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"I am humbled and honored to lead one of the best, most progressive Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices in Virginia. This summer we welcomed five new prosecutors to the office: Kevin Leahy (Sr. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney), Marcia Payne (Sr. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney), Janina Crenshaw (Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney), Sarah Sami (Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney) and Raissa Wilbur (Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney) and one Staff Attorney for the Domestic Violence Team, Thomas E. Scartz.

Joining our administrative staff are: Kristin Barbier (Circuit Court Paralegal), Donna Hernandez (Circuit Court Paralegal), Theresa Robinson (District Court Motions Tech), Francisco Osegueda (Front Desk Administrator). Victim/Witnesses added a new case manager: Annalise Tempest and a new part-time Domestic Violence Case Manager: Melissa Gamez.

We welcome these new employees to the team as we expand our staffing to keep up with the ongoing demands of the criminal justice system.

Violent and serious crimes continue to be the focus of our operations. Our Domestic Violence and Special Investigations Teams each added an additional prosecutor with the new hires. I am happy to report there has been no reduction in services provided to the citizens of Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park."

-Amy Ashworth,
Commonwealth's Attorney



Our office had the opportunity to assist Delegate Candi King, in her Back to School Celebration event. Our office, along with others in the community, collected school supplies to fill backpacks. These backpacks were given out to students in the community.

Our next event is the Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 10 - 2 pm. at the Hylton Boys and Girls Club. We hope to see you there at this family friendly event!

Season of Service 2021

Our office is excited to host our second annual Season of Service event! Last year, we collected over 200 items and delivered them to 14 thankful families. The Season of Service is an annual holiday drive collecting items for families in our community that were impacted by crime. Please consider participating in this fun and rewarding event by donating items or gift cards!



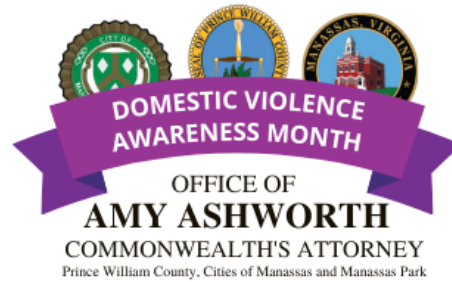
Items to be collected include: family board games, children's toys, activities for the family, and small household items. We can also include gift cards that the family can use to purchase items for the holidays. You can drop off items with our office beginning October 1st, until November 30th, 2021. Our office hours are between 8:30 a.m and 5:00 p.m. Please call Gabe at 703-792-6050, if you are interested in participating in this event! Below is the address for our office where items can be dropped off.

Once collected, our office will sanitize, wrap, and hand-deliver the gifts to the families.

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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence can start with verbal abuse, controlling behavior, and threats, which could escalate further. Physical or sexual violence, stalking or psychological abuse can follow. These actions could be by a parent, sibling, spouse, or partner, which could begin to affect the person's life negatively. Domestic violence effects physical health, self-worth; and can lead to anxiety, depression, and feelings of helplessness.

Domestic violence affects millions of people in the United States each year. The CDC reports that:

- About 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, and/ or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime.
- Over 43 million women and 38 million men have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- 1 in 5 homicide victims are killed by an intimate partner. It was found that half of female homicide victims in the U.S. are killed by a current or former male intimate partner.

The CDC states that you are able to help the community by:

- Teaching safe and healthy relationship skills
- Be engaged with influential adults and peers
- Disrupt the developmental pathways toward partner violence
- Create protective environments
- Strengthen economic supports for families
- Support survivors to increase safety and lessen harms
- When you see something, say something!



Please join our office as we wear purple in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness on Thursday, October 21 for #PurpleThursday!

Reference:

Preventing Intimate Partner Violence |Violence Prevention|Injury Center|CDC. (2020, October 9). CDC, Centers for Disease and Control Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/fastfact.html>



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For Domestic Violence Awareness Month, our office wore purple to show our support for those impacted by Domestic Violence.



The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office wearing teal in support of Sexual Assault Awareness for the month of April.



New employees: Francisco Osegueda, Kevin Leahy, Kimberly Strong, Raissa Wilbur, Marcia Payne, Janina Crenshaw, Donna Hernandez, Sarah Sami, Thomas Scartz, and Theresa Robinson.

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