# Washington County Sheriff's Office

# Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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"Take the Time to Prevent a Crime"

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| Statistics for January       |              |              |  |  |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
| AGGRAVATED ASSA              | ULT          | 1            |  |  |
| ARSON                        |              | 1            |  |  |
| ASSAULT (SIMPLE)             |              | 21           |  |  |
| BURGLARY/BREAKIN             | NG & ENTERIN | NG 13        |  |  |
| COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY       |              | 2            |  |  |
| CREDIT CARD FRAUD            |              | 3            |  |  |
| DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM |              | ISM 10       |  |  |
| DUI                          |              | 8            |  |  |
| DRUG/NARCOTIC VIO            | OLATIONS     | 12           |  |  |
| DRUNKENNESS                  |              | 5            |  |  |
| <b>EMBEZZLEMENT</b>          |              | 2            |  |  |
| FALSE PRETENSE               |              | 1            |  |  |
| LARCENY (ALL OTHER)          |              | 29           |  |  |
| MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT          |              | 2            |  |  |
| RUNAWAY                      |              | 3            |  |  |
| SHOPLIFTING                  |              | 8            |  |  |
| ALL OTHER OFFENSES           |              | 75           |  |  |
| TOTAL OFFENSES               |              | 218          |  |  |
| TOTAL ARRESTS                | 103ADULTS    | 8 JUVENILE   |  |  |
| TOTAL WARRANTS               | 1752 CIVIL   | 260 CRIMINAL |  |  |

### Sheriff's Message

After the long and snowy winter we have just had I am sure all of us are ready for spring. Daylight savings time begins on March 13, so don't forget to spring your clocks forward this month. Spring officially begins on March 20 and with the longer days and warmer weather we are all going to be thinking about spring cleaning around our homes. This brings a new set of problems and concerns. This is the time to clean up the dead vegetation around your house, use caution when burning, make sure you stay with the fire at all times, have the correct tools to put out the fire if it should get out of control, don't burn if windy, and in Virginia the burn law is in effect until April 30, you cannot burn until after 4:00pm. Be careful to use the correct tools and chemicals when planting and trimming bushes and preparing for vegetable gardens. This is a wonderful time of year so let's make it as safe as possible. As

always if you have any questions or concerns please contact our office. Sheriff Fred Newman

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|---|----------------------------|--|-------------|--|
|   | 03-01                      | Monthly/Quarterly Meeting Schedule HIGH POINT/ EAGLE RIDGE | 2           |  |
| I | 03-01                      | High Point School  | 7PM         |  |
| I | 03/03                      | MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center                           | 71 M<br>7PM |  |
| I | 03-07                      | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                      |             |  |
| I | 03-07                      | Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department                         |             |  |
| I | 03-08                      | HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP                                  | 7PM<br>7PM  |  |
| I | Clinch Mountain Fire Dept. |  | / 1 IVI     |  |
| I | 03-10                      | QUAIL RIDGE  |             |  |
| I | 03-10                      | 15126 Quail Ridge Road                                     | 7PM         |  |
| I | 03-14                      | CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING                                   | 7PM         |  |
| I | 03-14                      | 110 Town Square, Glade Spring                              | / F IVI     |  |
| I | 03-15                      | HIGHLANDER PARK/   |             |  |
| I | 03-13                      | EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS                                |             |  |
| I |                            | Noonkester Field Park                                      | 7PM         |  |
| I | 03-17                      | ZION COMMUNITY/RAMBELWOOD/                                 | / F 1V1     |  |
| I | 03-17                      | WIDENER'S VALLEY   |             |  |
| I |                            | Zion Church  | 7PM         |  |
| I | 03-21                      | MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES/                             | /1 1/1      |  |
| I | 03-21                      | WYNDALE COMMUNITY  |             |  |
| I |                            | Pleasant View Methodist Church                             | 7PM         |  |
| I | 03-22                      |  | 10:30AM     |  |
| I | 03-22                      | Hayter's Gap Community Center                              | IU.JUAIVI   |  |
| I | 03-28                      | GREEN SPRINGS/CLEVELAND/                                   | 7PM         |  |
| I | 03-20                      | HARBOR LIGHT COMMUNITY                                     | /1 IVI      |  |
| I |                            | Cleveland Community Center                                 |             |  |
| I | 03-24                      | KONNAROCK  | 7PM         |  |
| I | 03-24                      | Konnarock Community Center                                 | / 1 IVI     |  |
| I | 03-29                      | WORTHINGTON WAY  | 7PM         |  |
|   | 03-29                      | 20281 Rustic Lane  | / 1 1/1     |  |
|   | 04-14                      |  |             |  |
|   | 04-14                      | GATE CITY HIGHWAY/Valley Institute                         | 7PM         |  |
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**Reminder**: If schools are closed due to weather, contact your coordinator for last minute changes on your meeting.

