

POLICE

4/23/09 - 4/29/09

Traffic Summons - 47

Calls for Service - 528

Incident Base Reports - 50

Reportable Criminal Arrest - 37

2009 YTD Calls for Service - 8,499

Martinsville COP Unit Officers C. A. Gravely and T. J. Slaughter escorted forty-five students from Albert Harris Elementary School to the uptown Kiwanis Pancake Day. Those students also visited with the Martinsville Police McGruff Crime Dog.

COP Unit Officer C. A. Gravely gave a crime prevention presentation to one hundred twenty kindergarten students from Collinsville Primary School at the Martinsville Police Department. Officer Gravely spoke about the importance of obeying the law, school rules, and respecting others. Reasons to call 911 were also discussed with the students.

Each participant received a "Police Officers Are Your Friends" booklet, police badge stickers, and McGruff safety book markers. In addition, students were given a tour of a patrol car.

Officer Gravely gave a Neighborhood Watch presentation to forty-five citizens at Ridge View Apartment Complex. She explained the purpose of neighborhood watch and how it works to help keep neighborhoods safer. Tenants talked with the apartment manager and Officer Gravely about neighborhood problems that are occurring at the complex. New block captains were elected by the tenants for each apartment building. The group also made plans for upcoming summer events and discussed ways to improve their community.

--Amber Fulcher

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center staff registered over 30 participants for the Healthy Community Challenge to begin May 1. Residents are encouraged to take part.; participants will be eligible to win a trip to Myrtle Beach by completing all three levels.

The May/June newsletter has been distributed to over 800 seniors. Cotton and the Country Classic Band entertained fifty-four seniors for the Tuesday evening dance at the Armory on April 28.

--Betsy Pace

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Martinsville Police Department, Martinsville Fire & EMS, and the Martinsville Sheriff's Office organized and participated in a special mock crash and rescue demonstration at Martinsville High School's Dan Greene Memorial Stadium on Tuesday, April 28.

The purpose was to dynamically demonstrate the dangers and consequences of driving recklessly or while impaired. An emergency medical helicopter was also utilized in the mock rescue exercise.

Weather was ideal with sunny skies, warm temperatures, and moderate winds. The event was well attended and positively received as a realistic demonstration that included valuable lessons for students and everyone involved.

Photos from the event taken by Tonya Rumley of the City's Public Information Office are featured on this week's picture page. Tune into to MGTV next week for a special video feature about the demonstration.

--Scott Coleman



MOCK CRASH SCENE

