

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

BY STEVE DARCEY

During the 2019 legislative session, Senate Bill 546 was passed. This bill included some changes to the Nutrient Management (NM) regulations for Maryland farmers.

First and foremost, the fine for not submitting an Annual Implementation Report (AIR) by March 1st has increased to as much as \$1,000.00.

Secondly, if your farm operation imports or exports any type of manure, litter or other organic products, the law now requires names and locations to be



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reported for the sending and the receiving farms. The new law also includes mandatory fines for anyone who "willfully" applies Phosphorus (P) to fields already high in Phosphorus. The AIR is an important document to all farmers around the State. The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) relies on accurate information on the AIRs for such things as conservation tillage, cover crop and crop residue use. These numbers are vital because they reflect the good soil stewardship practices that Maryland farmers are putting on their farms in an effort to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. It is also important to note, if you want to participate in Maryland cost share programs, you must have a current NM plan on file with MDA.

The Phosphorus Management Tool (PMT) is here to stay. After careful deliberation, the Phosphorus Management Tool Advisory Committee recommended to move forward with the PMT implementation. What does this mean for your farm? Depending on where your P levels in your field fall (low, medium or high), will determine what year your NM plan will have to adhere to the PMT. By 2022, all Maryland farms will be using the PMT as part of their NM plan. Contact your NM consultant for more details and information.

For Prince George's County, contact Chris Dowell, University of Maryland Extension Nutrient Management Specialist at 301-868-8783 or send an email to csdowell@umd.edu, or contact your MDA Nutrient Management Specialist, Weylin Anderson, at 301-475-8402 ext. 6410 or send an email to Weylin.anderson@maryland.gov and visit the MDA website at: mda.maryland.gov

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NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE CONTINUED... BY STEVE DARCEY

Do you know the Four 'R's of proper fertilization?

- 1. Right Source (match the nutrient source with the crop)
- 2. Right Rate (match amount of fertilizer for the crop needs)
- 3. Right Time (make nutrients available when plants need it)
- 4. Right Place (keep nutrients where crops can use them)

For more information on the Four 'R's, visit www.pgscd.org and follow the links



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PRINCE GEORGE'S SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT FIVE BROAD PROGRAMS



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NEW ADDITIONS BY KATIE BLILEY



Former Community Development Aide from the Prince George's County Animal Services Facility, Donnell Richardson joined our team in August as our new Administrative Aide. He recently graduated from the University of Maryland Global Campus with a Bachelor's degree in English. Donnell is a bright addition to the PGSCD family!



Joe Bonanno came to PGSCD with over 30 years experience in the engineering consulting industry in residential, commercial, and industrial land development projects, sand and gravel mining/reclamation, stormwater management, flood plain analysis, class III fill site plans, and environmental site cleanup of petroleum contaminated sites. When he's not protecting the soil and water of Prince George's County, he enjoys bicycling and traveling!



Kimberly Summers is our new Administrative Assistant and comes to PGSCD from the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement where she facilitated the start-up of the new agency's Human Resources Office. Kimberly has worked in the Prince George's County Government for over 31 years and has served as a Human Resources, Budget, Payroll, and Legislative Liaison. Kimberly lives in St. Mary's County and enjoys the peaceful life of the country with her husband and two daughters. She is a huge sports fan, with her favorite team being the World Series Champion, Washington Nationals.



USDA-NRCS Soil Conservationist, Michael Baker, joined the partnership in October, bringing with him previous NRCS experience from Connecticut, Kansas, and Nebraska. He's a Kansas State University graduate in Agronomy with a minor in Plant Pathology. In his spare time, he enjoys the outdoors, cooking, and learning!



Gail Myers joined PGSCD as our new District Ag Engineer in August after 12-years with MD NRCS as Southern MD Area Engineer and 4-years of DoD service at Andrews AFB. Gail grew up in Prince George's County, graduated top of her class from Gwynn Park H.S., received her Civil Engineering degree from UMD, College Park and went on to obtain her MD professional engineering license. She is grateful to have this opportunity to continue conservation efforts along with the PGSCD Ag Team and the community.

