

# WESTERN DISTRICT VIEW

**Western District Police-Community Relations Council  
8273 Telegraph Road, Odenton 21113**

**31 January 2020**

**Our February Meeting** - will take place on Wednesday, February 12, 7 PM, at the 911 Call Center in Millersville (8495 Veterans Highway). If you need transportation to Millersville (which will depart from WD HQS in Odenton at 6:30 PM), please contact Cindy Williams ASAP by phone (410-551-0526) or by email ([cynthia\\_williams57@verizon.net](mailto:cynthia_williams57@verizon.net)). If not, just meet us at Millersville, where PCRC members will take a tour of the facility. WD Commander Daniel Rodriguez will accompany us. He will present his Captain's Report and then entertain questions from the audience. Everyone is cordially invited.

**Our meeting on 11 March** - will feature our Officer of Merit Award presentations. These awards are PCRC's way of recognizing those WD officers who have distinguished themselves during this past year through sustained, outstanding performance, or through some specific achievement/s of significance. Recipients also require the further endorsement of the Western District Commander and WD PCRC officers. Each recipient will receive a WD PCRC certificate, a cash award, plus, his name will be engraved and added to a plaque which will remain on permanent display in the meeting room at WD Headquarters. PCRC members are welcome to assist the PCRC Selection committee in making these selections, when the committee meets on Wednesday, 5 February, 6 PM, at the Cantina Mamma Lucia at 1350 Dorsey Road, Hanover.

## **Meeting Minutes for 8 January 2020 –**

1. WD PCRC President Rusty Bristow called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM by leading members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. WD Commander Capt. Daniel Rodriguez then swore in those WD PCRC officers for 2020, who had been elected at the November meeting. They were: President – Rusty Bristow; Vice-President – Cindy Williams; Secretary – Rolland “Moose” Amos; and Treasurer- Cathy Fleshman.

2. Rusty then introduced our guest speaker, Army Lt. Col. Jason Taylor, who is stationed at Ft. Meade. Lt. Col. Taylor has been the Security Director at Ft. Meade for the past 7 months and has been involved in law enforcement for some 18 years. He explained how Ft. Meade security personnel assist and cooperate with surrounding police jurisdictions in resolving issues of all kinds, including traffic control problems, criminal investigations, firefighting, local patrolling, etc. He also provided information on gate access to Ft. Meade, visitor control procedures, ID card acquisition, etc. Lt. Col. Taylor then entertained a variety of questions from the audience and provided a number that people can call regarding any Ft. Meade related security issues (301-677-6622).

3. Capt. Rodriguez then introduced 17 officers, who are just beginning their duties at WD: Officers Dewey (a lateral retired sergeant from Greenbelt), Gahan, Basse, Campos, Tharp, Artiques (a lateral from Annapolis), Krieger, Seifert (“Gronk”), Phan, Rollen, Peterson, Giardini (a lateral from Greenbelt), Gundlach, Lanham, Holtzner, Johnson and Conaway. After introducing themselves briefly, the officers entertained questions from the audience. Except for the laterals, all these officers are recent Police Academy graduates, who are currently undergoing the final phase of their training, which consists of 70 days of duty with an experienced officer. After this last phase (some 40 days to go), they will be out on the street patrolling in their own vehicles. PCRC thanks these officers for their visit and extends our best wishes to them for a rewarding career at WD.

4. A brief business session then took place: the November meeting minutes were adopted as published (there was no December meeting); PCRC Treasurer Cathy Fleshman reported a balance of \$6,801.70; and VP Cindy Williams gave a wrap-up report on the December Holiday Buffet. (A good time was had by all! – thanks, again, to the great support by community businesses, organizations, the WD staff, and by PCRC members and volunteers! We do appreciate everyone’s time and efforts in making this event possible and successful.) Cindy also reminded us that 2020 membership dues (\$10 per person, or organization) are now being accepted. Lastly, Capt. Rodriguez – at our request – has advised us that WD is in need of a small storage shed, particularly for the bicycles that WD uses for patrolling. PCRC will research the possibilities.

6. Capt. Rodriguez then presented his Captain’s report. He was happy to report that 2019 ended with no murders and a drop in violent crimes, burglaries (commercial and residential). Thefts from autos (TFAs) were up, however – which he again attributed mainly to the fact that many car owners failed to lock their vehicles (hint). He then entertained questions from the audience.

7. Rusty adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

**FYI:** Capt. Daniel Rodriguez, AACO WD Commander, 410-222-6150, p02817@aacounty.org

**FYI:** Recipients of this message are invited and encouraged to share it with others.

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