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Board Proclaims April 29th as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day in Prince William County

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . The Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) today proclaimed that April 29, 2009, will be Crossing Guard Appreciation Day in Prince William County. This day will be observed in conjunction with Safe Kids Week (April 27-May 4, 2009).

County government places a top priority on child safety issues and awareness. During the school year, student pedestrian safety is the primary mission for the more than 90 adult School Crossing Guards in Prince William County. Every school day, these highly dedicated men and women are in the street protecting our children and training them in pedestrian safety.

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day honors those men and women who provide an invaluable service to our community, sometimes under adversarial, dangerous or hostile conditions in the performance of their duties.

This day, the first in the County to officially recognize school crossing guards, is being held in conjunction with National Safe Kids Week, April 27th through May 4th. The County's Safe Kids Coalition agreed to include Crossing Guard Appreciation Day as part of the larger observance.

The Crossing Guard Bureau is part of the Prince William County Police Department. Chief Charlie T. Deane praised the work of the crossing guards, saying, "Prince William County is fortunate to have professional school crossing guards who, by temperament and training, are fully prepared to meet the challenges of protecting our school children."

The resolution approved by the BOCS earlier today calls on the citizens of Prince William County to make a special effort to let school crossing guards know that they are appreciated.

For more information on crossing guards, please visit the Police Department website at www.police.pwcgov.org, click on "Career Center" and select "Crossing Guard Bureau" from the drop-down menu.

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