



Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc.

“PATHWAYS TO SERVICE”

CPSTS Special Edition

Message from the Founder/President



During the past six months, the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) has helped students continue to achieve success in the Fire Cadet Program.

Thirty-five (35) students from Charles Herbert Flowers and Gwynn Park Senior High Schools as well as the Explorer Program, affiliated with the Prince George’s County Police Department, graduated from a 10-week Driver’s Education Scholarship Program.

The purpose of the program is to help students receive a driver’s license, which is a requirement for employment with the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department. The graduation ceremony was held on March 30, 2018 at Prince George’s Community College. The course of study teaches the students about traffic laws, regulations, “rules of the road,” and the practical skills associated with proper driving techniques.

CPSTS received a grant of \$1,500 to support the Driver’s Education Scholarship Program from the Elks Lodge in Temple Hills, MD. The President/Exalted Ruler and a member of the Board of Directors presented the award. The Elks Lodge is a Nationally-known charitable, community organization officially known as the Benevolent, Patriotic Order of Elks. In addition, CPSTS has now become a member donor organization of the

Maryland Charity Campaign for State Employees and Retirees. State employees and retirees can now elect to make contributions from their paychecks directly to CPSTS each pay period or in a lump sum amount.

We welcomed a new Board Member during the period, Ms. Verdell Whittington, who will serve as the CPSTS Treasurer. Ms. Debbie Robinson also came aboard as our Community Outreach Coordinator.

CPSTS continues to establish partnerships with Prince George’s County’s public safety agencies and other organizations in furthering our mission to increase student awareness about careers in Public Safety. Support from the community is an integral part of achieving our organizational mission and goals.

Please visit our website at www.cpsts.org and donate to CPSTS. Your donation will greatly assist us to continue our work while enabling you to stay abreast of what CPSTS is doing to benefit the community through our programs and activities.

William (Bill) C. Taylor
Founder/President
“Service to Others”

GREETINGS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



We have had a phenomenal first half in 2018. Earlier this year, we had an opportunity to participate with the Prince George's County Public School Board and the Prince George's County Fire Department to showcase the Fire Cadet Programs at the Charles Herbert Flowers and Gwynn Park High Schools; programs that enable Cadets to demonstrate what they have learned in the Fire Department's Cadet Program to their parents, community members, and friends. It was fantastic.

The 3rd Annual Public Safety Driver's Education Scholarship Program graduation exercise at Prince George's Community College was a wonderful ceremony for the 34 graduates, their parents and friends. Also participating were members of the Prince George's County School Board, Fire Department, Police Department and Office of the Sheriff. I wish everyone could have been there to see the pride on the faces of the young people in the Fire Cadet Program, the Police Explorer Program, their parents and the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) Board members. It was inspiring.

To build upon the momentum created by these joint efforts, CPSTS has instituted quarterly meetings with the head of the Public Safety Office and the Fire Chief. Additionally, we have scheduled multiple meetings at the Fire Training and Leadership Academy with the new Assistant Fire Chief and his Battalion Chief to strengthen the partnership.

I wish to thank the CPSTS Board of Directors for their dedication and support. Without you, CPSTS would not have been successful. Thank you for all your help!

A hearty Welcome Aboard to the two new members of CPSTS; Mrs. Debbie Robinson, Community Outreach Coordinator, and the Coalition's new Treasurer, Ms. Verdell Whittington. The addition of these two persons will further our efforts to create pathways to employment for our young adults who demonstrate an interest in Public Safety careers.

*Tom Martin,
Vice President*

Fire Cadet Recruitment Event Held at Charles Herbert Flowers HS

A recruitment event for new Fire Cadets was held at Charles Herbert Flowers HS. All students who expressed a desire for a career in Public Safety, including Fire Fighter or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), were welcome to attend. Students were able to hear from current Fire Cadets and direct questions about Public Safety careers to the panelists who represented various Public Safety agencies. Tom Martin, Vice President of the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) participated as a panelist to discuss opportunities and offer CPSTS support for students wishing to pursue a Public Safety career path.



