

Takoma Park Police Department



Monthly Newsletter

January 2020



Sgt. Jerome Erwin and Pfc. Henok Atakilt

Takoma Park Police Raised Money to end Prostate Cancer

Takoma Park Police officers, staff, family members, community members and City staff raised over \$600 in the month of November during "No Shave November" to end prostate cancer. Money was donated in December.



Breakfast with Santa

The 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa was held at Takoma Bev Co. on December 20th and was once again very successful. Thank you to Officer Goldin for donning his Santa suit again and making the children very happy.



Saving Kitty Cats

On Dec 22nd, a small, hungry & cold kitty was out @ Kirklynn & Kennewick when Officers Glushkov & Suazo noticed him. When they approached, kitty took off & a brief foot pursuit ensued. After chasing him around, kitty, who they aptly named Circle, was rescued. Circle was transported to the station for food & cuddles.



Winter Coat Drive

The Takoma Park Police Department, in partnership with the Takoma Park Adventist Church, began a winter coat drive in early November that ran through December 20th. Our generous community donated over 400 winter coats, as well as scarves and gloves, to those in need in our community and beyond. Some even hand made items to be donated!



Senior Safety on the Police Web Page

The community can now find senior safety information on the Takoma Park Police web page at <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/>



Instagram

The Police Department joined Instagram as another tool to reach the community through social media. It has already gained 99 followers from the City. The Instagram account handle is @TakomaParkPD.



Donating Blood

On Dec 18th, Officer Goldin donated blood in honor of Montgomery County Police Officer Noah Leotta.



Polar Bear Plunge

Takoma Park Police started a team page for the January 2020 Polar Bear Plunge in support of Maryland Special Olympics. Team page link: <https://support.somd.org/team/246666>



Pack the Patrol Car

Special thanks to Lt. Gilbert & Det. Butler who spear-headed the holiday toy drive once again. They delivered many smiles to so many children's faces on Christmas Day - hand-delivering over 150 toys!



Christmas Dinner

Deputy Chief Powell made sure the working squad was well fed for Christmas.



Tabletop Exercise

Takoma Park leaders attended a tabletop exercise with Coordinators from the Maryland-National Capital Region Emergency Response System for invaluable information sharing.



New Officer

On Dec 23rd, we welcomed our newest officer, Charles Earle, who came to us from the Bladensburg Police Dept. Officer Earle was officially sworn in on January 3rd.



NOTEWORTHY ARRESTS

On December 4, TPPD arrested two individuals for a shooting that occurred on Nov 17, 2019, in the 1000 block of Larch Avenue. Officers responded and found two victims suffering from non-life threatening gunshot wounds. The preliminary investigation revealed the incident between the victims and unknown suspects may have begun at the Prince George's Mall and escalated in Takoma Park. Both victims were transported to a local hospital and released shortly after. Items of evidentiary value were collected at the scene.

A joint investigation with detectives from the Prince George's County Police Department revealed the identity of suspects. On December 10, 2019, the Takoma Park Police obtained warrants for the arrests of Anthony Gomez-Marin, 18, of Riverdale, Maryland, and Elda Johanna Saravia-Benavidea, 17 (charged as an adult), of Hyattsville, Maryland, charging them with attempted 1st degree murder, 1st degree assault, reckless endangerment, use of a firearm during a crime of violence, and malicious destruction of property.

Both individuals are currently being held in the Prince George's County Department of Corrections.