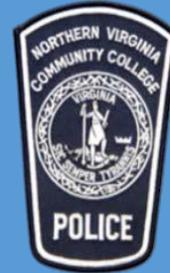




Lt. John DeGurse and Dave Riglin, Dispatch supervisor, proudly wear their Breast Cancer Awareness pins on their collars. They are among the many Police Department members who made donations to fight this disease.

NOVA Public Safety Newsletter



Penelope Gives Thanks

Penelope the NOVA Police Cat loves thanksgiving turkey (which tastes just like chicken). Turkey makes her sleepy, not that she needs much help in napping. If you plan to travel during the holidays, exercise good situational awareness. People tend to be distracted by their plans and this is exactly the time when predators look for victims. Don't carry too much cash, don't leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle, and look behind yourself on occasion. Request a full list of safety tips from Novapdoutreach@nvcc.edu.

Join Penelope in giving thanks for our many blessings. She wishes you a safe holiday season.

NOVA Officers Honored

In October, Chief Dan Dusseau recognized six NOVA officers for outstanding service. These officers were selected by their supervisors as the campus officer who best demonstrated professional law enforcement while supporting the college mission.

Their dedication and skill embody the commitment of all NOVA Police Officers to provide timely, expert, and compassionate law enforcement services to the NOVA community.

Please join us in honoring the following officers:



Officer Kevin Fuentes, Manassas

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NOVA Officers Honored (cont'd)



Officer Steve Allen, Alexandria



Officer Lam Nguyen, Medical Ed. Campus



Officer Nicholas Hendershot, Annandale



Officer Jasper Belk, Woodbridge



Officer Asiya Al-Hadid, Loudoun

NOVA Police Department Featured Dispatcher

Michael Gonzalez is the Senior Telecommunicator for NOVA Police Communications. Michael moved to Virginia from Florida in 2000 and started his career at NOVA in 2009 with Parking services. In 2011, he accepted a position with the NOVA Police Department as a full-time security officer and quickly transferred to Police Communications the same year. He became a certified Police Communications Officer in 2012, and now is also a Field Training Officer and General Instructor through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. He is also certified through the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials as a Public Safety Telecommunicator and Law Enforcement Communications officer.

Michael also:

- is lead trainer for new police communications employees,
- provides technical support to communications,
- provides IT support to communications, and
- assists the police department on special projects.

Michael is married, has three children and three cats.



Cold, Flu, and COVID Information

Flu season is upon us. Getting your flu shot is even more important this year during the rise in illnesses from the COVID-19 pandemic. Reach out to your primary health care provider if you have questions or concerns about getting the flu shot, or how to receive your flu vaccine safely during the pandemic.

The following infographic differentiates the symptoms of a cold virus, the flu virus, or Coronavirus, though some symptoms may appear similar. If you are unsure, stay home, rest, and reach out to your primary healthcare provider.

<h1 style="text-align: center;">COLD VS. FLU VS. CORONAVIRUS</h1>			
SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU	CORONAVIRUS** <small>(can range from mild to serious)</small>
 Fever	Rare	High (100-102 F) Can last 3-4 days	Common
 Headache	Rare	Intense	Can be present
 General Aches, Pains	Slight	Usual, often severe	Can be present
 Fatigue, Weakness	Mild	Intense, Can last up to 2-3 weeks	Can be present
 Extreme Exhaustion	Never	Usual (starts early)	Can be present
 Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes	Has been reported
 Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes	Has been reported
 Sore Throat	Common	Common	Has been reported
 Cough	Mild to moderate	Common, Can become severe	Common
 Shortness of Breath	Rare	Rare	In more serious infections

Sources: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. CDC. WHO. **Information is still evolving

DHS Launches New Center for Countering Human Trafficking

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently announced the opening of the DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking, the U.S. government’s first-ever integrated law enforcement operations center directly supporting federal criminal investigations, victim assistance efforts, intelligence analysis, and outreach and training activities related to human trafficking and forced labor.

The center, operational since September, is based in Washington and led by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The center is staffed with law enforcement officials from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and across DHS, as well as subject matter experts and support staff from 16 DHS components—all focused on the “4 Ps” of the center’s mission: prevention, protection, prosecution and partnerships.

DHS Launches New Center for Countering Human Trafficking (cont'd)

“Human trafficking is modern day slavery. There is no other way to say it,” said Acting Secretary Chad Wolf.

“... The forms of exploitation, sex trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude that constitute human trafficking are antithetical in every way to the principles of human dignity that Americans hold dear.”

On Jan. 15, Wolf signed and released the *DHS Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, the Importation of Goods Produced with Forced Labor, and Child Sexual Exploitation* (<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/strategy-combat-human-trafficking-importation-goods-produced-forced-labor-and-child>).

“Human Trafficking, whether through sex or labor, is a detriment to our society and threatens the moral conscience of our nation. Criminal organizations target those who are most vulnerable and exploit them through any means necessary. Victims are treated as commodities rather than human beings, with no regard for their health and well-being,” said ICE Senior Official Performing the Duties of Director Tony Pham. “ICE, along with our internal and external partners, will continue to fight against these atrocities and answer victims’ cries for help.”



The Center will build on the agency’s “victims first” approach, which balances victim identification, rescue and support with prevention, investigation, and prosecution of traffickers. In fiscal year 2019, ICE initiated 1,024 human trafficking and forced labor related cases which led to 2,197 criminal arrests. These effective actions resulted in nearly 700 convictions and the rescue of more than 400 victims.

Reporting suspected sexual or labor exploitation can help decrease or stop further victimization, as well as lead to the identification and rescue of other possible victims. To report suspicious activity, instances of abuse or exploitation, contact NOVA PD Dispatch at 703-764-5000 or your local law enforcement agency. Tips can be submitted by phone at 866-DHS-2-ICE, online at <https://www.ice.gov/tipline>, or by contacting your local ICE office.

For more information about the Department of Homeland Security’s overall efforts against human trafficking, visit <http://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign>

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2020 NOVA Police Training

NOVA Police conduct an active community outreach program. The following topics are available for presentation to faculty, students, clubs, staff, and community organizations via Zoom or in-person. If there are topics you would like presented or would like to request additional topics, please contact us at novapdoutreach@nvcc.edu.

Topics:

- Active Shooter Response
- Dealing with Difficult People
- Creating and Maintaining a Safe Classroom Environment
- Staying Safe on the Street/Self-Defense Considerations
- Alcohol/DUI Awareness
- Stop the Bleed Tourniquet Certification
- Recognizing/Reporting Suspicious Behavior
- CPR and AED Certification
- Staying Safe While Using Uber and Lyft
- Technology and Policing
- Empower Yourself to be Safe!
- Writing in the Workplace
- Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Police (But Were Afraid to Ask)
- Ticket Avoidance Strategies
- Crimes Against Women/Human Trafficking
- Gangs and Drugs
- Civilian – Police Interactions

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