



Congratulations To Robert E. Porti, Chief of Police



Congratulations to Chief Porti for completing the FBI National Academy. His accomplishments at the Academy will prove to be beneficial to the residents of the Town of Windsor. He describes his experience as being physically demanding and geared towards leadership. We asked Chief Porti to share some of his challenges and experiences with the community. The following are Bob's comments:

"What can I tell you of my time spent at the FBI National Academy? To begin, it is indeed all it is promoted to be. The National Academy is touted in the Law Enforcement Community as the Best of the Best for Executive Leadership training. Less than one percent of those who apply are selected to attend. It is an academic challenge – a college semester of work that is accomplished in ten weeks (actually nine if you account for the administrative days). It is physically demanding – the physical training unit rivals that of military boot camp. It is exceptional at demonstrating team building – taking 248 individuals and creating a 'group of one'. It is an experience that will be remembered for a lifetime.

Completing the National Academy has many advantages. It provides exceptional training in numerous venues. The classes I chose were selected with the goal in mind of preparing our organization for the future. As such, my classes were geared toward leadership, taught through the FBI Leadership Development Institute, and forensic evaluation, taught by the Behavioral Sciences Unit. I have learned many things that will be of tremendous value to our organization both immediately and in future endeavors. I have developed a network of contacts who are willing and able to help with ideas, best practices, and advice. It is this network of law enforcement professionals that is the pinnacle of the National Academy experience. From our living rooms, we have seen the devastation that has taken place in Iraq as internal struggles for control continue to ravage the country. We are seeing news coverage of raging wildfires in California, border control issues in Texas and, who could forget the way Hurricane Katrina devastated portions of the Gulf Coast?

Perhaps the greatest advantage of attending the FBI National Academy is the ability to meet, interact, and question fellow law enforcement officers that have or are currently living within these situations. During my time at the National Academy, I have had the privilege of getting to know law enforcement officials from forty eight states and twenty four foreign countries. To actually sit down with a Commander in the Mexican Federal Police and discuss how he makes less than \$18,000 (U.S.) per year, and was offered \$50,000 cash, to simply look the other way. To speak with an Inspector with the Iraqi National Police, who while here suffered the loss of all his worldly possessions when his home was destroyed in a truck bomb and mortar attack on August 19th. To discuss the Federal, State, and Local response to Hurricane Katrina with a Captain of the Louisiana State Police, a Chief of Police from Walker, Louisiana, and a Sheriff from Mississippi. These were opportunities that are invaluable.

Finally, the friendships I made with classmates will last a lifetime. These are bonds that extend around the world, not only with the classmates of our 238th Session of the FBI National Academy, but with more than 18,000 members of the National Academy Association, who avail themselves to each other whenever help is needed."

Up-Coming Events

- Homecoming Parade– 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 9
- Halloween– 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, October 31
- Day light savings time– Sunday, November 1, just a reminder to change your clocks back one hour on this day.
- Fall Clean-up– Saturday, November 21
- Breakfast with Santa –8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 5 at the Community House
- Christmas in the country-12:00 Noon until 7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 6 at Windsor Hardware
- Tree Lighting Service– 7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 6 in the Municipal Park

Fall Clean-Up Campaign

Our Fall Clean-Up is **Saturday November 21, 2009**. The Town of Windsor offers two special trash pickups per year. This provides you with a great opportunity to clean out the junk in your attic or garage, trim your trees, or get rid of items cluttering your yard. If you have any tree branches, then keep them to less than three inches in diameter and no longer than four feet. You must bundle all branches, and you must bag leaves or other yard trimmings. Please place all items at the street by 7:00 a.m.

Our contractor will not enter your driveway or yard to get heavy items, such as appliances, and he will not make pick-ups after 11:00 a.m. because the land fill closes at noon.

Our contractor will not pick up items such as used lumber, roofing, siding, tires, paints, batteries, gas cylinders, oil, asbestos, animal carcasses, and hazardous materials.

If you have house hold hazardous waste, then you can

dispose of it free of charge at the Isle of Wight Transfer Station, 13191 Foursquare Road, Smithfield on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. They also take paint, pesticides, antifreeze, fuels, hobby supplies, insecticides, herbicides, paint thinners and solvents, fertilizers, swimming pool chemicals, household cleaners and household batteries. The Transfer Station on Stave Mill Road will take refrigerators and freezers. You may recycle used motor oil at both locations.



Blackwater Regional Library

The Library holds its weekly story hour for children ages 2-5 at 10:45 a.m. every Thursday.

Teen Night — the Library invites teens in the 6th –12th grades to “teen night at the library” - the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. We have board games, movies, holiday parties and more!

Teen Read Week is Fine FREE Week! Have an overdue book? You may return it October 18-24, and you can wipe out the fine with a donation of a non-perishable food item. The Library will give all donations to the local food bank for those in need.

The **Windsor Library Book Club** meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the current month’s selection.

Knitting Circle meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. All levels of experience are welcome.

The Friends of the Library meets each month on the 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Book donations — due to space constraints, the library will not be accepting book donations until Spring 2010.

