

SMITHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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RECENT EVENTS

D.A.R.E. 5th Grade Achievement Ceremonies: From May 18th through June 8th, D.A.R.E. Officers Robert Squillante, Gary Masterson, and Orlando Braxton completed 17 weeks of instruction with nine 5th grade classes throughout the Town. The D.A.R.E. ceremonies graduated approximately 250 fifth-graders. The Smithfield Police Department is very proud of these students and wishes them a safe summer.

Law Enforcement Torch Run: On June 1st, Smithfield Police and Fire Department members joined together for the *Special Olympics R.I. Torch Run*. These public safety officials donated their time (and bodies) to raise money for S.O.R.I. They ran and biked from Smithfield to the R.I. State House. The RI Police-Fire-Corrections Torch Run is part of an international campaign for Special Olympics coordinated and managed by all divisions of law enforcement officers, fire fighters and corrections officers throughout the State. Its mission is to raise dollars and awareness of the Special Olympics movement.



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Marijuana Seizure: Smithfield Police Department Detectives recently arrested Robert Swineheart, age 37, after learning that he had a marijuana growing operation in his home at the Alpine Motel on Douglas Pike. Pictured here is Detective Commander Michael C. Rheume, who is showing Chief Richard P. St.Sauveur, Jr., the 57 marijuana plants that were seized during the investigation.



MADD RI Team Spirit: From July 29th through August 2nd, the Smithfield Police Department Community Policing Unit, for the third year in a row, participated in *M.A.D.D. Rhode Island's Team Spirit Conference* at Bryant University. This conference promotes the prevention of alcohol and drug use by youths. The conference provides students and their advisors with the motivation, information, skills, and support necessary to organize alcohol and drug free events and activities in their schools and communities.

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Rhode Island Law Enforcement Explorer Academy: From June 24th through June 30th, the *Smithfield Law Enforcement Explorers* joined six other law enforcement posts from throughout the State at the *Feinstein Youth Camp* in Pascoag, RI. These dedicated young men and women survived 5:00 a.m. physical training regiments and intense classroom training. They went through a week-long simulated police academy that tested them physically and mentally. They received some of the best police training from officers and civilians representing different departments around the State. The men and women of the Smithfield Police Department are very proud of the three Explorers who represented Smithfield at the academy. Pictured below are Smithfield Explorers Jared Hebert, Zach Ballou, Ryan Feuti (left to right).



Smithfield Police Leadership Academy: Running July 9th through July 19th, this academy was the result of an ongoing partnership between the Police Department and the Smithfield School Department. The goal of the academy is to teach students team building and leadership skills, while keeping them engaged over the summer and allowing them to build a relationship with the police officers they see regularly. Students were chosen based on school recommendations and worked with the police officers for two weeks. The program is in its third year and continues to grow. Officers Squillante, Masterson and Braxton are shown below with academy participants at one event.



Night Basketball: During the past Monday nights in July from between 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., the Smithfield Police Department, the Recreation Department, and others sponsored night basketball games for local Smithfield youths at the Deerfield Park basketball courts. Youths (grades 5-8) were encouraged to participate by playing basketball, serving as timekeepers, or simply cheering on friends and enjoying these relationship-building evenings. There were no fees or registration to take part. Pictured here are Officers Masterson and Braxton with some of the youths.



UPCOMING EVENTS



National Night Out: On Tuesday, August 7th, from 3pm until dusk, the Department, once again is partnering with *The Crossings at Smithfield* businesses and the community to deliver another fun-filled “National Night Out” against crime. The event has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer community. The Smithfield Police Department invites you and your family to attend.

DEA's Prescription Drug Take-Back Effort: On Saturday, April 28th, 2012, the Department took part in the *National Prescription Drug Take Back Day*. The purpose of this National Take Back Day was to provide a venue for persons who wanted to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. This effort was a huge success in removing potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from our nation's medicine cabinets. There were approximately 3,000 state and local law enforcement agencies



throughout the nation that participated in the event. The Department collected over 33 **pounds of prescription medication**. Over **2,000 pounds** were collected throughout the state – the most ever collected in RI. Thanks to all that participated.



The next Prescription Drug Take-Back is scheduled for September 29th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Citizens' Police Academy - fall 2012: The Smithfield Police Department plans on running a fall Citizens' Police Academy, which will consist of a seven week law enforcement program. Participants will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Smithfield Police Department and will likely start in late October. Each week, a different law enforcement topic will be presented with classroom and hands-on instruction by police officers. This academy is offered free of charge to Smithfield residents or employees of any Smithfield business. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be available at the Smithfield Police Department or online at our website www.smithfieldpd.com. More information will be available as we draw closer to the fall. Pictured here are Smithfield Detectives making a presentation to the last Citizens Police Academy.



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SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS

A Familiar Face: Last week Patrol Officer Orlando Braxton along with some other local celebrities were guests of the Rhode Show talking about the importance of child passenger safety and to provide information about free car seat clinics.

http://www.wpri.com/dpp/rhode_show/homelife/home_design/car-seat-safety-check-at-cardis



NHTSA Child Seat Guidelines: “Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It’s the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat’s manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.”

Recommendations for All Ages - Select a car seat based on your child's age, height, and weight. All children under 13 should ride in the back seat. Follow the car seat manufacturer's instructions and your vehicle owner's manual on how to install. Certified technicians are available to check your existing car seat or to show you how to install a new car seat - for free! For more information go to: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS>. The Smithfield Police Department routinely conducts car seat clinics. If you would like to schedule an appointment please call the Community Policing Unit 231-2500 ext. 202.

Car Seat Recommendations: Choosing the Right Seat



CRASHES
are the leading cause of death

for children from 1 through 12 years old.



According to a NHTSA study,
3 out of 4 kids
are not as secure in the car as they should be
because their car seats are not being used correctly.

In motor vehicle traffic crashes from 2006 to 2010,

4,028
children under 13
WERE KILLED.

660,000
children under 13
WERE INJURED.



Child restraints in the vehicle saved the lives of an estimated
9,611
CHILDREN
AGE 4 & UNDER
from 1975 to 2010.



www.safercar.gov/therightseat

