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A Talk with Memphis' Finest

Officer Jasmine Tolbert, of the Memphis Police Department's Raines Station, was asked by one of the teachers at First Assembly Christian School to visit a class of Kindergarteners; along for the visit was Police Service Technician (PST) Catrellus Yancey. Together, they spoke to the class about what it means to have a career in law enforcement. Speaking of day-to-day experiences, showing off their equipment and answering questions was a hit with this group of youngsters. Officer Tolbert and PST Yancey were both surprised that many of the students already knew some of the many duties of a police officer, but enjoyed fielding questions and reassuring all that law enforcement employees are their friends, not enemies. After engaging with the class, each student was made honorary Junior Police Officers. Great job to these two for exemplifying what it means to be the "Best in Blue"!



Crump Station's School Surprise

The Memphis Police Department's Crump Station, along with the Community Outreach Program (C.O.P.) wanted to do something special for students at Cummings Elementary School. Officers surprised 50 students at Cummings Elementary School with backpacks full of school supplies. Each student also received a food basket! After the giveaways, each student was made an honorary Junior Police Officer. The C.O.P. Unit also brought the kids' favorite officer, Sergeant Biggs, to have fun and hang out. Crump Station thanked Target for donating the school supplies and food baskets. Great job to Crump Station for all the hard work and dedication they put into making this event a success!

Remember, if you plan to visit a school and need police hats, Junior Police Officer patches, or backup from Sgt. Biggs or Officer Goodheart, contact the PIO's office or C.O.P. for assistance.



Call If You Can, Text If You Can't

The Memphis Police Department's 911 Communications Bureau is proud to announce their latest accomplishment in being the first Telecommunications Service in Tennessee to provide 911 text alerts. Taking the initiative and recognizing citizens within our Deaf community, Michael Spencer and his team worked diligently to make this process come to fruition. After meeting with citizens from the Deaf community, our Communications team learned that 911 text messaging would bring the community closer to the department by providing an alternative way of communicating with 911. Offering another way to contact 911 services is another way that our 911 Communications Bureau can assist the citizens of Memphis. Now the MPD 911 dispatchers are able to receive text messages from citizens who may be deaf or may be in a situation where they are unable to call during an emergency situation.



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PSTs Yancey & Yos



As many of you know, the duties of a Police Service Technician (P.S.T.) can vary from conducting minor traffic accident investigations to assisting with traffic control during major city events, but the duties don't stop there. Every morning, Monday-Friday, PSTs are assigned to elementary schools to ensure students cross the street safely and make it to school. One morning, PST Catrellus Yancey and PST Destinie Yos were assigned to Sheffield Elementary School when they saw a little girl walking by herself to school without a jacket or backpack. After crossing the student, they decided to ask the little girl if she had a jacket or backpack at home; and she replied, "No." Feeling discomfort, the two PSTs made it their mission to make sure the little girl would have a warm coat and a nice backpack when walking to school. After their post, they went to a store and bought the little girl not only a backpack and a jacket, but also a hat, gloves, a scarf, and some snacks for the little girl to enjoy. They returned to the school to surprise the little girl of what they had gotten her. The little girl smiled with joy and gave both of them a hug. Kudos to PSTs Destinie Yos and Catrellus Yancey, for surprising this little girl with a backpack full of goodies, jackets, and a scarf!

MPPD VS PST

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Memphis Police Department hosted its first Memphis Police Officers vs Police Service Technicians (P.S.T.) basketball tournament. It was a 3 on 3 team match-up; winner wins bragging rights. The tournament was held at the Beale Street Landing Basketball court located along Riverside Drive. It was a fun day where both PSTs and officers came to hang out and enjoy some good old basketball. The competition was fierce, but ultimately, the PSTs came out on top and won the tournament! Thank you to everyone who made this event possible and came out to support the teams!



Memphis Animal Clinic



The Memphis Police Department's Canine Unit received gift baskets for Service Animal Appreciation month. The Memphis Animal Clinic donated baskets for all canines and provided lunch for the officers assigned to the Canine Unit. In appreciation for all the wonderful gifts, the Canine officers gave the veterinarians a tour of the Canine facility. Thank you so much to the Memphis Animal Clinic for this generous donation and for appreciating our canines!



MPD D.A.R.E. Graduation

On May 8, 2019, we celebrated and graduated 880 young students from the MPD Drug Alcohol Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program where the students are dedicated to having a safer and drug-free future! The students contributed many hours to learn the dangers of drugs and weapons and how to avoid them. The ceremony was held at Cummings Street Missionary Baptist Church to show appreciation to the students for their dedication of a brighter and safer future. Way to go kids, keep up the great work!

