NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2014

Capital Region Rotary presents "Fighting Crime with Sheriff Apple"

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The Capital Region Rotary Club presented to their members and the public an informative demonstration and talk about what programs and resources that the Sheriff's Office has to offer. A large display of vehicles including the Mobile Operations Unit, the MRAP, and the new dual-fuel propane patrol car. K9's George and Mo provided exciting demonstrations on how they do their jobs. Several tables with a huge array of information were on display for the public to choose from and take home. Sheriff Apple



took the time to explain about many of the programs that he has to offer, including Inmate Work Force, STAR (Steps to Adoption Readiness) where inmates train homeless dogs to make them better for adoption, Project Life Saver, and preparedness "Go-Kits'. The event was a huge success and enjoyed by all that attended. THANK YOU to the Rotary Club, Jennifer Hendricks, and Danielle Klair for contacting us to be able to promote both the Rotary membership and the Sheriff's Office resources.



Sheriff Apple talks to the spectators about many of the different aspects, resources, and programs that the Sheriff's Office has to offer to the public.



Deputy Martel and K9 Mo demonstrate the detection of an explosive device. *Photo courtesy of Spotlight News.* View the full story here! http://www.spotlightnews.com/news/2014/jul/18/taking-bite-fighting-crime/?page=1

JMU 4 KIDS SUMMER CAMP

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Summer time is the time to have the kids sign up for camps and spend the summer learning and exploring. JMU 4 KIDS SUMMER CAMP has four different locations around the Capital Region beginning in late June and ending the last week of August. Campers that attend have the opportunity to partake in activities such as paintball, high ropes, archery, and swimming. ACSO got to visit JMU on the campus grounds of Holy Names in Albany. Deputy Mance talked to the children about the benefits of law enforcement and what the police do. Campers were allowed the experience of

CROUP FUN!! Deputy Martel introduces Mo and how the sharp senses of a canine can assist in explosive detection. What a large and wonderful group of JMU campers!!

climbing the steel stairs of the MRAP to sit inside and learn about what it is and what it is used for. Deputy Martel and K9 Mo stopped in as well to demonstrate the keen senses of a canine and how useful they are on the job. ACSO will

be returning to JMU and Holy Names to meet another week of campers in August. If anyone is interested in learning more about JMU 4 KIDS SUMMER CAMP please click the link below.

http://jmu4kids.com/

SOUTH END COMMUNITY OUTREACH THRIFT STORE



The South End Community Outreach Thrift Store is located at 91 Clinton Street in the City of Albany and is open Wednesday - Saturday from 11am - 3pm. Donations are taken in and sold at minimal cost to the community residents. Children that visit the store are able to chose a book and stuffed animal for free. Also displayed inside is a large selection of informational pamphlets and fliers of various organizations that people can contact for assistance with housing, drug addiction and awareness, domestic violence, job opportunities, and more. For more information or to make a donation, please visit:

http://www.southendcommunityoutreach.com/

NEW SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PUNKINTOWN FAIR

Celebrating 72 Years

2014 marks the 72nd year of the Punkintown Fair held at New Salem Fire Department in the Town of New Scotland. Rides, games, food, and all kinds of fun for the whole family! Win a goldfish, swing the sledgehammer, or sink someone in the dunk-tank. Albany County Executive Dan McCoy stopped in on Saturday night and spent a lot of time in the bottom of the tank. What a good sport as the balls kept hitting the bulls-eye target. ACSO was there with Operation Safe Child and passing along all kinds of valuable information. It was great to see everyone there smiling and enjoying a wonderful family weekend. See you next year!!!

TOP: Over view photo of the Punkintown Fair taken from the top of the ACSO Mobile Command Center.

BOTTOM: County Executive Dan McCoy waits to see if he will get wet.





SEE YOU THERE AT



The Altamont Fair will be wonderful week that anyone knows should not be missed! Starting on August 12th and running until the 17th, there will be an endless number of rides, games, food vendors, animals, and other attractions to see. Come visit the ACSO

in the Hometown Hero's barn at Gate 3. Operation Safe Child will be there all week, the famous MRAP, and a few other surprises. To see a schedule list of events and demonstrations please visit their web page at: http://www.altamontfair.com/.

