

# BEHIND THE BADGE



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In November, we celebrate several public holidays, including Veterans Day. Veterans Day is the official public holiday for honoring persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Please take a minute to thank our veterans and active duty reserve members serving in the Raleigh Police Department.

We want to remember those officers that are currently deployed: Officer T.L. Brookins, First Class Officer M.J. Pamfilis, Master Officer M.E. Mowery, Senior Officers A.P. Carpenter, J.A. Geisendaffer, and A.W. White.



## Welcome Back Officer B.W. Boger

SPC Boger serves in the United States Army National Guard with the 112th FMSD. He just returned after serving a year in Iraq, Kuwait, and Qatar. Officer Boger is currently serving in the Northwest District.

## Raleigh Police Department Receives Award

### Department Receives Above and Beyond Award

Earlier this year, the Raleigh Police Department received the Above and Beyond Award from the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and the Reserve. RPD was recognized for going above and beyond the legal requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act by providing our Guard and Reserve employees additional, non-mandated benefits such as differential or full pay to offset lost wages, extended health benefits, and other similar benefits. Deputy Chief Council accepted the award on behalf of the Department.



## RPD Fall Interns

In August, eight interns joined the Department for the Fall Semester. All of the interns are scheduled to experience the criminal justice system by spending time in Police Records in the Administrative Services Division, the Detective Division, the Field Operations Division, the Special Operations Division, the Emergency Communications Center, and the Wake County Courts.



Pictured front row: Chief Deck-Brown, Maria Mora (N. C. Central University), Safwan Ali (N. C. Central University), Tyler Tilson (William Peace University), Claire Eosso (N.C. Central University), and Sergeant J. Dunn. Back row: Derek Jackson (William Peace University), Alann Arevalo (N.C. State University), Wyatt Halbach (N.C. State University), and Malik Parks (N.C. Central University).

## Mental Health First Aid Class



The Raleigh Police Department, in partnership with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, is offering Mental Health First Aid Class sessions. The free, 8-hour sessions will be held once each month from December 2018 to May 2019. All sessions will be held at the Southwest District. The Mental Health First Aid Class will provide insight and skills to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and addiction.

Attendees will learn:

- Risk factors and warning signs of mental illness
- Information on depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, and addiction disorders
- Action plan to help someone in crisis
- Available resources

Applications for the winter class sessions will be accepted from November 5 through November 26 at 5 p.m.

Winter sessions will be held:

- Wed., December 5, 8 am - 5 pm
- Sat., January 26, 8 am - 5 pm
- Wed., February 13, 8 am - 5 pm

Applications for the spring sessions in March, April and May will be accepted at a later date.

Anyone 18 years of age and older, and who lives or works in the city of Raleigh, may apply to attend. Application information can be found online at [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov). Search "Mental Health First Aid Class".

## RPD at North Carolina State Fair

The North Carolina State Fair was held from October 12 – October 21. As in years past, the Raleigh Police Department had a booth filled with officers and fun items. This year, people who stopped at the RPD booth may have noticed our updated display and the face hole cut-outs that were big hit! They could talk with an officer, take a photo and leave with a few takeaways.



Senior Officers J.A. Burgess and R.B. Jacobson talk with visitors who stopped by the booth. Community officers from all divisions staffed the booth as well as officers from the Recruitment Unit.

## Fun at Gigi's Playhouse

On September 26, Officers J.A. Burgess, K.E. Frank, E.W. Hinton, R.A. Lee, and S.M. Martin played their monthly volleyball game with children at Gigi's Playhouse. RPD has been participating in the volleyball games for more than a year.

Gigi's Playhouse was created by the family of a child with Down syndrome. The center provides therapeutic, educational, and career training programs for individuals of all ages with Down syndrome.



## Congratulations and Recognitions

### Senior Officer M.T. Foran Receives Award

In August, Moe's Southwest Grill locations in the Triangle, in partnership with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, selected Senior Officer M.T. Foran as a recipient of the Moe's Hometown Hero Award.

Senior Officer Foran is a school resource officer at Broughton High School. Officer Foran assists with everyday procedures at the school and dedicates time to meet with students and staff. Assistant Principal Michael MacGovern said of Officer Foran, "He goes above and beyond the call of duty daily to serve and protect our students at Broughton High School. He has a great sense of humor that he shares with staff and students, to create a positive and inclusive atmosphere."

