





The role of Public Information Officers in crash prevention

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Office of the Chief

- > PIO
 - First Sergeant
 - Full-time police officer
 - 3 part-time police officers
 - Social Media Liaison
 - Communications Analyst (website)

- > PWCPD total 901 employees
 - 701 sworn
 - 200 civilian

Special Ops - Crash and Traffic Units

Crash Unit: 8 Investigators and 2 Supervisors

Fatal Crash Investigations
Hit and Run Investigations
Serious Person Injury Crashes
Commercial Truck Inspections
Crash Scene Reconstruction
Crime Scene Reconstruction



Motors: 12 Officers and 2 Supervisors

Traffic Direction
Crash Scenes
Oversized Equipment
Power Outages
Natural Disasters
Traffic Lights
Malfunctions

Speed Enforcement
R.I.M.P.
Speed Signs
Speed Trailer
Special Enforcement
Traffic Complaints
Traffic Safety Campaigns

Can Social Media Reroute Traffic Concerns?

- Facebook has 2.912 billion active monthly users
 Facebook has 1.929 billion active daily users



- Twitter has 330 million monthly active users (microblogging)
 Twitter has 217 million daily active users



- YouTube has 2.6 billion monthly active users (video)
 YouTube is the world's second-most visited website (Google #1)



- Instagram has 2 billion monthly active users
 Instagram was the most downloaded app in Q4 2021



- Nextdoor has 10 million monthly active users
 1 in 3 households in the U.S. are Nextdoor users



Demographics of PWCPD Social Media

- Facebook: (113,023 followers) about 61% women and 39% men
- Most significant age group for women between 35-44
- Most significant age group for men between 25-44
- Instagram: (9,942 followers) about 59% and 41% men
- Most significant age group for women between 35-44
- Most significant age group for men between 25-34
- Twitter: (71,264 followers) analytics not specific worldwide it's women 30% & men 70%
- 42% of users are between 18-29 worldwide
- YouTube: (712 followers) about 27% female and 73% male
- Most significant age group for both women and men between 25-34
- Nextdoor: (100,749 members) 71658 household separated into 26 areas in our county
- Community Engagement Unit utilizes platform and posts traffic awareness when there are significant events

Age group of largest number of followers are likely drivers & second largest age group is likely parents of drivers for FB & Twitter

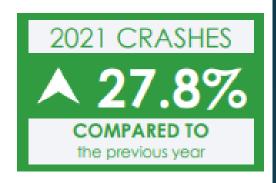
2021 Crash summary

	2020 (PWC)	2021 (PWC)	2021 (VA)	2021 PWC
TOTAL REPORTABLE CRASHES	3,431	4,386	118,501	CRASH RATE
TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES	1,254	1,727	58,788	0 0
TOTAL FATALITY CRASHES	17	28	967	0.7

Crash Rate increased in 2021 from 7.1 the previous year. Rate is based on total reportable crashes per 1,000 residents.

FATALITY CRASHES (PWC)

In 2021, **fatality crashes** increased by 64.7% from 17 to 28 when compared to the previous year. Of note, fatality crashes involving a juvenile being killed totaled five of the 28 crashes that occurred



in the County in 2021, a 10-year high. Driver impairment, excessive speed, and not wearing a seatbelt were contributing factors noted in several fatalities from the year.



IMPAIRMENT

EXCESSIVE SPEED

SEATBELT

PEDESTRIAN

MOTORCYCLES

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Traffic Enforcement

	2020	2021
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS	23,490	18,741
TOTAL PARKING CITATIONS	10,537	11,769