LUNCH WITH THE COMMUNITY





There is no better way to spend an afternoon than to be invited around the town for lunch! Not only does it give me the opportunity to mingle with some wonderful people, it also gives me the opportunity to share some important information.

SENIORS

had their annual Summer delightful group of Picnic at the New Scotland children! We talked about Town Park in Feura Bush. what police do, how we help Hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade salads and how to be a positive desserts was the food theme role model. After my visit for the day. Barbara with both schools, I was Sullivan allowed me to given high 5's with hugs speak to the group as a and kisses. Thank you whole about "senior safety" with tips to protect their wonderful opportunity! homes and assets. Afterwards I was able to

answer any questions that the attendants had. I really enjoyed sitting and talking to them on a one-on-one basis as I find seniors to be a wealth of knowledge about the "old days". Thank you for sharing your stories.

CHILDREN

The Montessori Magnet School and the Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science and Technology (TOAST) invited me to have lunch with their students for The New Scotland Seniors "leadership" week. What a people in the community, Emily Lawyer for the

Home Safety Tips

- 1. Trim bushes away from windows and doors
- 2. Make sure exterior lights are clean and working properly
- 3. Give a spare key to a trusted neighbor for emergencies
- 4. Record or video home valuables
- 5. Keeps doors and windows locked when not home

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone!

Notice something different? I decided for this edition of the Newsletter I would try a different look. Those who have met me know that I like a little flair, so I thought the Newsletter could reflect that. What do you think? Is this edition more appealing than the others? Since the Newsletter is still a new idea, I would love to have your input. Thank you for all the support and feedback on the previous Newsletters!

~~ Tracy

St. Catherine'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN

St. Catherine's Marillac Homeless Shelter offers emergency housing for homeless families in the Capital Region. On Community Day, members from ACSO were there to socialize and participate in fun activities and offer Operation Safe Child ID cards. Deputy Martel and K9 Mo again got to demonstrate how police dogs do their job. It

was a busy day but extremely beneficial to all. Thank you Akira Marshall and Maria O'Conner for organizing and including the ACSO in this special event. For more info on St. Catherine's visit: http:// www.st-cath.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2

Clarksville Days Veteran's Memorial Car Show

AUGUST 5

National Night Out

AUGUST 8

Job Corps Job Fair JMU 4 Kids Camp

AUGUST 12 - 17

Altamont Fair

AUGUST 16

Times Union Car Show

AUGUST 23

Berne Summer Days

SEPTEMBER 6

Rensselaerville Fire 75th Anniversary Celebration

SEPTEMBER 14

Mater Christi Family Day

SEPTEMBER 21

Saratoga County Vested K9

SEPTEMBER 27

Smart Field Day
Best Pass Truck-a-thon for Vets
TRAFFIC SAFETY WEEKEND

HAVING AN EVENT??

The Sheriff's Office is interested in participating in community events.
Please contact
Deputy Tracy Mance if your organization would like us to attend.

Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle (MRAP)



THE ARMORED BEAST OF BEASTS

The MRAP is an armored fighting vehicle that is used primarily for the armed forces to protect them from improvised explosive devises (IEDs). The MRAP that the ACSO obtained free from Army surplus was used as a training vehicle here in the US. Originally

painted tan, the ACSO MRAP under went a make-over before officially going into service. Besides paint, alterations included removing the turret and the original jump seats in the cargo area. Seats were replaced with benches which increases the seating capacity and adds the ability to secure a paramedic back board if there was an injured subject. A popular question that is asked....HAS IT

BEEN USED ON A POLICE CALL?

It has!! The ACSO SWAT responded to a barricaded subject situation in the Town of Knox. The result? The subject gave up without any further incident.

MRAP FACTS

Initial cost is about \$500,000 each

Weighs approximately 48,000 pounds (that's 24 ton!)

Has a "V"-shaped hull to deflect explosive forces that originate below the vehicle

Equipped with 2.75" ballistic glass

Max speed = 65 MPH