The Moe's Hometown Hero program is a way for school personnel, parents, students, and school community members to nominate deserving individuals for special recognition monthly during the school year. They can be nominated for serving as a community role model and making a difference in the lives of students and/or schools, exhibiting sound citizenship, or community service. Each recipient receives a commemorative award and a Moe's Southwest Grill gift certificate.

Congratulations Officer Foran!



Officer Foran is surrounded by members of the Broughton High School staff.

## Letters of Appreciation

Chief Deck-Brown:

I am writing to let you know that Officer B.A. Mitchell provided outstanding customer service for lack of a better phrase. I know that the Raleigh Police Department deals with incredibly dangerous, ugly, and deplorable circumstances on an almost daily basis and there are many outstanding police officers who deal with that. The police department also deals with regular incidents which is how most of us know the department.

I came into contact with Officer Mitchell when he responded to a minor fender bender I had in October 2017. Fast forward to today when I learned there was a very minor coding error in the report that Officer Mitchell filed regarding the deployment of airbags in the accident. So I called the department and tracked him down and left a message for a return call. It is amazing how quickly and professionally Officer Mitchell handled the matter. First, he returned my call within 24 hours. That in itself is amazing in this day and age. Second, he listened to my problem. Again, who does that today? Third, despite the fact that the case was 11 months old and of little consequence, he made the effort to enlist the help of your information technology area to access the old records so he could assist me. Fourth, he called me to update me on his progress. Again, a minor point, but who else does that today? Fifth and finally, he resolved my problem. How great is that?

I wanted to make sure you knew that Officer B.A. Mitchell did something really good. In the scheme of things it is minor, but it is indicative of the type of officer he is. If he provides this level of professionalism and dedication to such a minor matter, you know what he will do for the important matters. I think officers, like any other workers, should receive compliments as well as complaints.

Paul Kouroupas

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Chief Deck-Brown:

I am writing to commend your officers on the excellent service they provided a few months ago, especially Officer S.T. Henry. On July 8, I was driving my brother's vehicle when it lost power while I was on I-40. I managed to coast the vehicle off the interstate onto South Saunders Street. I went to get gas, assuming it had run out. The Raleigh police noticed I was having car problems and immediately parked their vehicle behind me and initiated the flashing lights to prevent an accident. Officer Henry attempted to help me start the car by putting gas in and trying to jump the vehicle using two different vehicles. When that did not work, he assisted with providing directions for the tow company and stayed with me until the car and I were picked up.

The entire ordeal lasted a couple of hours and I felt bad for tying up so much of the officer's time. I want to thank Officer Henry and the entire Raleigh Police Department for what they do. The help was greatly appreciated.

Steve Simos

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Chief Deck-Brown:

We are writing to express our deepest appreciation for the kindness of two of your officers, Master Officer C.J. Clark and Officers A.M. Smith. On August 4, a visitor at our home accidentally let our two-year-old rescue dog, Riley, out of the hand and the fenced yard. It was the first time he had ever escaped and Riley took off running down the street and quickly disappeared.

About an hour later, we received a call from Officers Clark and Smith, who saw a wet, injured dog on Kent Road and stopped to assist him. The officers brought him to our driveway about five miles from where he was found. Riley's feet and legs were injured, but if not for the extraordinary kindness your officers, our sweet dog may have remained lost instead of being returned safely back home.

We know that these officers have countless serious responsibilities during their shifts, but they still took the time to reunite our beloved dog with his frightened and frantic family. We can't find the words to express our profound joy and gratitude at having our Riley back home and it is all because of the thoughtfulness and kindness of Officers Clark and Smith.

Fred and Jeannie Morelock

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## In Memoriam



Retired Sergeant Timothy D. Drye passed on October 10.

Sergeant Drye joined the Raleigh Police Department as a member of the 34<sup>th</sup> Police Academy in December 1976 and wore badge 964.

The funeral was held on Saturday, October 13, at 1 p.m. at Montlawn Funeral Home, 2911 S. Wilmington Street.

Please keep the Drye family in your thoughts and prayers.