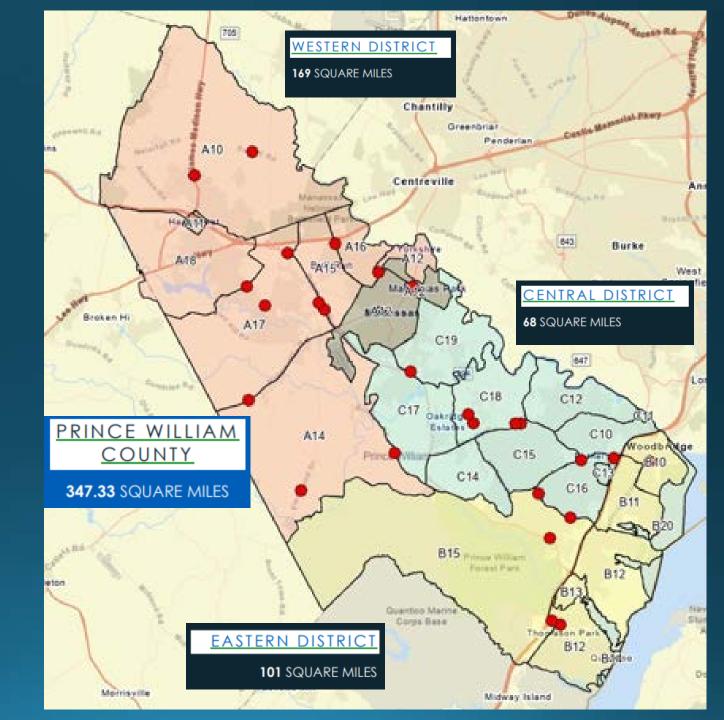
Traffic citations decreased 20.2% in 2021 compared to the previous year, while parking citations increased 11.7%

	TOP 5 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	2021 IMPAIRED
1. SPEEDING	4,864	DRIVING
2. RECKLESS DRIVING	1,853	ARRESTS
3. NO OPERATORS (DRIVERS) LICENSE	1,500	~
4. FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	1,295	1,102
5. DISREGARD TRAFFIC LIGHT	1,177	

Impaired driving arrests decreased in 2021 from 1,153 the previous year.

2021 Traffic Fatality Locations

(Nextdoorallows you to target areas)



2021 Public Education / Community Outreach

- Facebook Live / Driver Education
 Safety Campaigns
- (Facebook live appearances)
- Social Media Announcements
- (840 messages posted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor and YouTube - About 300,000 followers on all platforms)
- Media Releases
- (15 news releases to the media and public)
- Traffic Complaint Line
 (254 complaints received and addressed)

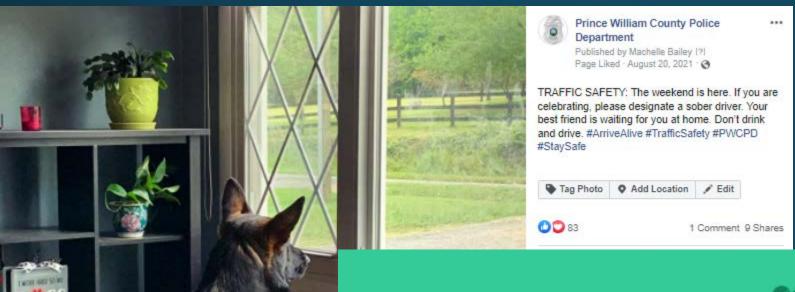


Join members of the Police Department as we discuss holiday personal safety and traffic safety. If you have any questions, please let us know!





Impairment







BARS ARE OPEN! **BUT SO ARE** JAILS.



Comment





A Share









Impairment - increased posts about drug use







Be prepared for numerous comments



Use video, when possible, for greater engagement

Impairment Reshares - Multiple Languages Washington Regional Alcohol Program





Free Cinco de Mayo @lyft Rides throughout Greater Washington next Thursday (May 5th) to Prevent Drunk Driving ** #SoberRide #VivaSafety wrap.org/free-cinco-de-...



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Excessive Speed

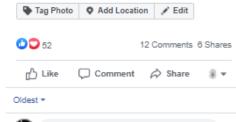


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TRAFFIC SAFETY: As speed gets higher, the risk of death, disfigurement and serious injury during crashes increases, while at the same time, the effectiveness of air bags, seat belts and other safety devices decreases.

