of Worship Safety
  - Realtor Safety
  - Personal Safety
  - And Other Topics

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Crime Prevention Specialist
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Sheriffs_Crime_Prevention@Loudoun.Gov
Sergeant Larry Vermeer
Ashburn Station Sergeant
Community Resource/Station Detectives
(571)258-3363
Laurence.Vermeer@loudoun.gov
Community Resource Deputy

Unit Mission:

- Develop relationships and partnerships with community members, organizations, and businesses
- Develop solutions for long term problems affecting communities
- Address community concerns
- Flexible schedules to meet service demands
- Work as a station enforcement team with Property Crimes Detectives

DFC. Kevin R. Lewis
Community Resource Deputy
Serving Since 2019
(571) 528-2169
Kevin.R.Lewis@loudoun.gov
Prescription Medication Disposal
Ashburn Station

➢ Next Event: Saturday October 29th
   10am - 2pm

➢ Spring 2022: 722 lbs. of medication collected
LCSO Medication Disposal Drop Box

YOU MAY DROP OFF:

- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Patches
- Over the Counter Medications
- Vitamins
- Sample Medications
- Medications for Pets

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ACCEPTED:

- Needles (Sharps)
- Liquid Medications
- Aerosol Containers
- Inhalers
- Ointments and Lotions
- Medications from Businesses

Ashburn Station-
20272 Savin Hill Drive, Ashburn

Dulles South Public Safety Center-
25216 Loudoun County Parkway, Chantilly

Eastern Loudoun Station-
46620 East Frederick Drive, Sterling

Leesburg Public Safety Center-
65 Plaza Street NE, Leesburg

Shenandoah Building-
102 Heritage Way NE, Leesburg

Western Loudoun Station-
47 W. Loudoun Street, Round Hill

http://sheriff.loudoun.gov
DMV Connect

UPCOMING DATES
➢ July 21 – 22
➢ August 18-19
➢ September 21-23
➢ October 20-21

9:30am to 3:30pm (By Appointment Only)
www.dmvnow.com/appt

DMV Connect offers:
- REAL ID
- Drivers’ licenses
- Identification cards
  (adult and child)
- Disabled parking placards
- Vehicle titles
- Address changes
- Vehicle registrations
- E-ZPass transponders
- Compliance summaries
- Transcripts
- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Knowledge Testing (at select visits)

Schedule your appointment with DMV Connect at www.dmvNOW.com/appt.
More than 40 transactions available online at www.dmvNOW.com.
Ashburn Station Detectives

Det. Michael Franks
Station Detective
Serving Since 2007
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Det. Michael Rivera
Station Detective
Serving Since 2016
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Det. Jonathan Engler
Station Detective
Serving Since 2015
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Significant Cases

Larceny from Vehicles

➢ On June 29<sup>th</sup>, two suspects removed the catalytic converter from a Toyota Prius.
➢ Continues to be a nationwide issue.
   Countywide we have had 104+ since the beginning of the year.
➢ We continue to see theft from unlocked vehicles and tools stolen from work trucks.
➢ Please report all thefts and suspicious activity/people.
Larceny of Vehicle Parts

Catalytic Converter Thefts
Thieves target catalytic converters because many contain precious metals, which are then sold to a scrap yard for cash.

What Can You Do?
- When possible, park in well-lit areas and close to building entrances.
- Calibrate your car's alarm to set off when it detects vibration.
- Install an overt video surveillance system and place the camera facing your vehicle.
- If you have a garage at your house, park your car inside and keep the garage door shut.
- Have the catalytic converter welded to your car's frame or attach a security device.
- Engrave your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter.

Report suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency.

Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
Emergency: 9-1-1
Non-Emergency: 703-777-1021
Larceny of Firearms

- Complainant reported firearms missing after homeowner had contractors (movers, painters, cleaners, electrical) at their residence.
- Please retain your serial #’s so we can enter them as stolen, and secure them in a safe place, for example, a safe attached to the floor.

Orbeez Projectile Gun

- Nationwide TikTok challenge - 3 persons assaulted with an Orbeez projectiles.
- We mentioned nationwide incidents at last Quarterly Meeting. Since that time, suspects have been identified and charged.

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT...

Air-Powered Guns  Splatter Guns  Paintball Guns  Pellet Guns  Airsoft Guns  BB Guns

There is a dangerous social media challenge that encourages shooting strangers with water beads, paintballs, pellets, bb’s, etc. These beads, balls, pellets, etc., can cause SERIOUS injuries. SERIOUS property damage, and result in some very SERIOUS CRIMINAL CHARGES.

In many instances, these air guns are painted to resemble real functioning firearms.

We encourage parents to discuss the dangers and consequences of this type of activity with their children.
Reminder | Safety Tips

#9PMRoutine

- Remove valuables from vehicle.
- Lock vehicle doors.
- Close and lock garage door & all outbuildings.
- Lock the door between the garage and your residence.
- Close and lock all exterior doors.
- Turn on all exterior lights.

