June 26, 2019

Sheriff Michael L. Chapman
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The Police Unity Tour – Chapter IV would like to extend its sincere gratitude to motor officers Master Deputy Terry Rudolph, Deputy Michael Hansen, Deputy Jeremy Krapfl and Deputy Hoa Chan Lu for their dedication and assistance to the 2019 ride. The participation of your motor officers was critical to ensuring the safe escort of riders as we traveled over the course of three days through Virginia to the NLEOM in Washington, D.C.

We had an exceptionally challenging situation this year when we lost nearly half of our registered motors scheduled to conduct our escort with less than 24-hour’s notice. This created significant safety concerns for all of our members, including our participating motors, who were left greatly understaffed to safely conduct this assignment. But due to the professionalism, hard work, adaptability and personal resolve of our participating motor officers to ensure the safety of our riders, we were able to conduct a successful and safe ride. Their experience, flexibility and patience in working closely with inexperienced units from other jurisdictions (who graciously volunteered at the last minute to fill in our escort gaps as we traveled through their jurisdictions), were key to our safety and success. In addition, our motors battled heavy rain conditions throughout the entire last day of the ride, adding to their fatigue and stress levels. I could not be prouder or more thankful of their efforts this past year.

Equally importantly, the attitude, cooperation, and camaraderie displayed by your motors officers with our members made everyone feel at ease and safe. I received comments from many of our members, representing seventeen different states, how wonderful the working relationship was between the different law enforcement agencies involved in our motor escort.

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The officers were very helpful and professional. When we discovered we left our gate open we knew our horses were out. We call the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office to report the incident in case a citizen reported loose horses. We looked in Hamilton for an hour. When we arrived back home an officer came in behind us and reported the horses had been found and then escorted us to the location on Harmony Church Road. After we got a halter on the lead horse, the male and female officer escorted us back to our subdivision. We all arrived home safely. Thank you very much for your assistance and your kindness.

I was following behind my teenage son who was driving one of our family’s cars to the Chantilly Auto Park for service when the vehicle died on him in the left hand lane forcing him to try and drive as much of the vehicle up onto the median as to get it out of the left hand lane as best he could. With our hazard lights flashing I pulled my vehicle right behind his … despite our best attempts we were not in the best spot and clearly causing a disruption for other traffic. Within a few minutes, Officer Chenari arrived and pulled right behind my vehicle with lights flashing in an attempt to discourage other drivers from driving right up on us. He approached us, accessed the situation, and listened as I explained what was happening and why we were where we were … he then remained with us while we waited for the tow truck to arrive. While waiting he engaged us with conversation, even spent some time talking to my son about his college plans and plans for the future … offered us both cold bottled water to stay hydrated, and overall made an unpleasant situation pleasant. Officer Chenari is a great asset to Loudoun County! I can’t say enough good things about my experience that day.
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Dear Sheriff Chapman:  

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington D.C., would like to thank you for supporting our Department's efforts to fairly evaluate MPD candidates for promotion to a higher rank. As we both know, promotional processes are critical to the long term viability of our respective agencies.  

We greatly appreciate the assignment of Sergeant Blake and Sergeant Stack pole as assessors for MPD's 2019 Promotional Selection Process. We sincerely appreciated having their assistance as their job knowledge, professionalism, and time were critical to the success of our selection process.  

You may be assured of our continued support in matters of mutual concern.  

Sincerely,  

Peter Newsham  
Chief of Police
Dear Mr. Hemstreet,

Over the years we have relied on many Loudoun County employees in order for our events to take place and run smoothly. They have always done an outstanding job and I apologize for not taking time sooner to let you know this.

We recently had our Red, White & Bram festival in a brand new location which created many challenges for us. All of the county employees were nothing but helpful, even when faced with challenges, they continued to work with us in order for this event to take place.