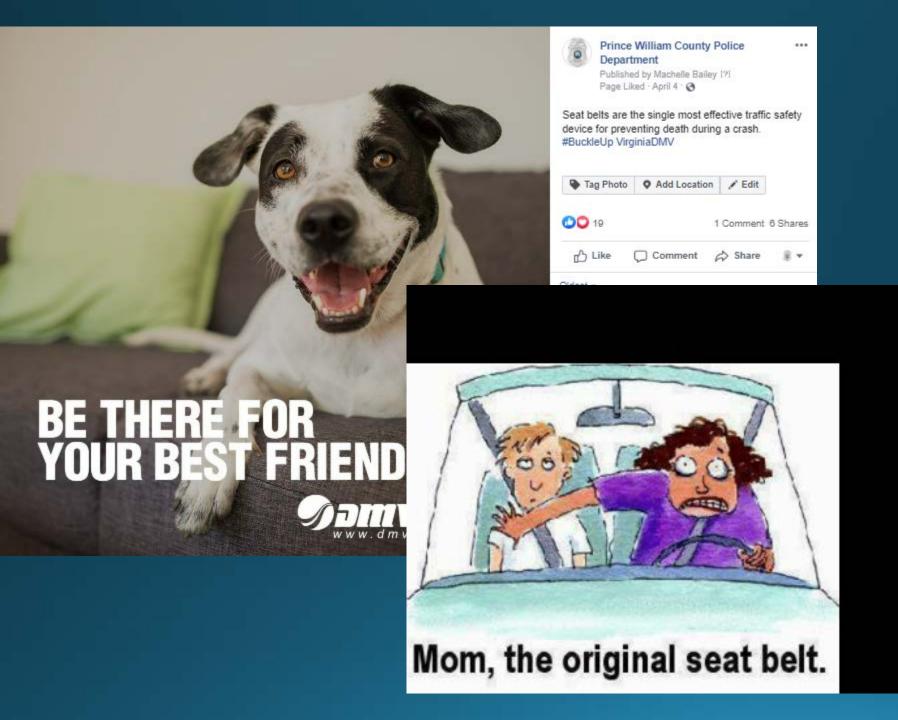
Always obey the posted speed limit. Speed limits are related to road conditions and are enforced to save lives and protect motorists. #NHTSA NHTSA



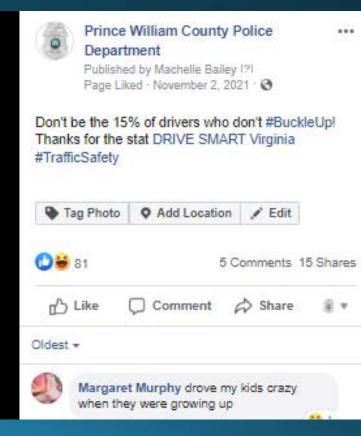
Richard LaRose Speed Cameras Save Lives (cops and citizens).

Politicians and bureaucrats should do their jobs and have them installed everywhere

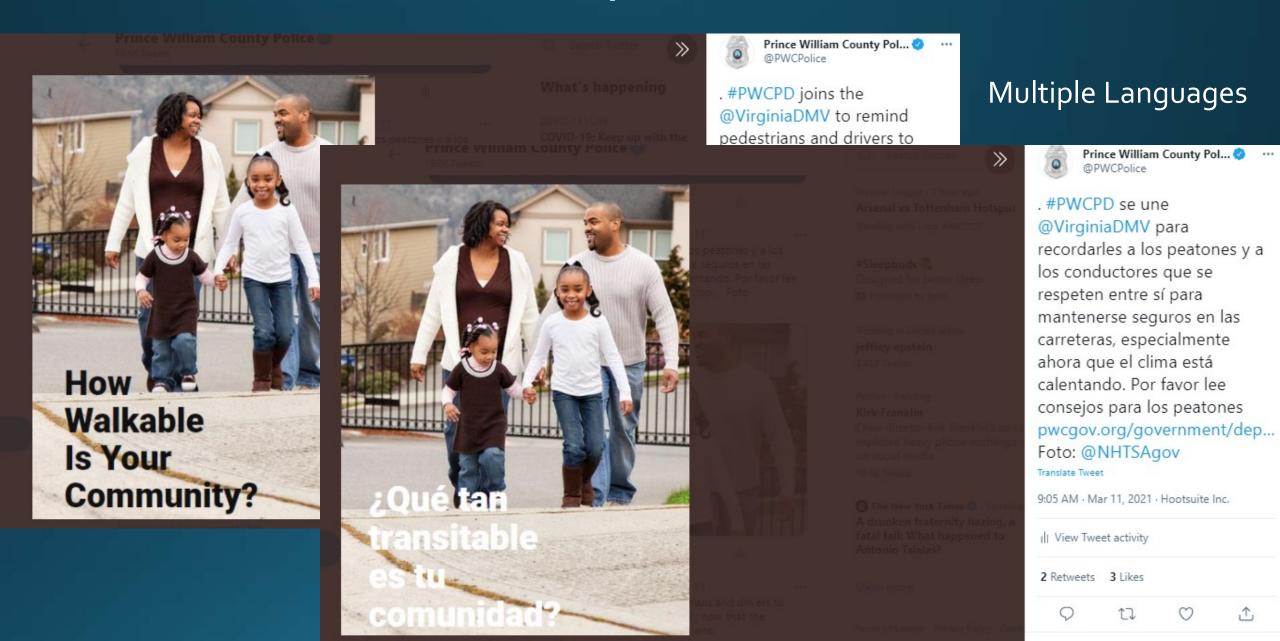




Seat Belts



Pedestrian Safety – NHTSA website



News Releases - Multiple languages

Slow Down Move Over



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Slow Down! Mover Over! It's the Law!

