



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEWS RELEASE

Contact: 1st Sergeant Kim D. Chinn
Phone: 703.792.7245
e-mail: kchinn@pwcgov.org
FAX: 703.792.6510

Officer Erika Hernandez
703.792.4159
emhernandez@pwcgov.org
703.792.4077

May 5, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County Observes National Police Week

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . The Board of County Supervisors today proclaimed May 10-16, 2009, as National Police Week. The Board also proclaimed May 15, 2009, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day in Prince William County.

The Board, in passing the resolution, requested that Prince William County citizens make a special effort to let officers from various law enforcement agencies know they are appreciated for their work in making the County a safe place to live, work and play.

Each May, communities nationwide pay tribute to the thousands of law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities. The Prince William County Police Department has suffered two line-of-duty deaths since its inception in 1970: Officer Philip Michael "Mike" Pennington on November 22, 1990, and Officer Paul Thomas "Pete" White, Jr. on October 27, 1973.

"It is proper and fitting that we give special recognition to, and remember those law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty from Prince William County, the Commonwealth of Virginia and our nation," said Police Chief Charlie T. Deane. "We also give special recognition to those who continue to courageously and conscientiously maintain a delicate balance between the liberty of the individual and a high degree of social protection."

A display about Police Week in Prince William County is in the lobby of the McCourt Building through May 17, 2009. Please feel free to stop in and view this tribute to our fallen police officers.

* * * end * * *