The program was taught in 12 different schools by 5 (five) D.A.R.E. Officers (Officers T. Rutherford, C. Leake, L. Banks, T. Johnson, and K. Miles).

Graduating schools:

- Belle Forrest Community School
- Crump Elementary
- Hamilton Elementary
- Ida B. Wells Elementary
- Kipp Memphis College
- Kipp Preparatory Elementary
- Magnolia Elementary
- Riverview Elementary
- Shady Grove Elementary
- Springdale Elementary
- Vision Prep Charter
- Willow Oaks Elementary





A Boy's Best Friend

Jalen Manns is a 9-year-old boy who was diagnosed with a brain tumor in May 2018. His mother, Hannah Manns, said the tumor has caused psychological and sensory issues for Jalen for some time. After he was diagnosed, his family started a Facebook page called “Team Jalen” to serve as a support system for

Jalen. Since, he has received an enormous amount of support from friends, family, and followers of the Facebook community. Since, Jalen came to Memphis to begin his treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Once he arrived, the MPD's Public Information Office was contacted by Warner Robbins Police Department and asked if MPD would be willing to let Jalen visit our Canine Unit. After hearing his story, we couldn't pass up the opportunity to make a positive impact on Jalen's life. Jalen and his mother came for a tour of our Canine Unit and he had an opportunity to visit with our K-9 officers and see how they train. Jalen loved Nikka and enjoyed meeting our bloodhound, Anthony. After his tour, Jalen was given an MPD Canine patch, coin, t-shirt, hat, toys, and he was made an honorary MPD Canine handler. We were very grateful for having Jalen come out and see our Canine Unit, and we will keep him in our prayers as he continues to fight his battle.



Officers Meads & Clark

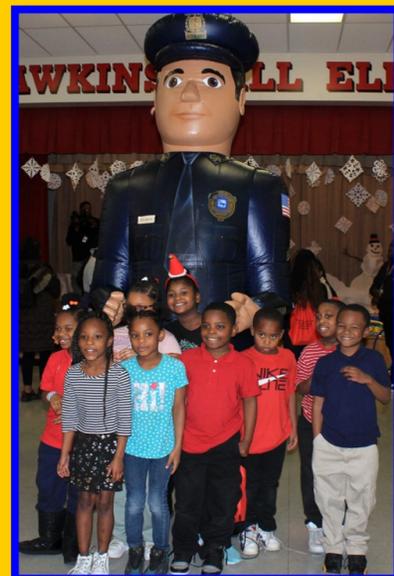
Catherine Clark is a preschool teacher at St. John Catholic School, located in the Orange Mound Community. Each year, Ms. Clark focuses on community helpers. Ms. Clark teaches her class that police officers and firefighters help keep us safe. Many of her students often express negative feelings toward the police; so, it is her goal to change those feelings by allowing her students to have a memorable and positive experience with police officers. For the past two years, Officer Patrick Meads and Officer Zachary Clark have visited her classroom for a “Popcorn Party with the Police.” The officers talk about their duties and responsibilities as a law enforcement officer. The officers passed out junior police badges to the students and then sat with them to have popcorn as they continued to discuss the importance of law enforcement. After snacks, the officers danced with the students and shared stories. The students opened up to the officers and began to realize that officers are their friends and not their enemies. According to Ms. Clark, many of the students now say that they want to be police officers when they grow up. “I am so grateful that these officers have committed themselves to help improve our community, even when they are off duty. By volunteering to visit my classroom, they have helped change the attitudes of my students.” Great job to both officers for taking time out of their schedule to make a difference to these children!



Going Beyond the Call of Duty



Members of the Memphis Police Training Academy learned that the children of Hawkins Mill Elementary lacked supplies for their Physical Education Department. Collectively, the officers at the Training Academy gathered over \$1200.00, which was used to purchase various items to donate to the school. Donated items included a basketball goal, basketballs, footballs, hula hoops, cones for calisthenics, a teambuilding parachute, a badminton court, frisbees, and many other items. Going beyond the call of duty and setting a great example of being some of the Best in Blue, these officers get a BIG thank you from the children of Hawkins Mill Elementary! Great job officers!!



Best In Blue

Going into our second year of MPD's "Best in Blue" podcast and TV show, the Public Information Office will be presenting various units and officers to highlight the great things that the men and women of MPD do on a daily basis.

