

Community Relations

A newsletter of the Winston-Salem Police Department Community Relations Division



Welcome to COMMUNITY RELATIONS, a quarterly newsletter with information and insights about the programs and partnerships established with the Winston-Salem Police Department.

The Community Relations Division creates opportunities for the Police Department to positively interact with various community groups and citizens.

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Corporal Battjes Awarded Medal of Valor

On June 2, 2016, Officer Charles Matthews was at the City Yard gas pumps refueling his patrol car when he came under gunfire. As he was radioing in his situation, Officer Hunter Sturkie, unaware of the situation, arrived at the gas pumps and found himself under fire as well.

The officers took cover behind a utility shed and called for immediate assistance.

They were pinned down and unable to extract themselves from the line of fire.

Corporal Daniel Battjes, who was nearby at the county jail, heard the officers' radio traffic and immediately responded to assist them. Realizing the danger that his fellow officers were in, Corporal Battjes determined that the best course of action was to extract them from the area.

Without regard to his own safety, Corporal Battjes drove his patrol vehicle through the line of fire to locate the officers and reach their position. He got them into his vehicle and then, exposing himself to the line of fire a second time, drove them to a safe position out of harm's way. A suspect was later located and arrested.



The Medal of Valor is presented to officers who:

- Perform in a manner that far exceeded department standards, and;
- In an act involving imminent personal risk with prior knowledge of the risks involved, and;
- Which as intended to prevent an imminent loss of life or serious injury.
- Corporal Battjes' heroic actions far exceeded departmental standards. He knowingly put his personal safety at risk in order to prevent the imminent injury or death of his fellow officers.
- In recognition of his heroism, it is Police Chief Barry Rountree's honor to present Corporal Daniel R. Battjes with the Winston-Salem Police Department Medal of Valor.



Public Safety Center Now Has Pill Collection Dropbox

A new pill collection drop box is now available in the lobby of the Public Safety Center, 725 N. Cherry Street, to give citizens a convenient and safe way to dispose of expired, unneeded or unwanted prescription pills.

Proper and safe disposal of pills reduces the possibility of accidental or criminal misuse of prescription drugs and provides a safe alternative to disposing of medications in landfills and flushing them down the toilet.

Flushing medications down the toilet is especially harmful because sewage treatment systems do not neutralize the medications, which end up contaminating public water supplies.

The drop box is only for pills. Other forms of drugs, such as liquids, gels, sharps, syringes or aerosol products, cannot be accepted.

The drop box is for households only. Pills from businesses, health care facilities, long-term care facilities, pharmaceutical representatives, pharmacies, doctor offices and veterinary clinics will not be accepted.

Citizens should bring their unwanted pills to the Public Safety Center, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays. Citizens should check in with the officer at the front desk first for instructions before getting started.



TAKING THEM OUT TO THE BALLGAME

On July 25, 2016, the Winston-Salem Police Foundation sponsored a night out to the Winston-Salem Dash game at BB&T Ballpark as an outreach project to the Hispanic community. Seven local youths were accompanied by members of the WSPD Community Resources Unit.

Promotions

Police Chief Barry Rountree has made the following promotions recently within the Winston-Salem Police Department:

To Captain
Lieutenant M. D. Weaver

To Lieutenant
Sergeant K. R. Sawyer
Sergeant E. D. Branshaw

To Sergeant
Corporal J. Morissette
Corporal J. S. Collins
Corporal C. S. Pritchard
Corporal R. P. Nowak

To Corporal
Officer B. A. Daniels
Officer M. A. Perkins
Officer L. T. Whelan
Officer B. A. George
Officer J. A. Claffee

To Firearms and Tool Mark Examiner
Brooke Talmadge



Community Outreach in Action



National Night Out

Neighbors throughout Winston-Salem join thousands of communities around the world on Aug. 2, 2016, for the 33rd annual National Night Out for crime and drug prevention. This event strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Opening ceremonies for this year's National Night Out ceremony were held at First Baptist Church, 700 N. Highland Ave. and other parts of the city, neighbors hosted block parties, cookouts, visit with police officers, flashlight walks, youth activities, and anti-crime rallies. Target was corporate sponsor for the National Night Out opening ceremony.

Employees with local target stores attended the opening ceremonies for National Night Out on Aug. 2 at First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue.

BLET Service Project

Member of the Winston-Salem Police Department's Basic Law Enforcement Training class 70 delivered school supplies to Ashely Academy on Friday, Sept, 2016, as a service project. The trainees also spoke with three kindergarten classes and visited the fourth and fifth grade classrooms. You can follow BLET Class 70 on Instagram or Twitter via the Winston-Salem Police Department's accounts at [cityofwspolice](#) and [@cityofwspolice](#) (#BLET70).



Trunk or Treat

On October 31, 2016 Officer Claudia Morgan, Reserve Officer Jerry Evans, and Community relations Specialist Pam Peoples-Joyner participated in the Trunk or Treat sponsored Galilee Missionary Baptist Church and Carver High School. They distributed coloring books and stickers to more than 500 kids between the two locations.

