

SMITHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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CHIEF'S CORNER

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - Chief Richard P. St.Sauveur, Jr. proudly announces the promotion of four officers and appointment of one new officer. They are:

Deputy Chief Robert W. VanNieuwenhuyze graduated first in his class from the police academy in December 1992. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Justice Studies from Rhode Island College in 1991, and Masters Degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University in 2000. He is a graduate of the 236th session of the FBI National Academy and also serves as an Assessor for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Captain Michael C. Rheame graduated from the police academy in June 1991. He received his Associates Degree in Engineering from the Community College of Rhode Island in 1989, and in 1993 received a second Associates Degree, this one in Business. In 1996, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University. He is assigned as the Department's Detective Division Commander.

Lieutenant Jason A. DiGrado graduated first in his class from the police academy in December 1999.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Justice Studies from Rhode Island College in 1994, and Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University in 2006. He is assigned as a Patrol Shift Commander.

Sergeant Cory M. Carpenter graduated from the police academy in June 2000. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University in 1999. He is assigned as a Patrol Shift Supervisor.

Patrol Officer Lucas L. Cruse graduated from the police academy on June 25th of this year. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Justice & Law Administration from Western Connecticut State University in May 2007. He is currently enrolled in the Department's Field Training Officer Program.



PHOTO: (Left to Right) Chief St.Sauveur, Deputy Chief VanNieuwenhuyze, Captain Rheame, Lieutenant DiGrado, Sergeant Carpenter, Officer Cruse)

"To be recognized as the most professional, well respected, highly trained, proactive, community-oriented law enforcement agency in Rhode Island."

SMITHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT VISION STATEMENT

POLICE BLOTTER HIGHLIGHTS

SMASH & GRAB SUSPECT CAUGHT ON CAMERA - On June 23, 2010, during the early morning hours the Smithfield Police responded to the "Pick N' Pay Food-Mart/Smoke-Shop" on Putnam Pike to investigate a report of a breaking and entering into the establishment. Store video surveillance revealed that a white male entered the establishment by throwing a large rock through the front glass door window. He then removed the cash register from the counter and exited the establishment in the same manner. The suspect's photo was posted on the Rhode Island Most Wanted web site, (www.rimostwanted.org), where he was later identified as, Edward Duhamel 47, last known address of 321 Beckwith Street, Cranston, RI. A warrant has been issued for Edward Duhamel on the charge of breaking and entering. Anyone with information on Edward Duhamel's whereabouts is asked to contact the Smithfield Police Department at 231-2500. You may also call the Department's Anonymous Safety Line at 233-1019.

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION - On June 29, 2010, the Smithfield Police Department developed information concerning the delivery of narcotics to the Alpine Motel located at 385 Douglas Pike. Detectives began an investigation which resulted in the arrest of Charles E. Vanover II, age 40, of Providence, RI. Vanover was found to be in possession of powder and crack cocaine. Vanover was charged with Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver, Possession of Hydrocodone, Possession of Marijuana, Driving in Possession of Controlled Substances, and Driving with a Suspended License. Vanover was ultimately held at the ACI as a violator of his parole due to a prior conviction.

CHOP SHOP INVESTIGATION - On Friday, August 20, 2010, members of the Smithfield Police Department, Rhode Island State Police Auto Theft Unit, and agents from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, executed a search warrant at 5 Star Auto Salvage, located at 1348 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, after Smithfield Police received information that the business and property were being utilized as a "chop shop" for stolen motor vehicles. Arrested

during the execution of the search warrant was Johnny Reyes, age 43, of 117 Cody Street, Providence. Mr. Reyes, an employee at the business, was arrested on outstanding court warrants unrelated to the search warrant. Also arrested during the search was co-worker Matias Rodriguez, age 19, of 77 Glenham Street, Providence, who was charged with possession of stolen motor vehicle parts. At the time of the search, Rodriguez's personal motor vehicle, which was parked at the business, contained a stolen transmission. Reyes was turned over to 6th District Court and Rodriguez was brought before a bail commissioner and released on \$5,000 personal recognizance, pending a future court appearance. On August 26, 2010, the owner of 5 Star Auto Salvage, Robin Perez, age 41, of 12 Prentice Street, North Providence, surrendered himself to police and was charged with Operating a Chop Shop, five counts of possession of stolen motor vehicles and/or parts and one count of possession of stolen goods, over \$500.00, all felonies. Also surrendering himself to the police was employee Wuidman Giron, age 24, of 56 School Street, Central Falls, who was found to have a stolen engine in his vehicle. Perez was brought to District Court and was released on \$50,000 personal recognizance, pending a future court appearance. Giron was also brought to District Court where he was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance, pending a future court appearance.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

ANONYMOUS SAFETY LINE - It is the policy of the Smithfield Police Department to provide citizens with an anonymous means to forward complaints and/or information to the Department, as well as to facilitate additional flow of information from the community to the Department. A dedicated telephone line has been established specifically for this purpose by which tipsters can provide the Department with any and all types of information by calling (401) 233-1019.