The "Best in Blue" podcast and TV show provides audiences with an in-depth look into the Memphis Police Department.

Don't forget to tune-in!

Text BNB to 72000 TO GET INSTANT ACCESS TO OUR SHOWS!!! You can also check out the Best In Blue on your favorite Podcast Provider!

To watch on TV, tune-in to WYPL TV-18. You can keep up with the updated schedule by going to memphislibrary.org, click on "Program Schedule" and look for The Best in Blue. If you are interested in being featured on the next Best in Blue, contact the PIO's office at PIO@memphistn.gov.



Having Dinner with a Cop



Officers Justin Cacaro and Anthony Williams of Crump Station responded to a robbery call at Cooper and Felix to find that a couple from London had been robbed. The London couple had been in Memphis visiting for a few days and were on their way to get dinner when they were robbed. After taking the report and making sure the couple was okay, the officers took it upon themselves to take the couple to get something to eat at a nearby deli. The officers told management what they were doing, and instead of the officers paying for dinner, management of Young Ave Deli treated the couple and officers to dinner, free of charge. Kudos to these officers, they are true examples of what it means to be the Best in Blue!

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Answering the Call for Help

Two officers with the Memphis Police Department saved a man's life who was trapped in a house that was on fire. Officers Jason Waddell and Jonathan Newport responded to the call of a house fire and heard a man yelling for help from inside the residence. The two officers went inside the house and found the man. The officers then freed the man and got him safely outside. Both officers said they were just doing their job and hope the man makes a full recovery. These two officers should be recognized for their incredible act of courage.



Cleaning up the Community

Three years ago students at Kingsbury Middle School painted a fence across the street from their school. Since, vandals painted over their hard work with gang graffiti. Students at Kingsbury Middle School wanted to make a difference in their community by setting an example for all to see so they decided to paint the fence again.



Working with Officers Cassandra Leake and Timothy Rutherford, these 6th grade students spent two days painting a mural on a fence across from their school. The mural was designed by their art teacher and a local artist. Both artists spent many hours creating a perfect image that reflects the diversity of not only the students at Kingsbury, but the community

of Memphis. These students, being part of the Memphis Police Department's G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Program said gang graffiti was not welcomed in the neighborhood.



Great job to all the students who helped make their community better!

The Citizens of Memphis Thank YOU!

Often serving as a law enforcement officer may feel like a thankless job, but you should know that the hard work and daily grind is paying off. The citizens of Memphis thank you!

Here are just a few....



Susan Murray
Assigned to Mem



Thx to the officer who came over. This was happening all afternoon and evening....corner of Helene/Hopewell. Thankful for the response from MPD. Y'all have a good night!!



Hi! Today @ Overton Park we had a person riding a three wheeler through the restricted roads in the park. Just wanted to say thank you to the quick response of the officers who came out. Thank You so much for protecting our community ❤️



just wanted to take a moment and said thank you to MPD for a great officer don't have a name but she was great my 7 year old son and 3 year old daughter always talk about been a police officer and we are visiting Memphis for the weekend at the time we was getting out of the Zoo the kids was just looking at the officer and she start to talk to them been very professional and personal with the kids and even let the kids sit down on her motorcycle a great officer very hard to find thanks to her. I will like to share a picture with you this was yesterday



Thanks for the presence in Westwood today! I live alone and seeing the Men in Blue if only for a short time made me feel safer. ❤️



Thank you officer Breaux(3316), for your quick response and for taking animal cruelty seriously. You're my hero!

The Thank You Continues.....



Thank you for all you do



Kudos you guys are awesome



Hello. My wife posted this and I just wanted to show you some of your officers at work. Thanks for protecting this city.

John M. Poplar Files - 18 Apr
Wonderful police work. Thanks very much.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Memphis Police Dept. and specifically Officer Mosley!!! I was in Memphis today for the first time and lost my wallet while attending a football game. Needless to say I was very distraught and it was putting a huge damper on the entire trip. I got back to my hotel room and get a call from the front desk stating Officer Mosley found and dropped off my wallet at my hotel!!! He found my room card and made a specific trip just to give back a wallet to a complete stranger! Thank You so very much again Officer Mosley and the Memphis PD for showing an out-of-towner that much kindness! God Bless!

Naomi L., Colonial Acres · 9 May
We are thankful to all of you for your service every day to our neighborhoods and communities. We don't take your duty and sacrifice for granted. Thank you for posting and keep safe!

😊 8 Thanks

GK E., Stage Park Meadows · 9 May

So extremely grateful for all our policemen & those in law enforcement, the ones gone & those still here. Honoring these heroes is a wonderful thing to do!

