



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 10, 2021

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from December 3, 2021 to December 9, 2021. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS IS NOT MEANT TO BE A LISTING OF EVERY INCIDENT OR CALL HANDLED BY THE Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov)

On July 1, 2021, citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via <https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h>. The Vienna Police Department had started complying with this state law in July of 2020. The portal will contain all non-consensual investigatory stops made by the Vienna Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth.

Car Thefts and Tamperings

The National Capital Area and specifically the Northern Virginia area, has seen increased vehicle tampering incidents and vehicle thefts. In some incidents, suspects entered homes through unlocked doors and open garage doors to steal property and keys to vehicles. The suspects then used the vehicle keys to gain entry into vehicles and use them to get away. The Vienna Police Department would like to remind our community members to please stay vigilant, close, and lock all doors of residences and garages to prevent criminals from targeting your property.

If you see suspicious activity or persons, we ask that you notify the police department at 703-255-6366 or, in case of an emergency 9-1-1.

INCIDENTS

Grand Larceny 21-007420

400 Block Roland Street, SW

Between November 10 at 12:00 p.m. and November 20 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone stole the catalytic converter from his vehicle while it was parked on the roadway.

Found Property 21-007289

Glyndon Park

300 Glyndon Street, NE

December 2 11:30 a.m.

Town employees were doing maintenance work in the park when they found credit cards, a driver's license, and other miscellaneous cards.

Police Service 21-007285

Park Street and Locust Street, SE

December 3 10:08 a.m.

A driver reported that he was traveling southbound on Park Street at the traffic circle when Verizon workers threw a cable in the air and it smashed into his windshield. The Verizon workers reported that they were directing traffic in the circle and had stopped both lanes of travel on Park Street. They advised the driver ignored their commands to stop and proceeded southbound into the northbound lane of traffic when the cable made contact with his windshield.

Fraud 21-007329

900 Block Moorefield Creek Road, SW

December 4 11:45 a.m.

A resident received a message through social media regarding an application that would mine Bitcoin. After purchasing the application and providing his personal social media account information he realized he had been defrauded.

Animal Case 21-007332

400 Block East Street, NE

December 4 1:08 p.m.

A resident reported an injured deer. Officers found the deer was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Juvenile 21-7340

Vienna Elementary School

128 Center Street, South

December 4 4:44 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of three juveniles on the roof of the school. The juveniles came down from the roof and the officer notified each of their parents.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 21-007363

Park Street and Moore Avenue, SE

December 5 12:58 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment. The driver refused to provide a sample of his breath for analysis.

PFC McElhattan arrested the 51-year-old man from Locust Street, SE. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal.

Animal Case 21-007385

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

December 5 1:50 p.m.

An employee was bitten by a cat during a procedure. The cat was released to its owner in Prince William County. The Prince William County Animal Control will follow up on the quarantine.

Grand Larceny 21-007390

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

December 6 between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

A citizen reported that her wallet was stolen from her purse while she was in Giant.

Natural Death 21-007393

300 Block Edwin Lane, NE

December 6 2:29 p.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of an elderly resident, who suffered from medical issues, found deceased in her bedroom.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-007410

600 Block Alma Street, SE

December 6 4:00 p.m.

A resident was visiting a relative's home when they were bitten by the relative's dog. The dog's owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-007424

7-11

427 Maple Avenue, East

December 8 between 12:00 a.m. and 4:48 a.m.

A customer reported that the store was open but there were no employees in the store. Officers notified the store manager who advised that she was receiving messages from the employee who was on duty and that she was concerned for her welfare. Officers from Fairfax County Police responded to the employee's residence to check on her welfare but were unable to locate her. The employee was entered into the national database as a missing person.

Later in the day, a detective made contact with the employee, determined that she was safe, and was not in immediate need of assistance.

Robbery 21-008468

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

December 9 1:01 a.m.

Two men entered the store, grabbed the employee, and walked him to the cash register where they stole cash and lottery tickets.

CASE UPDATES

Animal Case 21-007265 (*December 3, 2021 Highlights*)

400 Block Adahi Road, SE

December 1 4:30 p.m.

A resident reported that her dog killed a raccoon. ACO Barker transported the raccoon to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for rabies testing. The dog will be confined pending the results of the rabies test.

Update; On December 3, ACO Barker received notification from the Health Department that the test on the raccoon came back as positive for rabies. The owner was advised and the dog was placed on a 45-day quarantine. The owner also took the dog to its veterinarian for a rabies booster shot.