CONSERVATION FARMERS OF THE YEAR: PAUL & MISSI DULEY BY STEVE DARCEY

Paul, Missi and their three sons Matthew, Michael and Zachery are a true American farm family. Growing up on the farm with his father, Paul learned the art of production farming at a young age. Paul assumed the leadership role of the family enterprise in 2013 when his father Paul Sr. retired.

Today, the operation includes forty-nine (49) individual properties with 2000 acres under cultivation in Prince George's and St Mary's counties. In Prince George's County, the Duley family owns two farms and lease other farms totaling 1600 acres.

The farms are operated under approved Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans approved by the Prince George's Soil Conservation District. All nutrients are applied following approved nutrient management plans approved by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.



Paul & Missi Duley on Duley Farms

With so many different properties under their control, the challenge is managing the soil and water resources over a wide variety of soil types and topography. This is accomplished through the implementation of a variety of best management practices.

Paul is a leader in the use of precision agriculture technology. All of Paul's equipment is outfitted with the latest GPS monitoring capabilities for precise nutrient application, planting and harvesting data.

Much of the land that Paul farms has highly erodible soils and requires intensive conservation management. To reduce soil erosion, multiple soil health practices are employed. These include no-till planting, crop residue management, crop rotations and cover crops. Paul goes one step further, however, by utilizing multi-specie cover crops, summer cover crops and plans to introduce pollinator habitat plots on the home farm.

Understanding the health of the soils is critical in today's modern farming. The water quality benefits through increased organic matter and water infiltration not only improve the "bottom line" but also help clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

Farm life is about living a legacy. Paul and Missi embrace this vision and were the first young farmers in Prince George's County to enter the Next Generation Farm Program. This program is administered by the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) and assists young farmers with funding to purchase a farm. In accepting the assistance, the farmer agrees to permanently preserve the farm for future generations through a land preservation program.

Because of their outstanding contributions to agriculture and soil conservation, Paul and Missi Duley were named

"Prince George's Soil Conservation 2018 Farmers of the Year".

POLLINATOR PACKETS

BY KATIE BLILEY

2019 was a great year for seed packet distribution! Staff provided packets for various community events, local businesses, and the general public. Our seed packets contain a variety of seeds for native flowering plants that can be used in gardens and yards.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, animals visit flowers in search of food and sometimes even mates, shelter and nest-building materials. Some animals, such as many bees, intentionally collect pollen, while others, such as many butterflies and birds, move pollen incidentally because the pollen sticks on their body



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Northeast Wildflower Seed Mix

Help our native pollinators by planting native wildflowers!



while they are collecting nectar from the flowers. All of these animals are considered pollinators.

Pollinators, such as most bees and some birds, bats, and other insects, play a crucial role in flowering plant reproduction and in the production of most fruits and vegetables.

Examples of crops that are pollinated include apples, squash, and almonds. Without the assistance of pollinators, most plants cannot produce fruits and seeds. The fruits and seeds of flowering plants are an important food source for people and wildlife. Some of the seeds that are not eaten will eventually produce new plants, helping to maintain the plant population.

For Earth Day events in 2019, we provided seed packets to: Prince George's County Employees Childcare Center, Upper Marlboro Community Center (UMCC), The Soul Factory, Prince George's Community College—Academy of Health Sciences, various workshops through the University of Maryland

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Extension, Kettering Middle School, and at our Annual Cooperator Dinner.

Additional seed packets were made available to the public at each of our office locations in Upper Marlboro and Largo. The packets were also distributed at a Prince George's County Community Conversation at Wise High school and through our SYEP students at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Clagett Farm.

In total, we distributed over 500 seed packets!

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FAIR

BY TERRY HAMPTON

The 177th year of the Prince George's County Fair saw record attendance! The modest county fair saw approximately 12,547 people over a four-day period. As always, the fair featured rides for all ages, food vendors, live music, farm animals, and vendor booths inside the Showplace Arena.