Did you know that Virginia law protects police officers and other emergency workers stopped alongside the roadways? All 50 states have "Move Over" laws to protect law officers and other first responders stopped on our nation's roads.

Yet one-third of the public is not aware of these laws, and traffic-related incidents con the number one cause of death among on-duty law enforcement officers. That's why William County Police Department – along with the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicle Safety Office and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – will conduct a "Move Over" awareness and outreach campaign on Mother's Day weekend (May 6-8, In Virginia between 2018 and 2021, 13 people were injured in 28 crashes because of failing to move over for an emergency vehicle responding to a crash with its emerger activated.

"The men and women of the Prince William County Police Department are here to he you," said Chief Peter Newsham. "Help protect those whose job it is to protect you. Your risk by moving over a lane and slowing down."

Prince William County Fire & Rescue System Prince William County Government, Virginia

Slow Down! Move Over! It's the Law!



Year	Crashes	Fatalities
2018	14	0
2019	10	0
2020	3	0
2021	1	0
Total	28	. 0

Note: The above move over crash data identified and compiled based on (1) a over "information recorded in the nan section in police crash reports and/or involved in a crash who was charged a "46.2-921.1" (vehicle violation/flashing law enforcement.

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¡Más despacio! ¡Muévase! ¡Es la Lev!

¿Sabías que la ley de Virginia protege a los oficiales de policía y otros trabajadores de emergencia que se encuentran estacionados junto a las carreteras? Todos los 50 estados tienen leyes de "Muévase" o "Move Over" en inglés para proteger a los agentes de la ley y otros socorristas parados en las carreteras de nuestra nación.

Sin embargo, un tercio del público no conoce estas leyes, y los incidentes relacionados con el tráfico siguen siendo la causa número uno de muerte entre los agentes del orden público en servicio. Por esa razón el Departamento de Policía del Condado de Prince William, junto con la Oficina de Seguridad en las Carreteras de la División de Vehículos Motorizados de Virginia y la Administración Nacional de Seguridad del Tráfico en las Carreteras, llevará a cabo una campaña especial de concientización y divulgación "Muévase" el fin de semana del Día de la Madre (del 6 al 8 de mayo de 2022).

En Virginia entre 2018 y 2021, 13 personas resultaron heridas en 28 accidentes debido a que el conductor no se movió y le dio espacio al vehículo de emergencia que respondía a un choque aun teniendo las luces de emergencia activadas.

"Los hombres y las mujeres del Departamento de Policía del Condado de Prince William están aquí para protegerlos", dijo el jefe Peter Newsham. "Ayude a proteger a aquellos cuyo trabajo es protegerte. Nuestro riesgo se reduce moviéndose a otro carril y disminuyendo la velocidad".

See Translation

¡Más despacio! ¡Muévase! ¡Es la Ley!



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Twitter - use link

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20.9K Twee

¿Sabias que la ley de Virginia protege a los oficiales de policia y otros trabajadores de emergencia que se encuentran estacionados junto a las carreteras? Lee mas: pwcvs.gov/news/slow-down... #PWCPD



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Read more: pwcva.gov/news/slow-down...

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Facebook & Instagram –full release

Motorcycles



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Motorcycle Safety: Be sure to ride wearing the appropriate gear

- · Always wear a helmet with a face shield or protective eye wear.
- Wearing a helmet is the best way to protect against severe head injuries. A motorcycle rider not wearing a helmet is five times more likely to sustain a critical head injury.
- Make sure to wear protective gear and clothing that will minimize the number of injuries in case
 of an accident or a skid. Wearing leather clothing, boots with nonskid soles, and gloves can
 protect your body from severe injuries. Consider attaching reflective tape to your clothing to
 make it easier for other drivers to see you.

For more tips, visit: https://www.pwcva.gov/trafficsafety#motorcycle-safety Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zf0-LDIYz68



YOUTUBE.COM

Roll with the Proper Gear

DMV encourages motorcycle riders to wear all the proper gear, all the time. In this video, DMV...



