

**HAMPSTEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2011
(Activity Report- May thru July 2011)**

- **Crime Issues-** Residents reported 4 burglaries and 18 thefts during May thru July. One burglary occurred at the Hampstead Liquors. The suspects fled when the motion alarm was activated. No property was stolen. Another burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street where apparently a key was used to gain entry and a camera was stolen. A burglary victim who resides in the 1300 blk of Country Park Drive reported that a homeless lady that she had taken in forced entry later forced entry and removed jewelry. The final burglary was of a garage/storage area on West Street where tools were removed. Many of the reported thefts involved either shopliftings at local markets or theft of property left unattended. There were no thefts from vehicles that were locked. Please do not leave valuables in plain view in your vehicles and lock your vehicles. Those two simple steps would reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

- **Traffic-** HPD officers have issued 472 citations and warnings (May-July). There were 25 collisions reported to HPD. 12 of those collisions occurred on Main Street. 9 occurred on parking lots and 2 occurred in the bypass traffic circle at Rt. 482. No other street had more than 1 collision.

- **Arrests-** HPD Officers made 28 arrests resulting in 58 charges in the past quarter. 23 were adults and 5 were juveniles. Most arrests involved multiple charges. 7 people were charged with theft. 13 of those charges were for drugs or alcohol, including 1 Drug Distribution charge and 2 DWI/DUI arrests. 16 charges were traffic related. 3 people were charged with domestic assaults and 3 were charged with destruction of property. The abuse and misuse of drugs and alcohol continue to be a substantial problem in this area. Many of the thefts and frauds are committed to support drug habits and many of the domestic confrontations are a bi-product of substance abuse.

- **K-9 Activity-** Since we last met, Pfc. Halterman and K-9 Nego were requested for drug scans on 9 occasions. As a result, 5 arrests were made. Allied agencies assisted by our K-9 team included MSP, Westminster City PD and Taneytown PD. The K-9 Team also assisted allied law enforcement agencies with a traffic bail-out (CCSO) and a suspect track (Baltimore County PD).
- **National Night Out-** The NC Farms 4 HOA and the Hampstead Police Department Co-sponsored this year's National Night out against Crime. The event was held on August 2nd in North Carroll Farms. We had about 175-200 attendees, hot dogs and drinks were available, kids were fingerprinted, McGruff the Crime Dog made an appearance, and this year a band played. Everyone seemed to have a great time and we plan to continue this annual event.
- **DEA Prescription Drug Take Back-** HPD will once again participate with the Drug Enforcement Administration in their Drug Take Back Initiative which is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th from 10am- 2pm. HPD will serve as a drop off point for anyone wanting to safely dispose of their old prescriptions or over the counter medications.
- **Upcoming Events-** Hampstead VFC Carnival begins on Monday August 15th and ends on Saturday August 20th. The parade will be on August 20th.
- **Shop with a Cop-** The annual Pizza Hut fundraiser has been scheduled for Wednesday night, November 16th and the Shop with a Cop date at Walmart is Saturday, December 10th. We are currently accepting donations (Checks should be made out to "Town of Hampstead- Shop with a Cop").
- **Community Policing/Awards-** HPD personnel attended and/or participated in the following activities:

- **Personnel:** Pfc. Holland is on modified duty. All other personnel are on full duty.
- **Tip411-** HPD has contracted with TIP411 to provide a means for community members to text anonymous crime tips to HPD personnel. Posters are displayed in various town locations including the schools and post office. Officers have business cards with TIP411 instructions to hand out. To date we have received several tips and are investigating or have followed up on each one. Tipsters should be confident that their identity is unknown to our staff unless they provide it in their message.