PGSCD displayed a booth inside the arena on all four days and saw a steady stream of community members. The District informed interested parties about our services and offered many of our fun freebies! The fair is a great opportunity to inform the community about locally led soil and water conservation programs.

The District also sponsored and hosted the Beautiful Baby Contest for the seventh year! We saw a great turnout this year with 22 participants! We've featured the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from each category.



PGSCD Booth at County Fair

Group 3 Boys — 25-36 Months

Group 1 Girls — 6-12 Months

















Group 3 Girls — Group 1 Boys — 6-12 Months 25-36 Months













ENVIROTHON

BY SPENCER EVANS & KIM RUSH LYNCH



M-NCPPC staff, Chris Garrett—Senior Park Ranger & George Harley—Park Ranger, instruct students on forestry.

Every year, students from Prince George's County come together to learn, study and apply their knowledge of environmental issues during the annual Envirothon, hosted by and held at the William Schmidt Center in Brandywine. In 2019, Eleonore Roosevelt High School placed first out of six high schools in the local competition, and fifth in the state competition in May. Laurel High School came in a close second at the 2019 competition in which 85 high school youth competed.

In October 2019, 46 students from seven different county high schools participated in an immersive training experience to prepare for the spring 2020 competition. During this training session, students learned from various educators and experts about soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and a fifth issue topic, which this year, covers water resource management. Students will return to the Schmidt Center this spring for another training before the county competition in April. The highest scoring team will move on to the Maryland state competition, which will then determine the team that represents Maryland at the national competition held in Nebraska.

Prince George's Soil Conservation District has committed funds to expand hours for competition day and purchase new resources to assist students in learning.

If you are interested in donating to help fund this crucial educational opportunity for Prince George's County high school youth, to get hands-on experience in environmental issues, please contact Kim Rush Lynch at karlynch@co.pa.md.us.

A NEW LOOK FOR THE DISTRICT

BY DONNELL RICHARDSON

In September 2019, the District unveiled a new logo that better reflects its mission to improve the lives of Prince Georgians through locally-led soil and water conservation programs. The logo is the center of a new brand identity that we created to symbolize our connections to the County and our environment.

In addition, for the past few months, we have been working diligently to increase our online presence—this includes creating new social media profiles, such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and launching a newly redesigned website towards the end of 2019. We are very proud of our efforts to connect with Prince Georgians (and beyond) through these channels, especially with our new website.



We are also proud of our new blog, *The Dirt*, which is the source of the District's latest news, press releases, and other updates from District staff. *The Dirt*—a popular title that won the office vote—was launched on our new website and will be useful for visitors to learn more about the District's latest accomplishments and activities. We also use *The Dirt* as an easy way to provide information, knowledge, and helpful updates for our readers who are interested in urban and rural agriculture.

In this age, we know that one of the best ways to connect with the public is through social media and online networking. In 2019, it was reported that over 3 billion people were members of a social media platform. And as for the United States, there are almost 250 million social media users, which equates to roughly three-quarters of the general population. The fast-evolving world of social media is full of opportunity to connect with people and make a difference in their lives. It also provides the ability to spread awareness of campaigns and messages that could inspire others, including the District, to keep working to leave our land better than we found it.

With our new website and social media, the public can send direct inquiries and learn more about the District, its outreach events and programs, and the benefits of soil and water conservation. In all our initiatives, we know it is critically important to give our County's residents more resources to do their best work in their own urban and agriculturally-related projects. The new website alone provides a copious amount of information that our visitors will find invaluable for years to come. We feel that the District is now better equipped to act as a beacon of conservation, protection, and guidance for the County's populous and other individuals who want to make a positive impact.