#### **IMMIGRATION**

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Immigration laws have been a hot topic around the nation this past year, especially after Arizona adopted a law allowing police to question the legal status of anyone they pull over. Could Virginia be headed in this direction? The Virginia Republicans in the GOP-controlled House are announcing a package of bills to crack down on, and restrict public services to immigrants in the Commonwealth. The sponsor of this particular bill, Republican Del. Chris Peace, says, "We're saying that if you're not a legal resident, not a taxpayer, that you shouldn't have the opportunities to be admitted into those universities. Our sons and daughters should have the first opportunities; this is just one of 16 bills introduced in the immigration package. The bill that's raising eyebrows is the one that would require Sheriff's to question the legal status of anyone arrested. Immigration is a bitterly fought issue, with some 10 million illegal immigrants living among us, "Virginia is one of 10 other states following suit after Arizona. Federal immigration law determines whether a person is an alien, the rights, duties, and obligations associated with being an alien in the United States, and how aliens gain residence or citizenship within the United States. It also provides the means by which certain aliens can become legally naturalized citizens with full rights of citizenship. Immigration law serves as a gatekeeper for the nation's border, determining who may enter, how long they may stay, and when they must leave. Congress has complete authority over immigration. Presidential power does not extend beyond refugee policy. Except for Questions regarding aliens' constitutional rights, the courts have generally found the immigration issue as nonjusticiable. States have limited legislative authority regarding immigration, and 28 U.S.C. § 1251 details the full extent of state jurisdiction. Generally, 28 U.S.C. § 994 details the federal sentencing guidelines for illegal entry into the country. By controlling the visa process, the federal government can achieve the goals of its immigration policies. There are two types of visas: immigrant visas and nonimmigrant visas. The government primarily issues nonimmigrant visas to tourists and temporary business visitors. The government divides nonimmigrant visas into eighteen different types, but for most types, does not impose a cap on the number that may be granted in a year. Only a few categories of non-immigrant visas allow their holders to work in the United States. Immigrant visas, on the other hand, permit their holders to stay in the United States permanently and eventually to apply for citizenship. Aliens with immigrant visas can also work in the United States. Congress's first attempt to set immigration policy came in 1790 with the enactment of the Naturalization Act of 1790. This Act restricted naturalization to "free white persons" of "good moral character" and required the applicant to have lived in the country for two years prior to becoming naturalized. In 1795 an amendment increased the residency requirement to five years. The five-year requirement remains on the books to this day.

The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (INA), also known as the McCarran-Walter Act, eliminated all race-based quotas, replacing them with purely nationality-based quotas. The INA continues to influence the field of American immigration law. To enforce the quotas, the INA created the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The INS served as the federal agency that enforced these caps for remainder of the 20th century. When Congress passed the INA, it defined an "alien" as any person lacking citizenship or status as a national of the United States. Different categories of aliens include resident and nonresident, immigrant and nonimmigrant, and documented and undocumented ("illegal"). The terms "documented" and "undocumented" refer to whether an arriving alien has the proper records and identification for admission into the U.S. Having the proper records and identification typically requires the alien to possess a valid, unexpired passport and either a visa, border crossing identification card, permanent resident card, or a reentry permit. The INA expressly refuses stowaway aliens entry into the U.S. On March 1, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security opened, replacing the INS. The Bush Administration had designed the Department of Homeland Security to foster increased intelligence sharing and dialogue between agencies responsible for responding to domestic emergencies, such as natural disasters and domestic terrorism. Within the Department, three different agencies -U.S. Customs and Border Enforcement (CBE), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) - now handle the duties formerly held by the INS. Currently, the CBE handles the INS's border patrol duties, the USCIS handles the INS's naturalization, asylum, and permanent residence functions, and the ICE handles the INS's deportation, intelligence, and investigatory functions.

## Chaplain's Corner

Our life is a story, A rather long and complicated story that has unfolded over time. There are many scenes large and small, and many "firsts". Your first step; your first word; your first day of school. There was your first best friend; your first recital; your first date; your first love; your first kiss; your first heartbreak. If you stop and think about it, your heart has lived through quite a story thus far. But have you considered what is in store for you this year, what is your heart going to learn? The lessons may be difficult, they may be joyful, and they may even be painful. But rest assured they are sure to come. May we be prepared, and understand that these are here for our benefit, and that we are not alone. "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17)

In the Grip of Grace, Erik Hinchey WCSO Chaplain