Prince William County Police Department

May 16, 2021 ⋅

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Fatal Crash Investigation – On May 16 at 1:56PM, investigators with the Crash Investigation Unit responded to the area of Hornbaker Rd and Industrial Rd in Manassas (20109) to investigate a crash involving a motorcycle. The preliminary investigation revealed that the operator of a 2007 Kawasaki Ninja ZX-10R was traveling south on Hornbaker Rd near Industrial Rd when the operator lost control, ran off the right side of the roadway, and struck a guide wire attached to an electric pole. The operator then separated from the motorcycle. The operator was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision. The operator was transported to an area hospital where he died as a result of his injuries sustained during the crash. Speed is a factor in the crash. The investigation continues.

Identified:

The driver of the 2007 Kawasaki Ninja ZX-10R was identified as Joshua Lee JACKSON, 23, of Manassas



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Average 40,000+ reach for fatal crash investigations (Facebook & Twitter)



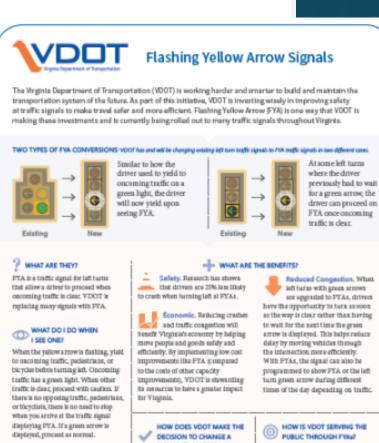
TRAFFIC ALERT: Crash | Manassas;

Officers are currently investigating a two vehicle crash in the area of Hoadly Rd and Galveston Ct. Hoadly Rd is closed. Drivers can expect delays. Use caution and follow police direction.

PRINCE WILLIAM Police Department



Fatal crash involving children – LT requested education post the same day regarding flashing arrow signals



SIGNAL TO AN FYAT

evaluation, looking at such things as

the number of vehicles turning left, the

amount and speed of oncoming traffic.

the number of lanes vehicles must

cross, sight lines, and crash history.

VDOT conducts an engineering

WHERE WILL I FIND FYAIR

FYAs can be found throughout

installed at every intersection.

the state! Some intersections have

equipment limitations or are not ideal

locations for FYAs, so they will not be

Through FYAs, VDOT'S

demonstrating our commitment to

improving traffic signal timing and

openitions on congested corridors, as

wall as incorporating low-cost/high-

benefit highway safety improvements.

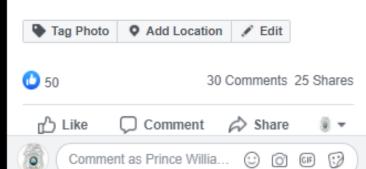
Educate



Have You Seen Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals? Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is investing in improving safety at traffic signals to make travel safer and more efficient. Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) is one way VDOT is making these investments and will be changing some existing left turn traffic signals to FYAs.

When the yellow arrow is flashing, yield to oncoming traffic, pedestrians, or bicycles before turning left. Oncoming traffic has a green light.

We appreciate your awareness of the Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals. Please continue to drive safely in Prince William County.



Directing followers to website



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TRAFFIC SAFETY is the responsibility of everyone using streets and roadways: pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and vehicle operators. If you need to request additional patrols or report a traffic issue in your neighborhood, you can do so here. Visit:

www.pwcva.gov/trafficsafety#motorcycle-safety

Commercial Vehicle Concerns: To express concerns with any commercial vehicle traveling through, parking, or otherwise operating in Prince William County, please send an email to the Police Department at motorcarrier@pwcgov.org.



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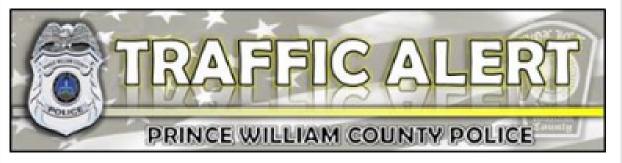
Witness information obtained within hour related to traffic crash



Prince William County Police Department shared their photo.

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REQUEST FOR WITNESSES – MANASSAS AREA: Thank you for your patience to all motorists that were in the area of Sudley Road and Sudley Manor Drive yesterday during our crash investigation. The crash investigators are asking that anyone who witnessed the crash to please contact our Communications Bureau at 703-792-6500 with your contact information so that an investigator may call you. As always, thank you for your well wishes to those involved and for your help!



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Published by Jonathan Perok 🖓 · May 3 at 9:00am · 🚱

*UPDATE: Roadways are completely open. Drive safely.