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AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY DIANA LAGUNES

PLANNING ACTIVITIES	CONSERVATION APPLICATION
New Cooperators (25) 592.14 ac.	Farmers Applying BMPs 41 ea.
New Farm Plans (29) 3,177 ac.	BMPs Installed on Farms 183 ea.
Revised Farm Plans (20) 1,787 ac.	Acres Receiving Treatment 4,528 ac.
Total Plans (49) 4,964 ac.	Estimated Tons of Soil Saved 2,053 tons

BMP Funding Sources

FUNDING SOURCE	BMPS	
MACS Capital Projects (3 Agreements)	4	
MACS Cover Crop (17 Farmers)	3,108 ac. 81 Tracts	
USDA-EQIP (9 Contracts)	16	
BMPs Applied with Cost Share	101	
Farmer/Landowner Funded	82	
TOTAL BMPs Applied	183	

Equipment Rental Program

EQUIPMENT TYPE	FARMERS	ACRES
No-till Drill (10') OLD	5	150
No-till Drill (10') NEW	4	70
No-till Drill (6')	8	89
5 ton Lime Spreader	1	<i>7</i> 5
Post Pounder (# of posts)	9	1,075 (posts)
Manure Spreader	3	21
Vicon Fertilizer Spreader	1	2

Best Management Practices Applied

PRACTICE	AMT APPLIED	PRACTICE	AMT APPLIED
Winter Cover Crop	3,108 ac.	Residue & Tillage Management	1,780 ac.
Summer Cover Crop	1 <i>57</i> ac.	Structure for Water Control	3 ea.
Conservation Cover	125 ea.	Ponds (rebuild)	1 ea.
Pasture/Hay Land Planting	135 ac.	Conservation Crop Rotation	653 ac.
Forage Harvest Management	141 ac.	Field Border	2,270 ft.
Critical Area Planting	2.45 ac.	Filter Strip	1 ac.
Roof Runoff Structure	1 ea.		

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URBAN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE BY KIM RUSH LYNCH



Chris Fleming-Pale Blue Dot Farm, Kim Rush Lynch, & Michael Baker certifying a new high tunnel.

Throughout 2019, the Urban Agricultural Conservation (UAC) program staff connected with aspiring, current, and new urban farmers in Prince George's County. It was important for the District to learn more about the opportunities, challenges, and needs of the County's urban farmers—some of which include the expanded urban farm definition and the urban agricultural property tax credit. These challenges vary, but like their rural counterparts, urban farmers have difficulty accessing land and infrastructure as they explore season extension. In addition to having limited knowledge of regulations, they face challenges in finding effective ways to manage pests, wildlife, and weed pressures, as well as, securing funding for various aspects of their enterprises.

The UAC program provided technical assistance to 23 urban farmers and 27 stakeholders, all of whom are interested in supporting urban agriculture initiatives in Prince George's County. Technical assistance consisted of the following:

- Assisting with a high-tunnel certification for an urban cut-flower farm
- Collecting soil samples
- Soil testing training
- Introducing soil health practices
- Sharing business planning, marketing, and funding resources
- Providing letters of support for grants
- Navigating the new urban farm zoning and definition legislation



Joseph A. Haamid & NRCS Soil Scientist, Valerie Cohen, collecting soil samples.

URBAN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE CONTINUED...

BY KIM RUSH LYNCH

In order to expand urban agriculture opportunities both locally and regionally, the UAC program worked with local and regional stakeholders such as:

- ECO City Farms
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
- Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission
- PGC Food Equity Council
- PGC Council and Government
- PGC Public School System



ECO City Farms—High tunnel growing greens

We would also like to give a special acknowledgement to the USDA National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS has entered into a contribution agreement with the District to help fund specific portions of the UAC program!

One of the most exciting initiatives in 2019 was the development of a Soil Health Badge with ECO City Farms' Introduction to Urban Commercial Agriculture certificate program at Prince George's Community College. (Visit our website later this year when the badge and criteria have been released.) The District also committed to assisting ECO City Farms with recruiting soil health speakers for its 2020 Beginning Farmer Training Program.