CRASHES

Cottage Street and Walker Street, SW 21-7231

November 30 3:01 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling northbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-2 stopped to make a left turn onto Walker Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Tapawingo Road and Cottage Street, SW 21-7326

December 4 9:31 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was southbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Tapawingo Road. As Vehicle-2 proceeded into the intersection they were struck by Vehicle-1

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE 21-007422

December 7 6:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at

Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

CITIZEN NOTES



HARD HAT CORNER

Week of December 13, 2021

- Continue installing footings for community plaza
- Continue installing masonry at the west and south site walls
- Pour concrete footings at community plaza
- Continue working on MEP rough-in on the first and second-floor levels
- Continue light gauge metal framing in the first-floor level
- Continue interior masonry walls on second-floor
- Pour curb and gutter on Center Street
- Continue installing exterior masonry walls on the north wall

Week of December 20, 2021

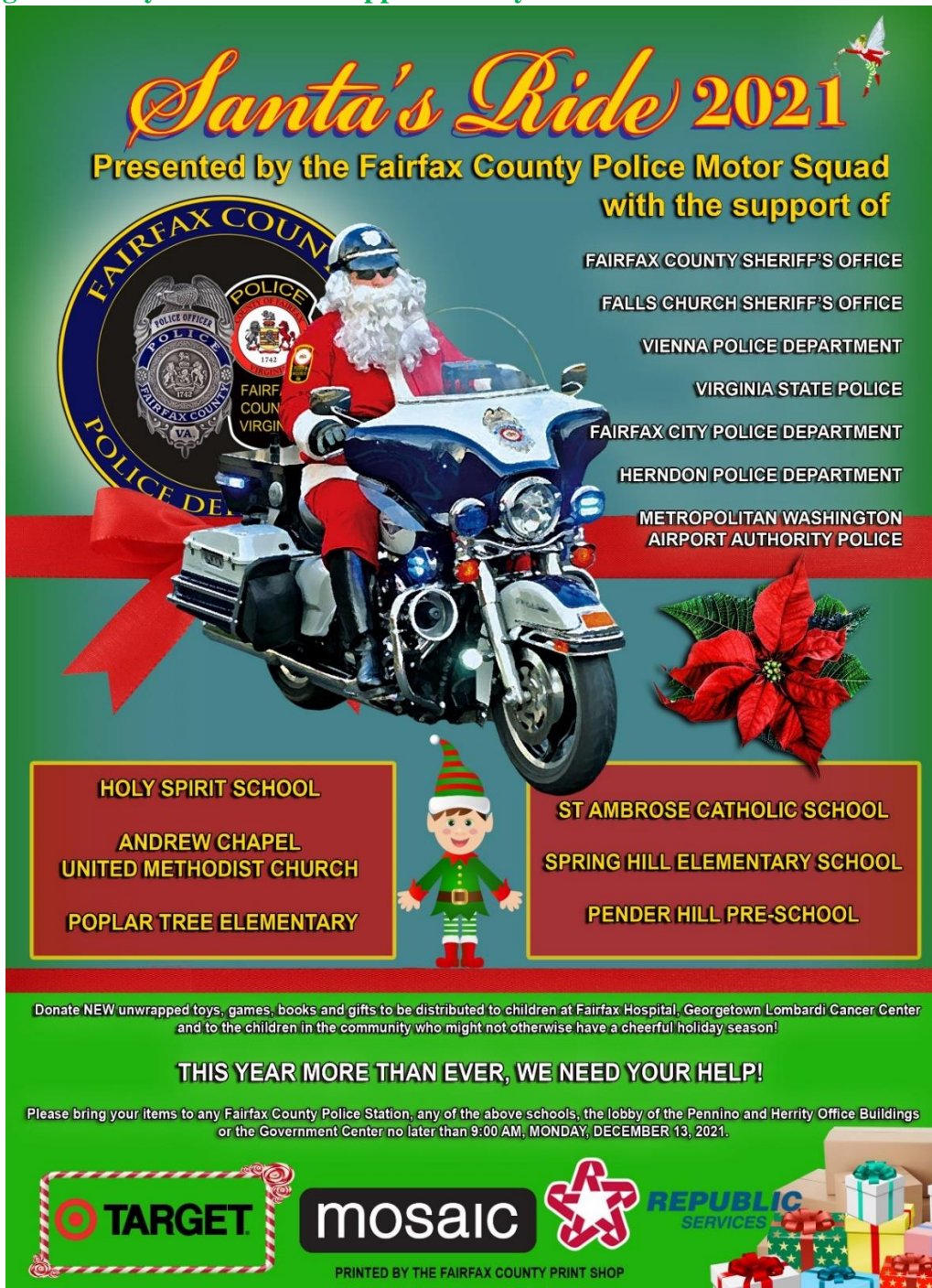
- Continue installing masonry at the west and south site walls
- Continue CMU seat walls at the community plaza
- Continue working one MEP rough-in on first and second-floor levels
- Continue light gauge metal framing on the second-floor level
- Continue interior masonry walls on first-floor
- Complete installing exterior south side masonry walls
- Complete installing exterior air barrier
- Continue installing blue foam insulation on exterior walls

****As we move forward with the new facility's construction, Chief Morris is committed to keeping the Vienna community informed and involved in the process. A link has also been established on the Town of Vienna website (<https://vienna.prod.govaccess.org/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/police/police-station-construction/-fsiteid-1>) for your information.**

The Vienna Police Department is proud to once again participate with other local police agencies in the Santa's Ride, bringing gifts to children in local hospitals this holiday season. Please contact Ruth Rohr if you have any questions – 703-255-6324.

