



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: December 1, 2015
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Fredericksburg Police Awarded Advanced Accreditation with Excellence from CALEA -

On November 11th, the City of Fredericksburg Police Department was awarded Advanced Accreditation with Excellence from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). Advanced Accreditation is the highest rating a law enforcement agency can obtain from CALEA and sets the benchmark for public safety professionalism. Since 1979, CALEA has been the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement. Out of the 244 law enforcement agencies in Virginia, 24 agencies are CALEA certified and even fewer are awarded the Excellence Accreditation.



Partners Join to Make Annual Tree Lighting a Success – The Annual Children's Christmas Tree Lighting was held on Small Business Saturday with more than 700 people in attendance at Hurkamp Park. Kids enjoyed crafts, hot cocoa, Sugar Shack donut holes, a snow machine, and took pictures with Santa Claus and the Snow Queen. Maranatha singers sang carols, Santa read "T'was the Night Before Christmas" and Mayor Greenlaw and Santa led the countdown to the tree lighting. The Children's Christmas Tree Lighting program was presented by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities, Fredericksburg Parent and Family Magazine, the Children's Museum of Richmond, Sugar Shack and Maranatha Music Ministries.

Special Events Review Committee Processes Approvals in 2015 – In 2015, the City of Fredericksburg's Special Event Review Committee processed 124 special event applications that resulted in 202 events within the City. Of those events, 45 were charity walks/runs; 33 were major events that had attendance over 1,000 or closed a city street; and 124 events included block parties, Farmer's Market days,

small concerts and observances. The review committee receives applications for events that occur in city parks or the public right-of-way. Representatives from Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities, the City Manager's office, and Community Planning and Building participate in the review process, which is coordinated by Economic Development and Tourism.

Lieutenant Presutto Completes Leadership Education Program – Lieutenant Mike Presutto completed the Professional Executive Leadership School (PELS) program on November 19th. The PELS program is an intensive three-week leadership education program conducted in partnership with the University of Richmond. Lieutenant Mike Presutto has been with the Police Department for 15 years, actively supports local and law enforcement charities, and exemplifies leadership every day while leading patrol sergeants and officers.



Fredericksburg Police Raise \$2,550 for Pediatric Cancer – During November, the Fredericksburg Police Department raised \$2,550.00 for the Fairy Godmother Project, a local charity that supports families facing pediatric cancer. The Police Department raised money three ways: 20 Patrol Officers participated in No-Shave November, a national effort to increase cancer awareness and raise funds to support cancer research and prevention. Each Patrol Officer that participated was permitted to grow a mustache and goatee during November in exchange for a \$50 donation to the Fairy Godmother Project. Three Fredericksburg Police Department employees put their locks on the line to see who could raise the most money for the charity. Lieutenant Mike Presutto, School Resource Officer Paul Dooley, and Communications Officer Donna Sehl encouraged the public to donate on their behalf through November. In the end, Communications Officer Donna Sehl, won and raised \$680, Lieutenant Mike Presutto raised \$490, and School Resource Officer Paul Dooley raised \$405. Following the competition rules, Officer Dooley will shave his head later this month for raising the least amount. The Police Department also sold mustache lapel pins throughout the month to anyone who wanted to make a contribution and support the Police Department's efforts.