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R Renée B., South Main · 19 Apr

Thank you

😊 2 Thanks

Community Event

Officers enjoyed celebrating Festival Cinco de Mayo with Radio Ambiente and thousands of Memphians at this year's Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Agricenter.

MPD's Community Outreach Program, our recruitment team, Air Support and our Canine Unit were a huge hit!



Thank you to everyone who made this event a success!

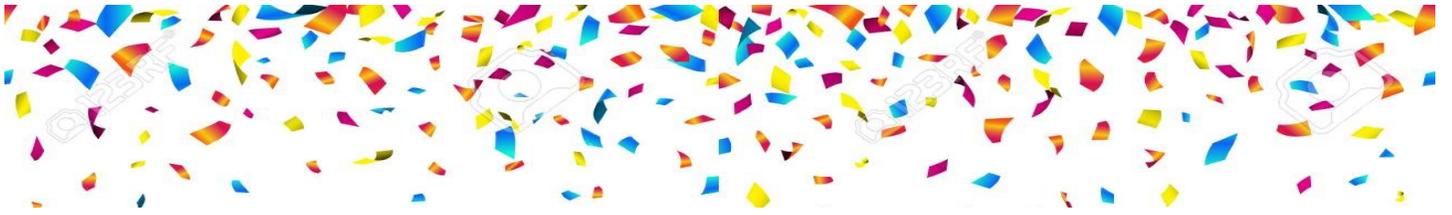
Summer Camp at Raines Station

For the second year in a row, Raines Station officers partnered with the Police Activities League (PAL) program to host a "Meet and Greet" for this year's FREE summer camp at the Dominion Church. During the "Meet and Greet" parents had an opportunity to meet some of Memphis' Finest and also the sponsors of this year's summer camp. Bringing in more than 200 children; this camp will provide these children with a safe place to hang out during the summer months.

"On the first day of camp, kids are often scared and holding on to their parents, but by the end of the day, the kids don't want to leave. Seeing the impact these officers and PAL have on these kids is amazing," said Sgt. Craig Littles.

Great job to all involved, and we would also like to thank the sponsors and the Dominion Church for helping make this year's event possible!





CELEBRATING 200 YEARS!

May 22, 2019, marked the 200th anniversary of the City of Memphis. For 200 hundred years, Memphis has been a beacon of light to the south, the country, and the world. Whether it's hospitals that save children's lives or ideas that create industries. Memphis has attracted those who rise above and see a brighter future for themselves and others. And it's those people- from Doctor Martin Luther King Jr, Tom Lee, Elvis Presley, Ida B. Wells, Danny Thomas, and many iconic idols that have made Memphis what it is today. Memphians relentless pursuit of positive change, resilience, and a strong sense of community allow us to overcome the challenges and emerge stronger than ever to work towards becoming a better city!





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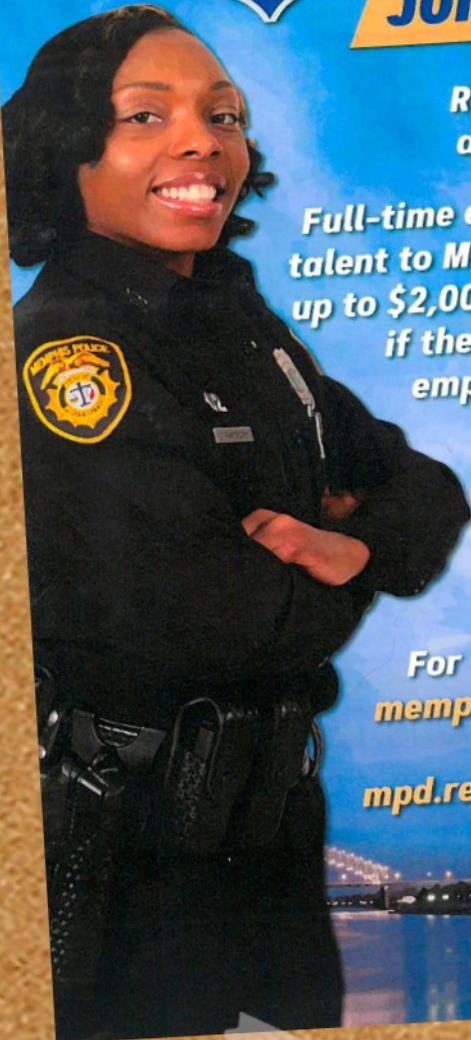
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