Please drop off your new unwrapped toys and books at the Vienna Police Station – 301 Center St., S (Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) or the Vienna Community Center – 120 Cherry St., SE before 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 13.

** If you would prefer not to drop your donations off in person, you can do your online shopping and have your donation shipped directly to the Vienna Police Station. **



Santa's Ride 2021

Presented by the Fairfax County Police Motor Squad
with the support of

- FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
- FALLS CHURCH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
- VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT
- VIRGINIA STATE POLICE
- FAIRFAX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
- HERNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT
- METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY POLICE

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL
ANDREW CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
POPLAR TREE ELEMENTARY

ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SPRING HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PENDER HILL PRE-SCHOOL

Donate NEW unwrapped toys, games, books and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Hospital, Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center and to the children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!

THIS YEAR MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please bring your items to any Fairfax County Police Station, any of the above schools, the lobby of the Pennino and Herryty Office Buildings or the Government Center no later than 9:00 AM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021.

TARGET mosaic REPUBLIC SERVICES

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Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Operations Modifications

March 18, 2020

In the interest of public safety for our residents, businesses, and visitors, the Vienna Police Department has modified its operations to increase social distancing and reduce the chance of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

This modified operation entails taking certain police reports for relatively minor and non-violent crimes by telephone. There will be cases where there is no need for evidence collection, not a crime in progress, but the incident still needs to be documented.

If you are calling to file a police report, Communications personnel will ask you questions to help determine if your call meets the criteria for a telephone follow-up and if so, you may be advised that an officer will call you back to assess the need to respond in person or complete the report via telephone. If you feel that an officer is required, you may make the request, and an officer will respond. The incident report over the telephone will go into the same records management system and will be tracked the same as if an officer responded.

If a police officer responds to your location, please be prepared to step outside to meet the officer to encourage social distancing and avoid the spread of the virus.

By using telephone reporting, you will help us limit exposure. We thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to maintain our mission of providing a safe community for all of our citizens, businesses, and visitors.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have also suspended some low-priority services, which include: Ride-Along, PIO public engagements, VIN verifications, and child safety seat installations. Access to our police lobby will be restricted to immediate police assistance only. We do encourage our citizens to call the police department with questions at 703-255-6366 instead of visiting our lobby.

The Vienna Police Department continues to remain staffed, operational, and ready to respond to all emergencies, in-progress incidents, and priority calls. Day and night patrols remain at full strength so you should not hesitate to call for assistance.

The process of handling some calls for service over the phone and limiting other services is temporary and will be continually reevaluated in the coming weeks.

Thank You,

Chief Jim Morris



Safe Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

During the holiday season, crime increases. People in the holiday spirit are usually more relaxed, enjoying the season, staying up later at malls, shopping centers, and restaurants. Unfortunately, with good cheer comes complacency, and criminals take advantage of that. By remaining aware of the risks around the holiday season, you can better protect yourself and your loved ones.

When Out And About

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Pick a well-lit parking spot that does not block your vision or other people's view of you while entering or exiting your vehicle
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended
- Have your keys ready when walking to your vehicle
- Never leave valuables in plain sight and preferably take them inside
- When carrying your purse or wallet, remove any unnecessary items, leave them at home, so they're not easy targets
- Carry only cash needed to make your purchases and only the credit cards necessary to complete your shopping
- Have a plan with your children. Discuss a meeting point if you are separated and what would they do if approached by a stranger?

At Holiday Parties

- Be aware of your alcohol intake
- Never leave your drink unattended
- Have a designated non-drinking friend
- Intoxicated persons are easy prey

At Home

- Keep your lights on at home, around doors, windows, and driveway
- Trim hedges, bushes, and trees around your doors and windows to make it difficult for persons to hide
- Place gifts and valuables where they cannot be seen from outside
- Avoid opening the door to strangers
- Be aware of persons who steal packages, once delivered. Have items delivered elsewhere if possible – maybe your office, friends who are likely to be home, or a trusted neighbor

In Your Car

- When driving, lock your doors and close your windows
- When exiting your car, try not to do it alone. Have a friend present or do it when other groups of people are walking
- Walk to your car with a purpose, aware of your surroundings
- Do not exit your car if you see a suspicious situation. If in doubt or are approached, drive away, and call the police if necessary
- Do not let anyone approach you on foot while at drive-through ATM machines
- When safely parked at home, always lock your car, and make sure you have the keys to the vehicle and any spare keys removed

**The Vienna Police Department wishes everyone a
safe and happy holiday season!**



Town of Vienna Police Department
Emergency 9-1-1
Non-Emergency 703-255-6366