Isle Be Green Plastic Bag Recycling Program



Plastic Bag litter is negatively impacting Isle of Wight County’s agricultural community. The plastic becomes entangled in crops, mainly cotton, and contaminates it. The cotton ginning process cannot eliminate this trash thus causing a reduction in the cotton’s grade or quality. The County is also aware that a calf died after ingesting a plastic bag which someone littered onto a farmer’s pasture. Plastic bag litter also has negative impacts on the health of the Chesapeake Bay, our economic activity, and the aesthetic appeal of local communities throughout Hampton Roads.

Isle of Wight County, along with the Virginia Retail Federation, formed the Virginia Plastic Bag Coalition to examine the issues of plastic bags. Coalition members include the Retail Alliance, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, HR Clean, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, local governments, plastic bag recyclers, plastic bag manufacturers, among others. After much research and analysis over the past two years, the Coalition recognizes that consumers must change their “bagging” behavior if there is to be a decrease in the amount of plastic bag litter in the County.

Recently, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) awarded Isle of Wight County a grant to implement a pilot recycling project. This pilot project is the first of its kind in the Commonwealth, and the County hopes that it become a model for other localities. Citizens can recycle plastic bags, film, etc. at convenient, efficient, and clean drop off locations including receptacles at Smithfield Square Shopping Center, the Windsor Town Hall, and three of the County’s most heavily trafficked “dump” sites: Wrenn’s Mill, Stave Mill, and Jones Creek.

For more information about the program visit the website www.islebegreen.com or contact Rachel Chieppa, Rural Economic Development Manager, at 357-6126 or rchieppa@iwus.net.

Meet our new neighbor, Stephen Trent, Windsor's new Postmaster



Congratulations to Stephen Trent on his appointment as Windsor's new Postmaster. Steve was born in Richmond Virginia, and he grew up in Charlotte Court House, Virginia. He graduated from Randolph Henry High

School, and he attended John Tyler Community College. He began his career with the United States Postal Service as a window clerk in 1986 in Ivor. He has held many positions since then including Supervisor, customer service, and Manager. Before coming to Windsor, he was the Postmaster in Rescue, Virginia.

His hobbies include snow skiing, jet ski-

ing, traveling, and raising and showing rabbits.

Steve is very devoted to his job, and he enjoys taking the responsibility of helping the public receive the best possible customer service that both he and his team can offer. Steve looks forward to assisting you with high quality customer service.

HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

TRICK OR TREAT: OCTOBER 31ST, 2009 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 13

To help ensure this Halloween is a safe and happy holiday for you and your family

Costume Suggestions:

- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.
- Wear light or bright colored costumes and use light reflective tape.
- Children shouldn't wear a mask; it restricts vision. If a mask must be worn, cut large eye holes. Make-up is much safer than a mask because it doesn't obstruct vision.
- Toy weapons, wands, brooms, etc. should be made of paper or cardboard; they are safer than plastic, wood or metal.
- Put the child's name, address and phone number on the inside of their costume in case of an accident or lost child.

Trick or Treat Safely:

- Eat a full meal prior to going out so your child won't be tempted to eat treats before they can be properly checked out. Tell your children not to eat treats until you have checked them out.
- Plan your child's route and visit only homes in your neighborhood that are well lighted
- Remind them not to take short cuts through backyards, alleys or playing fields.
- Travel in a group or with an adult. Do not let children go alone.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Cross streets at corners, never from between two vehicles.
- Walk on the sidewalk or facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.
- Watch for cars driving into or backing out of driveways.

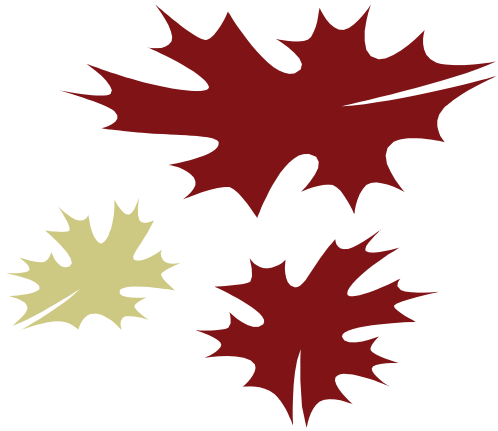
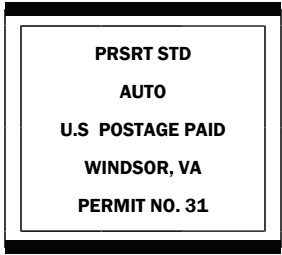


Treats -- Give Them A Safety Check:

- Check for holes or loose wrappers, pour powdered candy into a container and look for discoloration or lumps.
- Don't eat opened candy, fruit, etc., unless you know the person it came from.
- Wash fruit, and then cut it into bite-size pieces.

TOWN OF WINDSOR

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The Windsor Town Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Windsor Planning Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. October 28, 2009. The Planning Commission conducts its regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Holiday Closings

October 12 — Columbus Day

November 11 — Veteran's Day

November 25 at noon thru the 27 — Thanksgiving

December 24 thru the 25 — Christmas

We publish and distribute the newsletter to Windsor Town residents and customers of the Windsor water system quarterly. If you have any questions, then please call the Town Office or stop by to see us. We are open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You should report after hour emergencies to the Isle of Wight Communications Center at 357-2151, and they will contact the appropriate Town staff.

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