



# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Dawn Harman is Animal Control Bureau Manager**

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . Today Chief Charlie T. Deane announced the selection of Prince William County Police First Sergeant Dawn M. Harman for the position of Animal Control Bureau manager. First Sergeant Harman will retain her sworn police status in the new assignment, which will likely be effective in early January 2010.

First Sergeant Harman is an 18-year veteran with the Prince William County Police Department where she began as a deputy animal warden in 1991. She became a police officer in 1994 and has risen through the ranks to First Sergeant. As a sworn police officer, she has served as a crime prevention officer, patrol squad supervisor and, for the past two and a half years, as the Department's accreditation manager.

She holds a bachelor's degree in animal and veterinary science from West Virginia University, a master's degree in public administration from George Mason University, and she is a graduate of the West Point Leadership Program.

The timing of First Sergeant Harman's selection coincides with her successful completion of the Department's triennial re-accreditation assessment process by the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation which is anticipated to conclude next month with outstanding reviews.

Chief Deane said: "First Sergeant Harman is known for her longstanding commitment to animals, outstanding organization skills, and tireless work ethic." Her selection will fill the Animal Control administrator position, which is being vacated by the retirement of Master Detective Sam Newsome.

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