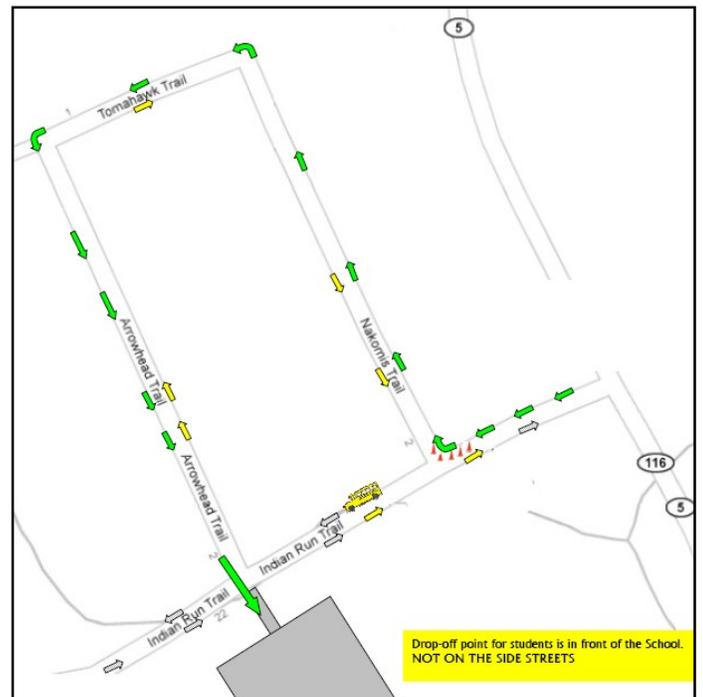
TRAFFIC SAFETY

NEW SCHOOL TRAFFIC PATTERNS - A decrease in the number of students walking, biking, and taking the bus to school, along with increased enrollment, has contributed to increased levels of traffic congestion on Pleasant View Avenue in the area of the schools during the morning commute. The Smithfield Police Department in conjunction with the Smithfield School Department, and the Town of Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission, will be adopting new school traffic patterns to address this problem.

High School - Part of the plan to relieve traffic congestion includes opening the north entrance of Anna McCabe School (next to the baseball field closest to the middle school) to allow inbound High School traffic from the north (i.e., coming from the Ice Rink going towards the High School) easier access into the school by going around the back of McCabe and entering through the tennis court entrance. Once inside, vehicles may proceed to the front of the school to drop-off or park in the main lot; authorized vehicles may go behind the school. To decrease the risk of crashes at the inner intersection, the inbound traffic lane along the main entranceway will be divided into two lanes as it approaches the school. Only traffic going behind the school should be in the right lane.



Middle School - In the interest of vehicular and pedestrian safety, inbound school traffic on Indian Run Trail will be temporarily detoured right onto Nakomis Trail, left onto Tomahawk Trail, and left onto Arrowhead Trail, allowing vehicles to continue straight across into the middle school parking lot, where they will proceed into the school's drop-off point. Outbound Indian Run Trail traffic will not be changed. Additionally, all of the above roads will remain open for two-way traffic. This temporary reroute will only be for a short time in the morning, from **7:15 AM to 7:45 AM**, the time when the congestion is most severe. Police and additional traffic control measures will be in place to guide motorists during the beginning of the school year. A new sign on Indian Run Trail (inbound) will be placed at the entrance to the Middle School prohibiting left turns into the school. Although police and traffic cones will be in place at the beginning of the school year, we will be gradually reducing police involvement in this process once signage along the roadway is put in place, and vehicles are following this pattern. At that time, only vehicles going into the Indian Run Trail Plat and school buses should be continuing straight at the Nakomis Trail detour/intersection.



RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS HIGHLIGHT

RIGL §31-22-30, Texting while operating a motor vehicle: "... No person shall use a wireless handset to compose, read or send text messages while operating a motor vehicle on any public street or public highway within the state of Rhode Island... Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of eighty-five dollars (**\$85.00**); for a second conviction shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (**\$100**); and for a third or subsequent conviction a person shall be subject to a fine of one hundred twenty-five dollars (**\$125**). All violations arising out of this section shall be heard in the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, Officers Robert N. Squillante, Orlando D. Braxton and Joseph M. Marcello hosted *National Night Out* at The Crossings at Smithfield. *National Night Out* is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



Several local retail stores and restaurants volunteered their time and merchandise to participate in this very successful event, which included a dunk tank, free food, safe kids identification, crafts by Home Depot, a

Verizon display, free drinks from Target, a bike rodeo, music from a disc jockey and many more activities.

RHODE ISLAND EXPLORER ACADEMY – The Police Department would like to congratulate four of our explorers who just graduated the RI Explorer Academy at Camp Varnum in Narragansett. Ian Benoit, Mary-Cate Shields, Spencer Barrows and Jeremy Leonard endured 17 hour days of physical training (PT), defensive tactics, drill and ceremony, patrol tactics and plenty of classroom instruction. Explorer Jeremy Leonard beat out 23 other cadets to take home the *Top Gun* award. The Explorers' days began with a PT at 5:30 a.m. followed by classroom work that did not end until lights-out at 10:00 p.m. The academy was brought back after approximately ten years of dormancy. Smithfield PD, Johnston PD, East Providence PD, and Warwick PD contributed greatly to the success of the program. Youths interested in the Explorer Program should contact the Smithfield Police Community Policing Unit, 231-2500, ext. 202.

KIDS, COPS, & CLASSROOMS– As part of the "Kids, Cops & Classrooms" program, Smithfield Police Department employees recently donated numerous school supplies, (i.e.: pencils, crayons, backpacks, glue sticks, etc.), to children who are clients of Crossroads Rhode Island. This program is sponsored by the Rhode Island State Police and Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association. The goal of "Kids, Cops & Classrooms" is to help relieve the burden parents experience when they prepare to send their children back to school and show children that police officers are their friends and here to help them. The generosity of Smithfield Police Department employees was simply outstanding.



PHOTO: (Left to Right) Officers Masterson and McCoy, Deputy Chief VanNieuwenhuyze, Dispatcher Kurt King, Chief's Secretary Lisa DiSciullo, Lieutenant St. Angelo, and Fiscal Coordinator Linda Maggio.)