# Washington County Sheriff's Office <u>Neighborhood Watch Newsletter</u>

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"Take the time to prevent a crime"

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#### **Statistics for February Aggravated Assault** 3 Assault (Simple) 23 **Burglary/Breaking & Entering** 7 **Credit Card Fraud** 16 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism 11 **Driving Under the Influence** Drug/Narcotic Violations 10 **Drunkenness** 6 22 **Impersonation** Intimidation 47 Larceny (all other) **Liquor Law Violations Motor Vehicle Theft** 0 **Shoplifting** 14 **Trespass** 1 Weapon Law Violations 3 All Other Offenses 119 **Total Offenses**

Total Arrest	Total Warrants	
Adult- 173	Criminal- 330	
Juvenile- 6	Civil- 1,441	

# SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

The C. C. Porter Animal Shelter falls under the control of the Washington County Sheriff Office and the animal control officers are all sworn law enforcement officers. The deputies are responsible for enforcing county and state statutes, picking up stray dogs, responding to dog bite calls; they also assist with emergency calls in the community. The day to day operation of the shelter is overseen by the shelter supervisor. The county uses trustee's from the Southwest Regional Jail Authority to assist with the cleaning and feeding of the animals that are contained there.

#### Sheriff Fred Newman

\*\*\*\* All May Neighborhood Watch meetings will be conducted by the Animal Control division. If you have any question or concerns for animal control, please attend. \*\*\*\*

	Monthly Meeting Schedule	
05-02	MENDOTA (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday)	7:00 PM
05 02	Mendota Community Center	7.00 1111
05-06	BURSON CORNER (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday)	7:00 PM
03-00	Goodson Kinderhook FD	7.00 I WI
05-07	HIGH POINT (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday)	7:00 PM
03-07	High Point (1 Tuesday) High Point Elementary School	7.00 FWI
05-14	•	7.00 DM
05-14	TAYLORS VALLEY	7:00 PM
05.16	Taylor's Valley Community Center	7.00 DM
05-16	ZION COMMUNITY (3 <sup>RĎ</sup> Thursday)	7:00 PM
	Zion Church	- 00 -
05-21	HIGHLANDER PARK (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)	7:00 PM
	Noonkester Field Park	
05-23	KONNAROCK	7:00 PM
	Konnarock Community Center	
05-28	HAYTERS GAP (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)	10:30 AM
	Hayters Gap Community Center	
05-28	POOR VALLEY (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)	7:00 PM
	Valley View Assembly of God Church	
	Quarterly Meeting Schedule	
06-03	CLAYMAN VALLEY	7:00 PM
	Goodson Kinderhook FD	
06-04	EAGLE RIDGE	7:00 PM
	High Point Elementary School	
06-09	WOODLAND HILLS	7:00 PM
00 07	Woodland Hills Christian Church	7100 1111
06-10	CROWEVILLE/ GLADE SPRING	7:00 PM
00 10	Glade Spring Community Center	7.001141
06-11	GATE CITY HWY	7:00 PM
00-11	Three Springs Methodist Church	7.00 I WI
06-11	HAYTERS GAP EVENING	7:00 PM
00-11	Clinch Mtn. Fire Department	7.00 FWI
06.12	WORTHINGTON WAY	7.00 DM
06-13		7:00 PM
06.10	Ely Residence	7.00 D) (
06-13	QUAIL RIDGE	7:00 PM
06-17	MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES	7:00 PM
	Pleasant View Methodist	
06-18	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS	7:00 PM
	Noonkester Field Park	
06-20	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY	7:00 PM
	Zion Church	
06-24	OAKWOOD DRIVE	7:00 PM
	McDaniel Residence	

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## Washington County VA Sheriff's Office Animal Control

An animal control officer protects and rescues domesticated animals. If animal abuse is reported, an animal control officer is normally dispatched to the location of the alleged crime to inspect the scene. They typically investigate the physical condition of the animals and interview the pet owners. The animals are removed from the location if the officer finds evidence of neglect, inhumane treatment, malnutrition or disease. Pet owners in these circumstances are normally prosecuted, fined, or sometimes jailed. Animals that become separated from their owners are frequently rescued by animal control officers who generally take them to his agency to shelter them while attempts are made to reunite them with their owners. Unclaimed pets are normally put up for adoption if they are not claimed in a prescribed length of time (5 days without a collar and 7 days with). To promote the nurturing and protection of animals within the community, an animal control officer frequently speaks to groups of children at schools about the care and feeding of pets; also, they learn about animal care, maintenance and educate them on the benefits of spaying and neutering of pets.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office took over the animal shelter in our county in 2004. The shelter consists of three animal control officers and a shelter supervisor. The three animal control officers respond to animal calls and complaints. They also conduct investigations about animal cruelty or abuse. They handle the enforcement of animal control laws. The shelter supervisor oversees the operation of the shelter, and animal adoptions. The shelter also has Inmate trustees that are a tremendous asset to the shelter. The trustees work seven days a week to feed the animals, clean the pens, and exercise the dogs. In 2012 the shelter took in a total of 1,886 animals. Between adoptions and transfers to rescue group's 1,056 animals found new homes, and one hundred and ninety nine animals were reclaimed by their owner. Central Dispatch took in a total of 2,155 animal complaint calls in 2012; this does not include shelter calls.

#### C. C. Porter Animal Shelter Hours of Operation

Monday- Closed
Tuesday & Wednesday- 10am-4pm
Thursday- 1pm-4pm
Friday- 10am-4pm
Saturday- 10am-3pm (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month)

**Animal Shelter Adoption Fee** 

Dogs- \$25.00 Cats- \$15.00

There is a \$50.00 Spay or Neuter fee that is refundable upon completion of procedure.

Animal Shelter Contact Numbers
Central Dispatch 276-676-6277
Animal Shelter 276-676-6210
Emergency 911



Animal control does not handle non domesticated animals. If you need assistance with wild life including but not limited to: bears, snakes, skunks, raccoons, possums, or deer please contact the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries at 1-804-367-1258 or 276-783-6115 To report a wild life crime, please call 1-800-237-5712, or email WildCrime@dgif.virginia.gov

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

One morning I opened the door to get the newspaper and was surprised to see a strange little dog with our paper in his mouth. Delighted with this unexpected "delivery service," I fed him some treats. The following morning I was horrified to see the same dog sitting in front of our door, wagging his tail, surrounded by eight newspapers. I spent the rest of that morning returning the papers to their owners. (Marion Gilbert in Reminisce, *Reader's Digest*, February, 1994, p. 12.)

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, Philippians 2:3-5

WCSO Erik Hinchy Still Seeking <><