



WINCHESTER POLICE DEPT.

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Over the last quarter, the Police Department responded to over 4,500 calls for service. During the last quarter we were tasked with supplying security at multiple events such as High on the Hog, Dogwood Festival, Jonathan Acklen Fishing Tournament while at the same time dealing with tornados and power outages due to storms. I would like to commend Public Works and the Winchester Utilities staff for their professionalism and cooperation during those trying times.

We have been forced to deal with higher fuel cost and we combated this on two fronts. First I will commend City Administrator Beth Rhoton for having the foresight to purchase long term fuel usage at a contract price saving the taxpayers and we have implemented other fuel saving measures within the operation of the police department.

In June we installed a new records management system, utilizing WINSOMS Software, for all police records outside of Traffic Accidents. The \$20,000 software was purchased through Homeland Security Grant monies at no cost to the General Fund. During the last quarter, Investigator Chris Layne has successfully completed Four Courses toward being Forensically Certified and has obtained that status. We did expend close to \$30,000 in training cost and equipment purchases through grants obtained from the Tennessee Chief of Police Association and Nashville Metro Police Department for the ICAC Unit. Sgt Westbrooks was also able to obtain \$16,000 from the Governors Highway Safety Office in grant monies in overtime reimbursement and equipment purchases. Finally, Investigator Layne's entire salary and benefits approximately \$45,000 over the last year was reimbursed to the City of Winchester for his work with our new ICAC unit. The City of Winchester has benefited in receiving over \$100,000 in grant monies for the police department over the last year that my staff has been able to obtain. Obtaining these grants is a joint effort of many of my staff and they are to be commended, especially Nikki Richardson, Sgt Westbrooks, and Inv. Layne.

Law enforcement statewide ran out of money during the last quarter to help pay for Meth Lab cleanup. I want to thank Executive Director Tommy Farmer on the accomplishment of obtaining new funding and a new cleanup strategy with the development of twelve (12) container sites located across the state for labs to be transported to these locations. This new strategy will be more cost effective saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

It is with great sadness, to report that a long time partner with the Winchester Police Department, Special Agent Richard Poff lost his father last week to an extended illness and battle with Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's is a terrible disease and Agent Poff has requested everyone to help by donating money to your local Alzheimer's Association. His father, Justice Richard H. Poff was a long term congressman from Western Virginia and retired as a Virginia Supreme Court Judge. Justice Poff's obituary is published in the Washington Post. Our thoughts and prayers are with our friend.

I attended the Crime Prevention Conference in Pigeon Forge in May with Tabatha Curtis, director of the Franklin County Prevention Coalition. The success of our Prevention Coalition is unparalleled across this state. Tabatha, much deserved, is receiving great praise among her peers in the Crime Prevention business. We are very fortunate to have Tabatha as our director. Tabatha is making a difference in the lives of many children in this community by promoting a positive change in their lives and changing the environment of this community. Her drive and professionalism is very admirable. Keep up the good work.

I also attended a nationwide conference in Louisiana on drug courts with Circuit Court Judge Buddy Perry, ADA Steve Blount, Dr. Ken Stewart, Public Defender Bob Morgan, and 12th Judicial District Drug Court Director Ron Bailey. The training centered around proven methods for successful drug courts and an opportunity to train with National Drug Court Professional Association Staff and critique our program here locally. It was great to see that the model we created is being adopted as a proven strategy nationwide and our program was commended at the conference by the experts in the field. It was a great training opportunity and I also want to thank Judge Perry and the entire Drug Court Team for the great success of the Drug Court Program.

As mentioned earlier, the change over in our records management system has been a daunting task and could not be possible without Nikki Richardson. She not only oversaw the implementation of new hardware and software, but she also had coordinate the implementation of the software with the training of the staff and trying to get the transfer of millions of records from our old system to keep this as seamless as possible without interfering with records being delivered to the public and state. Nikki is a great asset to have and I truly appreciate her professionalism and dedication in her employment with this Department.

The timing of this newsletter could not have come at a worse time with the holidays, budget time, and the transitional things going on within the department, so this letter will be brief out of respect to my staff that helps produce this letter, especially Nikki.

God Bless,

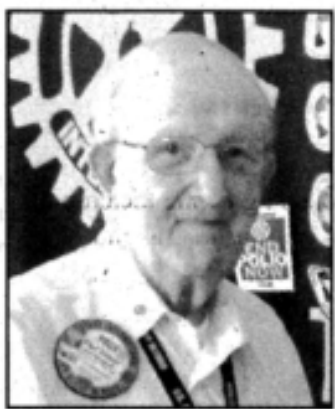
Chief Dennis Young

Red Cross Holds Winchester Donor Appreciation Drive



Paul Trainor started volunteering with the American Red Cross blood program more than 40 years ago and he's still at it.

The 86 year old Winchester resident serves as blood drive coordinator for blood drives held in the Winchester community.



PAUL TRAINOR

“My wife was in charge of the blood program,” Trainor said. “She passed away in 1991, and I thought about just dropping Red Cross, but after thinking about it I decided not to. I figure, if she were still alive, she would continue it. I took over in 1991.”

Trainor, who served in the United States Army for 21 years, began his Red Cross career with what's now called the Service to the Armed Forces (SAF) program. His unit boasted a 100 percent blood donation participation rate. It was after his military retirement that he started his duties as blood drive coordinator in Winchester. He also worked with the Franklin County and Tullahoma (now Treis County) Red Cross Chapters. Over the years, he has even managed to donate 8.5 gallons of blood.

“Blood is needed and required every day of the year,” Trainor said. “Accidents happen and some people will need more blood than others but it's still needed. It's vitally needed and it's [blood donation] a good habit to have.”