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Safely Secure All Firearms * Not in Vehicles
Reminder | Safety Tips

IRS SCAM
As if tax time wasn’t stressful enough, you also have to worry about scammers claiming to be from the IRS.

Things the IRS WILL NOT do...
(from our friends at the IRS)
• Initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.
• CALL to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes.
• Demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe. You should also be advised of your rights as a taxpayer.
• Threaten to bring in local police, immigration officers or other law enforcement to have you arrested for not paying. The IRS also cannot revoke your driver’s license, business licenses, or immigration status. Threats like these are common tactics scam artists use to trick victims into buying into their schemes.

Beware of Scammers
• Scammers are convincing!
• Scammers will ask you to purchase gift cards, cash app money, send money through a wire service, or use Bitcoin to pay for bills, settle an arrest warrant, upgrade your computer, sign up for a utility service, etc.
• Scammers are clever and will pretend to be a company or your bank. They even using spoofed phone numbers to make them look official.
• Scammers will email or text you a link to gain access or place a virus on your device. Do not click on any unsolicited links.
• Scammers will rush you into making a decision and will often call numerous times.

HEARTSTRING SCAM
Have you seen posts like this on your social media community & group pages?
Delete if not allowed this is embarrassing but does anybody have any work that needs to be done that I could possibly earn some gas money so I can make it to work this week? If anybody has anything please DM me thank you. Please no rude comments I’ve had the worst week of my life just wanna put in the past thank you again. I don’t want to ask for a hand out so that’s why I’m asking for any side jobs.

These types of scams pull at your heartstring and make you want to help. The scammer hopes that people will send them money or gift cards.
A couple of ways to determine if the person is a scammer.
• The person has never posted in the group before.
• The person has a very limited social media profile or appears to have a new account.
What can you do?
• Instead of sending money, refer the person to local organizations that can provide assistance. Loudoun County has many great organizations.
• Contact the admin of the social media page and make them aware.

If you have a group and would like a fraud & scam presentation, scan the QR code or contact the LCSO Crime Prevention Unit @ Sheriff_Crime_Prevention@loudoun.gov

HIT DELETE on phony texts

Nearest to farthest:
This is your bank, there is a suspicious charge on your account. Click the link for more information. msvc:bank
It is going to be a beautiful weekend. Wanna go out? Jane gave me your number. Check out my profile at $475:profile
Altered Mufflers

Following the most recent session of the Virginia General Assembly, a bill was passed to amend and reenact the Virginia Code that returns the enforcement of Improper Exhausts by a law enforcement officer as a primary offense. The new law took effect on July 1, 2022, and replaces the March 2021 law restricting law enforcement’s ability to conduct traffic stops for this equipment violation (making it a secondary offense).

Virginia law § 46.2-1049 continues to require exhaust systems to be in good working order “and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual levels of noise.” Violations are punishable by a fine of no more than that provided for a Class 4 misdemeanor.

**What is the difference between a primary and secondary offense?** A primary offense is a traffic violation, that on its own, law enforcement establishes reasonable suspicion to make a traffic stop. A secondary offense is a violation that law enforcement can observe, but not pull over unless the officer observes a primary offense.
Stay Connected

➢ Inform You of Public Safety Matters Directly Impacting Your Community
➢ Get to Know your Local Deputy
➢ Report a Crime or File a Traffic Complaint
➢ Receive Resident Feedback
➢ Stay in the ‘Loop’ about Crime & Safety Issues in Your Community
➢ Real time Alerts
Safe2Talk App

Have you downloaded Safe2Talk?

Safe2Talk is a free app that allows students, parents, teachers, and residents the ability to anonymously report safety concerns in our schools, including suspicious or threatening social media activity. Search Safe2Talk LCSO in the App Store or Google Play to download.

If you see or hear something, say something.

http://sheriff.loudoun.gov
Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office, VA
The LCSO uses CityProtect as an online mapping and analysis service that combines the value of law enforcement data with the ease of use of Google-based mapping and an analytics module so that members of the public can view police data in a high-impact map or summary descriptive format.

Many residents have asked about the option to register their security camera at CityProtect.com. Registration is 100% voluntary and does not provide the law enforcement with direct access to your security system/camera. Your personal information will be kept confidential by the LCSO and registration information will only be accessed by law enforcement if there is a criminal incident that was possibly captured by your security camera. LCSO detectives or deputies may request a copy of any video captured by your camera, if it may assist in the investigation of a crime.
Northern Virginia District Office
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, Virginia 20151
703-383-2000
www.VirginiaDOT.org

Work Requests
Just submit a work request or call 800-367-ROAD (7623)
Thank you for your continued support!

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