Lastly, the District worked with Doug Adams of New Brooklyn Farms, County Council members, and the Food Equity Council on two pieces of legislation promoting the expansion of urban farming in Prince George's County. Thanks to CB-14-2019 and CR-78-2019, 79% of the county is now zoned for urban agriculture. Along with the traditional in-ground or raised-bed cultivation of produce, mushrooms, cut-flowers, and beekeeping, the CB-14 legislation allows for rooftop farming and Controlled Environmental Agriculture (CEA) operations such as aquaponics and hydroponics.

The District is committed to promoting soil and water conservation practices, sharing resources, and connecting urban farmers to funding and land opportunities. The District looks forward to supporting the County's budding urban farm enterprises and helping them to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce stormwater runoff and soil erosion while improving soil health, biodiversity, and water quality in our peri-urban communities.

A TRIP TO FURNACE CREEK: LESSONS IN STREAM RESTORATION BY GENE WHITEHEAD & SPENCER EVANS

Stream restoration projects have become a common endeavor in Maryland over the past 20 years, as the state and its counties put an emphasis on improving water quality and restoring habitat for native flora and fauna. The execution of grading, erosion and sediment control strategies for such projects can be tricky. In addition to the application of sound engineering fundamentals, real-world experience is of great importance in achieving coherent, feasible and workable plans.



PGSCD Engineer, Spencer Evans observes a restored wetland floodplain intended to mimic natural features that reduce flow velocities and provide habitat for fish and insects.

During storms, significant flows can inundate in-stream work areas and, without proper controls in place, cause significant sedimentation and damage. Despite the abundant resources available to assist our reviews of erosion and sediment control plans for stream restoration projects, the Urban Development & Conservation Team at PGSCD always seeks more empirical evidence for what practices and techniques provide the best results.

We recently visited the Furnace Creek stream restoration site in Glen Burnie, MD, braving the cold to learn from Anne Arundel Department of Public Works about the successes and pitfalls of this ongoing project. Although we have processed many stream restoration plans to-date, we appreciated the opportunity to compare notes with our neighbors and explore active sites.



Multiple sediment controls in place, including access road with silt fence, a 12" pump around and, in the foreground and background, white plastic to prevent shearing of the newly graded channel.

This section of Furnace Creek is a perennial stream that has been significantly impacted by surrounding development. Straightening of the natural channel and the addition of a concrete section during 1960s "improvements" led to streambed incising and scouring in response to the increased flows. The current stream restoration project involves the partial removal of the concrete channel and partial burying of the same along a 3,700 ft. stretch of the creek with a drainage area of 646 acres.

A TRIP TO FURNACE CREEK: LESSONS IN STREAM RESTORATION CONTINUED...

BY GENE WHITEHEAD & SPENCER EVANS

The project also proposes to create a wetland floodplain system for the stream that reduces flow velocities to non-erosive levels, allowing natural sedimentation and filtering of pollutants. Along with grading and planting of the streambank, the project also included the incorporation of woody debris to mimic the native habitat and encourage

insects to thrive which, in theory, would assist in growing fish populations.

Since Prince George's County is actively engaged in similar projects, there were ample opportunities to evaluate differences and similarities of our respective approaches. Although discussion was wide-ranging during our 2-hour site visit, the significant lessons learned regarding stream restoration erosion and sediment control included:

 The potential benefits of larger pump-around diversions for site and work area stability.



A portion of the stream channel being actively graded. Water is being pumped around the work area to allow machinery into the channel. Workers can be seen carrying one such pump.



Impermeable white plastic protects the newly graded channel from eroding while work continues upstream.