In the old days, Trainor and his wife worked as a blood collection team for the local hospital.

“My wife was a gopher,” he said. “When we had a need for blood, we found it. She would get it and bring it back to the lab for surgeries.”

The family tradition continued with Trainor's daughter, who recently moved back to middle Tennessee working the blood drive registration table at the Winchester Church of Christ. The church sponsors a Red Cross blood drive every month, and every month Trainor volunteers his time to help out.

“I'm continuing on,” Trainor said. “Nobody is interested in taking it over, so I still think it's necessary, I guess until something pulls me away from it, I will continue.”

This June, the Red Cross is recognizing blood donors and blood drive volunteers in and around the Winchester community for their dedication to the blood program. The public is invited to give blood in honor of Paul Trainor at the Winchester Community Donor Appreciation Blood Drive on Friday, June 24, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Winchester Church of Christ. The Winchester Church of Christ is located at 1230 South College Street in Winchester. Walk-in donors are welcome.

There will also be a drawing for gift certificates, coupons, and other various items from local businesses. Plus, all presenting blood donors are automatically entered in to a sweepstakes drawing for the following Music City getaway: an expense paid trip for two to Nashville for a two night stay at Gaylord's Opryland Hotel, two VIP passes to the Grand Ole Opry, a backstage tour at the Opry House (based on availability at time of travel) and one \$300 Visa gift card.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING METH LAB CLEANUP

Effective July 1, 2011, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force (TMTF), working together with its local, state, and federal law enforcement partners, has set up the Tennessee Authorized Central Storage (ACS) Program.

- The Tennessee ACS Program consists of twelve (12) container sites located strategically across the state to which the TMTF Response Vehicle Drivers will transport hazardous waste associated with meth labs. The key component to the program is utilization of the already existing network of TMTF Response Vehicle Drivers as the Local Program Managers to oversee the packaging and transporting of hazardous waste to each container site. As long as funds are available to do so, the cost of paying the DEA Contractor to dispose of the waste from these twelve sites will be covered.
- Please be advised that no additional containers can be added to the program at this time. Because resources are limited, if a department/agency sets up their own container program, it cannot be supported by the TMTF. So the department setting up its own container program will be responsible for costs related to packaging, transporting, and disposal. Again, our resources are limited to being able to support the twelve containers now in existence. These containers should be sufficient to cover the needs of the 95 counties in Tennessee.
- For previously accumulated meth lab wastes, **immediately** call Wendell Norton (931-409-7460) to see if you qualify for a **one-time cleanup**.

Lastly, the TMTF and its local, state, and federal partners appreciate the cooperation of the law enforcement agencies, which have agreed to house the twelve containers on their premises. Also, the law enforcement community in Tennessee should be very proud of how quickly and efficiently the Tennessee ACS Program has been implemented through the coordinated efforts and volunteer spirit of so many local, state, and federal partners.

If you have any questions, please contact the TMTF Office at (423)752-1479.

Richard H. Poff, Virginia Congressman, dies at 87



Former representative Richard H. Poff, a conservative Virginia Republican who turned down a U.S. Supreme Court nomination in 1971, in part because of the attention it would bring to his stark record on civil rights and to spare his family public scrutiny during the confirmation process, died June 27 at a nursing home in Tullahoma, Tenn. He was 87.

His death was confirmed by Kilgore Funeral Home in Tullahoma. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Mr. Poff was in his 10th congressional term when his name surfaced as President Richard M. Nixon's first choice to replace the late Justice Hugo Black on the nation's high court.

The congressman, who represented a western Virginia district that included Roanoke, had earned Nixon's favor by supporting the president's efforts to end the war in Vietnam. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Mr. Poff had also played a key role in crafting and passing the president's anti-crime legislation.

Mr. Poff had often said that serving on the U.S. Supreme Court was his life's ambition. But his record on social issues, particularly civil rights, made him a divisive figure whose proposed nomination brought a wave of resistance from liberal groups.

As a young House member, Mr. Poff had joined 100 other Southern congressmen in signing the "Southern Manifesto" protesting the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling that outlawed segregation in public schools. The manifesto, written two years after the 1954 court decision, railed against the landmark court decision as a "clear abuse of judicial power."

Mr. Poff continued to oppose many civil rights bills in the 1960s but managed through his extensive work on the judiciary committee to win the respect of many Democratic colleagues. By the time of his rumored nomination to the Supreme Court, he had recanted some of his early decisions on the segregation issue.

He said he had signed the Southern Manifesto under intense political pressure, hoping to stave off challenges from more conservative opponents.

"I can only say now that segregation is wrong today, it was wrong yesterday. Segregation was never right," Mr. Poff told a reporter around the time that he became a front-runner for the Supreme Court nomination.

"But it is one of the most lamentable frailties of mankind that when one's wrong is most grievous, his self-justification is most passionate, perhaps in the pitiful hope that the fervor of his self-defense will somehow prove him right."

In October 1971, Mr. Poff abruptly announced he was withdrawing his name from consideration. He said he wanted to spare his family and the nation a "long and divisive confirmation battle."

The president was reportedly furious — not at Mr. Poff, but at those who had ostensibly forced his resignation, according to a 2001 book by Nixon White House counsel John W. Dean. Nixon's ultimately successful nominee was Lewis Powell, a prominent corporate lawyer from Virginia.

The real reason for Mr. Poff's withdrawal emerged a month later in the syndicated column by investigative reporter Jack Anderson and was later corroborated by the firsthand knowledge Dean relayed in his book, "The Rehnquist Choice: The Untold Story of the Nixon Appointment That Redefined the Supreme Court."

Our prayers go out to FBI Agent Poff and his family for the loss of his father.