As always, Tamara Shellenberger, in the Health Department, and Paula Markstrom, in the Permitting Office, took the time to walk me through items step by step to make sure I understood the process and that we were doing everything correctly. The Fire Marshals office came out several times to review and approve the launch site for fireworks and, on event day, they were great in making sure all the safety needs were met. Arcola Volunteer Fire Department was at the event in full force to help with any health or lost child needs. They also allowed kids to tour the engine, which the families loved.

Two LCSO deputies were just amazing at the event, Deputy Quiroga and Deputy Orutay. They helped with traffic control and not only brought their expertise in helping make small adjustments to our design for extra safety, they greeted our residents with a fun upbeat attitude. As people were walking across the cross walk they were giving high fives to the kids and dancing with them a little. It really helped set the tone for a wonderful community event.

I know there are many other people that helped with this event that are not named here, but I just wanted to let you know that we appreciate the great positive attitude and all the assistance we received for this event from the county employees.

Thank you very much!

Dana Vinci, CFEA, CPRP
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As a veteran with PTSD I unfortunately had 2 bad days in the last 2 years. The Loudon County Sheriff’s Department arrived and talked to me like a human being and took me to the hospital. They also cared enough to follow up after to see how I was doing. Deputy Leverich went above and beyond. Thank you

Sheriff My lady friend’s car broke down and she called me to assist. While waiting for a tow truck Deputy Franco arrived and provided Natalie and I protection from cars in the area since her automobile was in a travel lane. He was very professional, helpful and pleasant. I wanted to compliment him because had I not been able to assistance Natalie, who lives in Ashburn, I am confident his presence would have been even more important. He is a credit to your department. Please let him know of our gratitude.
Friday morning, 7/12/19, I submitted a Concern form to the LCSD via this website. I submitted the Concern because while I'm currently separated from my wife but living in the same residence with her, she has repeatedly falsely accused me of wrongful activity for which she has called the Sheriff's Dept. I wanted to notify the Sheriff of the situation and find out more about how I might protect myself from her accusations during this difficult time. Within only a few hours, I was contacted by Captain Ken Dondero, Commander of the Dulles South Public Safety Center in Chantilly. Captain Dondero explained that he had read the form I submitted, he was sorry to hear about what I was going through, and he asked if he could meet with me, "to understand your situation and better describe law enforcement's roll in situations like yours." I contacted his office and in spite of his busy day, Captain Dondero was able to meet with me right away - from approximately 1400-1445 hrs that same day. I'm submitting this form now because of the swift reaction to my situation, the respect and consideration with which Captain Dondero treated me the entire time, and because I feel the Sheriff himself should know that I now feel respected and protected because of the actions of his Commander, Officers, and staff at the Dulles South Center. Captain Dondero actively listened to the details of my situation. He asked questions, provided helpful input, he was considerate and he was straightforward. Thank you Sheriff, thank you Captain Dondero, and thanks also to the Officers out there on the front line that are put in the position of having to make split second judgement calls on how to handle difficult situations like mine. Your help is greatly appreciated.
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Dear Sheriff Chapman,

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Deputy First Class Colin Whittington for being named 2019 Virginia Deputy Sheriff of the Year. I understand that Deputy Whittington initiated an alcohol enforcement program that has deterred disorderly conduct and alcohol-related offenses. In this process, he collaborated with command staff, restaurants, management and legal counsel, as well as the Virginia ABC. There have been less calls for police officers to come to the scene to respond to intoxicated people. This took precious time away from other prevalent problems. Thanks to Deputy First Class Colin Whittington, I understand this problem has been reduced to a smaller number allowing for more time on other issues that need solving.

Deputy First Class Whittington has had a record of honorable service to his community. He was recognized at the 32nd annual Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards. He has also received the Lifesaving award for two different rescues. In both of the rescue situations, he helped the victims and their families.

Deputy Whittington has been known for his ability to work with the community, develop partnerships and solve problems. I am very pleased that he was given this honor on the State level and proud that he is part of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

Supervisor Ron Meyer