- 2. Use of plastic sheeting to reduce or prevent erosion at work area transition zones might be worthy of greater application, especially where crews work multiple areas concurrently.
- 3. Working downstream to upstream, as is common practice for stream work, isn't always the best approach.
- 4. Proper consideration of access roads and points at the planning stage is important for all parties.
- 5. Since site conditions can necessitate changes to even the best designs, regular inspection and assessment are paramount.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TERP FARM POND REBUILD BY HARRISON PALMER

Ponds play a major role in capturing and controlling sediment and pollutants from farms, developments and construction activities within their respective drainage area, and provide secondary uses such as irrigation, recreation and wildlife habitat. In 2014, the University of Maryland contacted the Prince George's Soil Conservation District (PGSCD) regarding the failure of the Terp Farm pond in Upper Marlboro. PGSCD collaborated with partner agencies, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Maryland Department of Agriculture on the design phase of the project. In early 2019, the University of Maryland contracted Dirt Plus, Inc. to rebuild the 0.93 acre sediment pond which has a drainage area of over 165 acres. The project took approximately 8 weeks to complete due to challenging weather events during construction. The pond provided a vital source of irrigation water for crops during the Summer 2019 drought. As agriculture continues at the Terp Farm, the pond will continue to provide irrigation water, as well as providing wildlife benefits and improved water quality to Western Branch, situated downstream of the farm.







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NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM BY JEANINE NUTTER



The Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program (Next Gen Program) administered by Maryland Agriculture Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) is designed to help facilitate the transfer of farmland to a new generation of farmers, while also effectively helping to preserve agricultural land from future development. This is accomplished by providing beginning farmers with down payment financing for the purchase of farmland. Paul and Missi Duley purchased a 149-acre farm in Prince George's County, Maryland utilizing the Next Gen Program. They were one of the first applicants approved for the Next Gen Program, in Maryland.

After purchasing their farm, the Duley's applied to sell the development rights utilizing the Historic Agricultural Resource Preservation Program (HARPP). Once the rights have been extinguished, MARBIDCO will be reimbursed the initial down payment plus a 3% administrative fee. Any additional

compensation from the sale of the easement will be retained by the applicant. This will allow the Next Gen Program to continue assisting beginning farmers. This will be the first successful repayment to MARBIDCO for the Next Gen Program since its inception.

SUMMER YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SYEP)

BY JOSEPH A. HAAMID & KIM RUSH LYNCH

For the third year, the District participated in the Prince George's County Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP). We hosted four students from Gwynn Park High School's FFA Chapter and the Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources Program. SYEP students, Kaila Asante, Taylor Thomas, Ashley Fennell, and Mya Crestwell were given the opportunity to "shadow" our technical staff to participate and see the wide range of services and assistance that our office provides.

The students assisted staff with conservation planning for both urban development and agricultural sites. Tasks included soil testing for nutrient management plans, researching properties on PG Atlas and developing maps, and preparing interview questions for cooperators. They conducted site visits and interviewed farmers with a wide range of resource concerns. Students enjoyed learning about the diversity of agricultural enterprises right in their backyard and related to their experiences at their own school farm at Gwynn Park High School. Our students had the opportunity to improve their public speaking skills while presenting their experiences to a variety of stakeholders. One of the most exciting opportunities included testifying at a County Council committee hearing in support of a recent bill to expand the definition of urban agriculture and the zones where it is allowed.

The students career interests ranged from large animal veterinary medicine to agricultural business management. We are proud to have had the opportunity to work with these gifted students and introduce them to conservation careers and the diversity of farms and farmers in their community.



TOYS FOR TOTS

BY KATIE BLILEY



PGSCD was pleased to participate, for the seventh year, in the local Toys for Tots Drive! The Toys for Tots nationwide program is run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve and has been bringing joy to children and their families since 1947. The nationwide campaign encourages the collection of donations of new, unwrapped toys to then be distributed to those in need. Businesses and organizations participate on a local level and encourage their community to engage with the program. PGSCD was proud to donate three full boxes for the Toys for Tots Drive!

In Prince George's County, the police department coordinates this effort every year and Corporal Thomas personally distributes the boxes to our office. Collection begins in October and runs through December. Near the end of December, the Prince George's County Police Department distribute the toys to those in need and to children of fallen officers.

Prince George's County made a significant local impact this year by donating a total of 78,867 toys that supported 26,730 children.



PGSCD Staff, RC&D, NRCS, MDA, FSA, and former employees in attendance at our annual holiday celebration, with our Toys for Tots boxes.

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