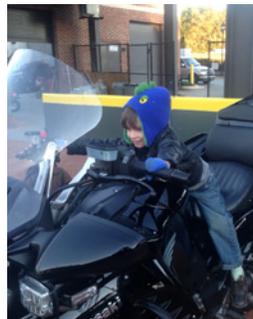


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SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

Police Chief Barry Rountree, Griff Shuler (center left) and David Daggett (center right) pose outside the Daggett and Shuler Law Firm with Lt. Tyrone Phelps, far left, and Sgt. Mark Snow, far right. The Daggett and Shuler Law Firm once again partnered with the Police Department to sponsor a supplies giveaway to benefit 200 students at Whitaker, South Fork, Bolton, Brunson, and Moore elementary schools.



MOVIE NIGHT

The Winston-Salem Police Foundation and the Winston-Salem Police Department partnered with the Winston-Salem Dash to hold a Community Movie Night on Oct. 22, 2016. More than 1,200 turned out to watch a free screening of "Zootopia."



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

Eight Winston-Salem businesses teamed up to provide free barbecue meals at Camel City Barbecue Factory to all Winston-Salem Police Department personnel, sworn and non-sworn, on Aug. 26, 2016. The local law enforcement appreciation day was sponsored by Camel City Barbecue Factory, North Point Jeep, Leonard Ryden Burr Real Estate, Champion Clothing, Twin City Custom Cabinets, Bimco Inc., Bell Davis & Pitt, and Bloomday Granite & Marble. Employees of the sponsoring businesses served the police personnel.



BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY

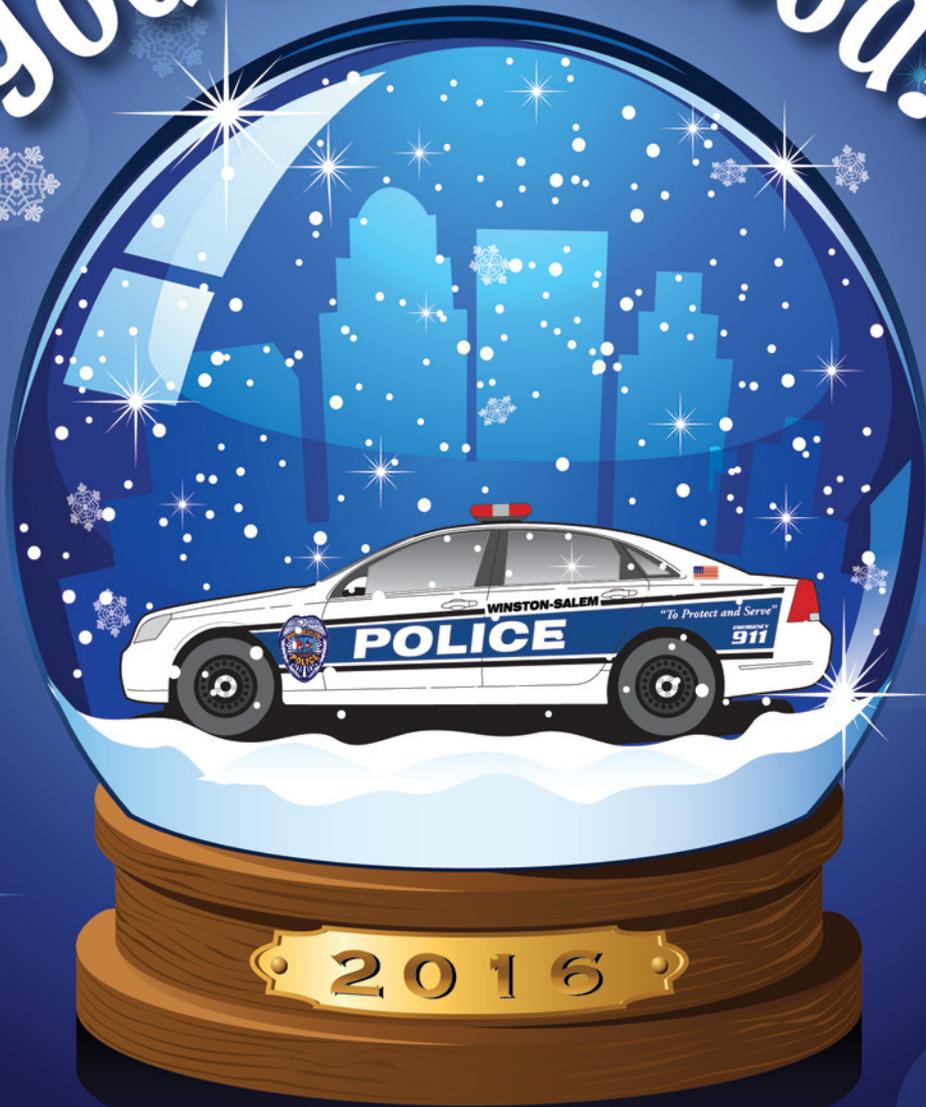
The Police Department's Community Resources Unit and the Winston-Salem Police Foundation sponsored a school supply giveaway on Aug. 10, 2016, in the parking lot of the Winston Mutual building, 1225 E. Fifth St. The unit distributed 600 book bags to school aged children. Each bag included a composition notebook, paper, and pencils.

GIVING BACK

Police Lieutenant Christopher Fish generously donated a washer and dryer to the Ladeara Crest Apartment Complex. A resident said, "I am so happy to know that the police department actually cares about me. I am eternally grateful and will tell everyone Lieutenant Fish is nice."



You are invited!



Chief Barry D. Rountree

WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

You're invited to join us for holiday cheer,
bring all the kids because Santa will be here!

Thursday, December 15, 2016
from 5-7 p.m. at the
Winston-Salem Public Safety Center
725 N. Cherry Street