*UPDATE 11:56AM: Roadways remain partially closed. Please continue to follow police direction. Safe travels.

*TRAFFIC ALERT: Crash | Manassas:

Officers are currently investigating a multi-vehicle crash in the area of Sudley Rd and Sudley Manor Dr. Motorists can expect delays. Use caution and follow police direction.

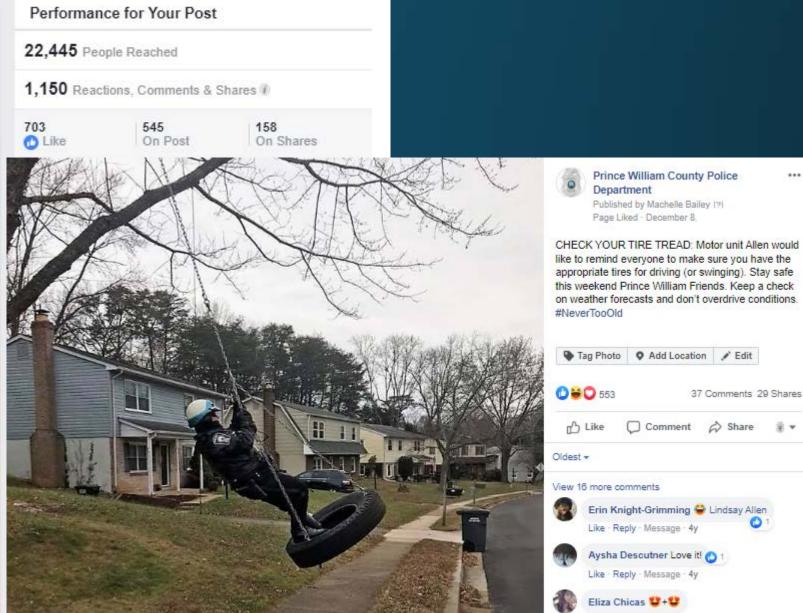
Traffic Units – More than just radar

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BORN TO BE WILD: Motor unit Endrizzi was on his way home yesterday and felt something hit his throat. He looked down and this little guy was hanging on. Sometimes you'd rather ride than fly. #AngryBird #ThroatPunch #CoolMohawk





2021 Grant Funded Programs for Special Ops related to traffic

DMV Grant Funded Enforcement / 4 Focus Areas

Pedestrian/ Bicycle Safety

*155 hours monitored / 8 Pedestrian and 1 bicycle violation, 310 violations

Speed - (Purchased 8 LIDAR / 8 RADAR units for enforcement)

*603 hours monitored / 1,064 total violations cited, 783 for speeding

Alcohol

*2,364 hours monitored / 109 arrest for DUI, 458 various citations, and 11 DUI checkpoints

Occupant Protection (Seatbelt / Child Safety)

*597 hours monitored / 1,123 total violations cited, 174 for seatbelt/child restraint

PIO sends specific campaign and quarterly stats to Special Ops related to traffic In 2021 - 4,568 posts were shared on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. 840 were related to traffic.

Citizen questions & public comments



10 hrs - @

R & B Custom Holsters added 3 new photos.



On April 28th we were involved in a hit and run accident that flipped and totaled my trailer along with damaging the majority or our tools and supplies. I want to thank you to the Virginia State Police and Prince William County Police Department and Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue for all your help. They actually caught the guy. I would like to thank Sam, Steve and Jovany for helping me get ready for the next shows the following weekend.





Erica Aderman Bailey

Trained stopped on the tracks again at 29 in Gainesville. Has there been another accident or something else going on?

Like · Comment · February 21 at 4:27pm via mobile



Prince William County Police Department We haven't received any reports of another crash or a stopped train February 21 at 5:13pm · Like



Write a comment...



Priscilla Burch Keller

What's all the helicopter activity going on in Triangle/Quantico?

Like : Comment : February 20 at 11:46pm







Priscilla Burch Keller Thank you. That's what I thought, but thought they had caught the suspect.

February 21 at 11:16am via mobile : Like



Prince William County Police Department We did apprehend the suspect, a helo was called out since limited info was known in the beginning

February 21 at 12;12pm · Like · ∠1 1



Write a comment...



Joe Ball

Looking for information on Wertz Drive Closings twice this week. Sunday afternoon and again tonight, relation/concerns for residents

STAY SAFE!

Big shout out to everyone who works nights or is on-call

If nightshift had a face



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