



Newsletter

Nelson Police Department

Chief Jim “The Priest” Koury

Introduction

Welcome back to the newsletter.

It has been a busy couple of months and I apologize for not sending out the newsletter for June. Having said that, this one will be a little long to cover the last two months.

Public Safety Day

We had a great turn out with over 500 people in attendance.

Many people donated blood and overall had a great time meeting all of the public safety workers.



I would like to thank the local Lodge, Cherokee and Pickens Fire Departments, The American Red Cross and The Cherokee County Marshall’s Officer for their help and participation.



They were more than happy to answer questions and show off all of the equipment that we use every day to serve you all and the kids all loved the Nelson P.D. HMMWV and the miniature fire house.



Nelson Reserve Unit 5K Hill Challenge

The police department reserve unit will be hosting it's first 5K run right here in the city on September 27th.

The entry fee is \$25 and all who register will receive a challenge coin. Additionally we are working on other items to put in a goody bag for everyone.

"Ghost" runners are welcome as well. What this means is that you can register but choose not to actually run in the event. Ghost runners will still receive a challenge coin and goody bag.

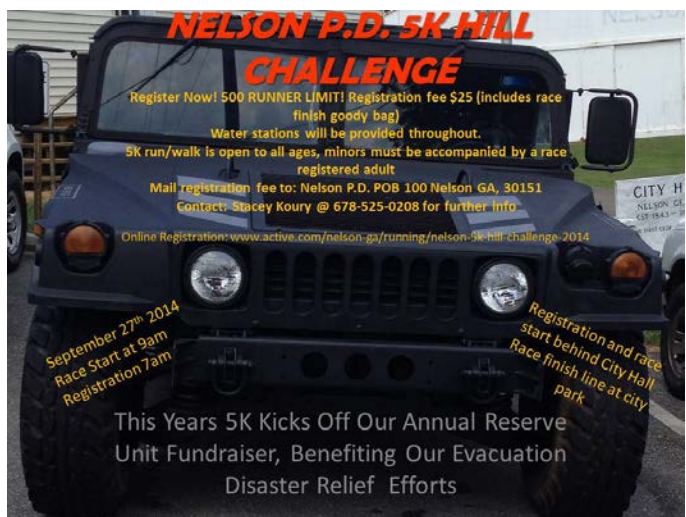
The money raised by this event will be used to outfit the HMMWV with a generator, emergency scene lights, chainsaws, stretchers, bottled water, first aid trauma gear and other items to get it ready to respond.

You can register in person at city hall or online at

www.active.com/nelson-ga/running/nelson-5k-hill-challenge-2014

You can also go to www.active.com and type nelson 5k into the search bar.

Of course if you see me out on patrol just flag me down and I'll get you signed up.



Statistics

June

Extra Patrols	28
Community Contacts	26
Citations Issued	10
Total Calls	133

July

Extra Patrols	35
Community Contacts	27
Citations Issued	9
Total Calls	117

Reserve Unit

Recruiting for the auxiliary unit is in full swing and I can proudly report that we are now have many citizens that are volunteering to help our community. Our auxiliary officers bring a wide range of experience and equipment.

We now have access to a search and rescue K9, horses, 4x4's, gators and ATVs.

Enough praise cannot be given to these folks that have decided to take time from their family and homes to help all of us, so be sure to say hi and shake their hands when you see them.

Town Hall Meetings

The police department will be holding regular town hall meetings at city hall.

The purpose of these meetings will be for officers and residents to connect and share ideas and to keep residents informed of the operations of the agency. All questions are welcome and the agency statistics will be explained.

The first meeting will be Wednesday August 27th at 6:00pm.

Please come by and say hi and get to know members of the agency.

Budget and Grant News

As of July 1st the new budget year for the city began.

The Police department ended the last fiscal year under budget and of course we are striving to finish this year as far under budget as we can.

One of the ways we can do this is to obtain grant money.

I applied for a safety grant a few months back through The GA Municipal Assn and was informed mid-July that we have been approved to receive \$2261 for the purchase of safety equipment.

Reserve Officer Robinson was also able to secure grant money for the agency from The Department of Justice for the future purchase of bullet proof vests in the amount of \$1300.

This may not sound like very much money but with a budget this year of \$59,000 it is a big help.

Bible School Parade and 4th of July Parade

The department participated in both The Nelson Baptist Sunday School Parade and the 4th of July parade in Canton.

For both parades we used the Tahoe and HMMWV with blue lights flashing and sirens going.

We distributed many t-shirts and drug free bracelets along with meeting some great folks.

Home Owners Associations

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that I would like to come to some of your meetings.

This was something that I did regularly when I was a shift commander with the sheriff's office as it is an important way to establish and keep contact with residents. In doing this I can answer questions and relay important information.

Feel free at any time to contact me so I can attend your meeting.

I recently spoke at the Winchester Oaks HOA meeting and was able to answer questions. I also enjoyed meeting several people that I had not met yet.

School Is Starting

It's that time of year again and I wanted to just remind you all to keep an eye out for kids walking to and from the bus stops.

We will be out and about during pick up and drop off times keeping an eye out so be sure to slow it down and be safe.

Abandoned and dilapidated properties

The one thing I never had to deal with at the sheriff's office was ordinances. We had the marshall's office to handle that type of stuff so this is new territory for me.

I am actively working on finding the owners of several run down properties and getting them to demolish, refurbish or clean them up.

I am also working on getting some properties that are occupied cleaned up as well.

It is a slow process with many dead ends but we are getting there.

Well that is all I have for now. If you have any questions or comments don't hesitate to give me a call or drop me an email.

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