(Pictured left to right) Fire Cadet Representative and Tom Martin, CPSTS Vice President



(Pictured left to right) Carolyn Boston, Board of Education-Vice Chair, Sonya Williams, School Board member



(Pictured third row, second right) Dr. Kevin Maxwell, CEO, Prince George's County Public Schools, along with attendees of the Fire Cadet recruitment event

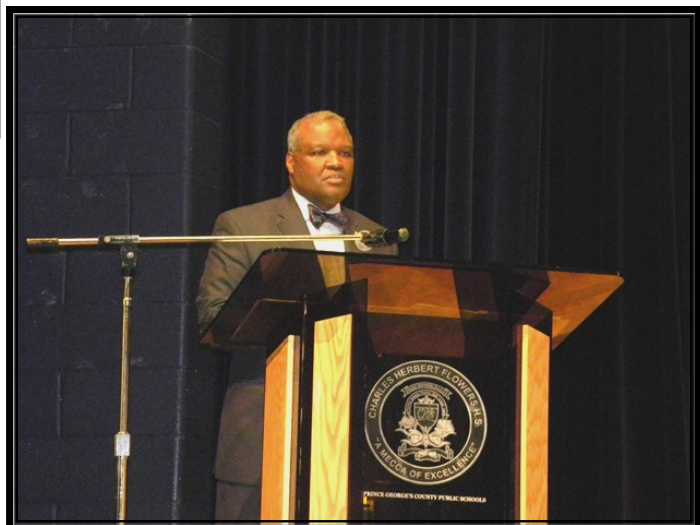
FIRE SCIENCE CADET GRADUATION

A Graduation Ceremony was held on May 24, 2018 at Charles Herbert Flowers HS for Cadet Graduates of the 5th Fire Science Program. The class of twenty-four Cadets included ten graduating with honors. The High School Fire Science Program is a cooperative partnership between the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department and the Prince George's County Public Schools. Students are given an opportunity to be a part of the program when they enter high school, and they begin their training in the 11th grade. Upon successful completion, graduating Cadets are uniquely qualified for employment by not only the Prince George's County

Fire/Emergency Medical Service Department but, also, similar agencies throughout the County. Graduates are also qualified to serve as volunteers in these agencies. Among the many speakers to address the graduates were: Rushern Baker, Prince George's County Executive, Mark A. Magaw, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety, Benjamin M. Barksdale, Fire Chief and Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, CEO, Prince George's County Public Schools. Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Glen Arden, Thea A. Boykins-Wilson, was the Keynote Speaker.



(Pictured above, L to R) Fire Chief Barksdale, Associate Pastor Boykins-Wilson, Baker, and CEO Maxwell



(Pictured above) Rushern Baker, Prince George's County Executive

Congratulation Fire Cadet Graduates

CADET PROGRAM AWARDS

These were several Special Awards presented to the Cadets:

Fire Suppression Scholastic Achievement Award – Awarded to the Cadet who received the highest academic average on the Fire Suppression written examination and practical evaluations.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Scholastic Achievement Award – Awarded to the Cadet who achieved the highest academic average on the Emergency Medical Services written and practical examinations.

Instructor's Award – Awarded to the Cadet who has shown the highest level of personal improvement, development, and dedication during the class.

Principal's Award – Awarded to an outstanding Cadet who has displayed the rarest combination of leadership, courage, and professionalism.

Congratulations

2018 FIRE CADETS

LUBAI BANGURA (*)
MYOUNNA C. BLACKMOND
TYREEL M. COLLINS (*)
INDIA J. DARRINGTON
KHADIATOU DIABY (*)
MAKAYLA J. FLEMING (*)
KOREE A. FREEMAN
NYAH I. GADDY
JAMAL D. HEAD
JORDAN C. HOPKINS (*)
COURTNEY T. JENKINS
KEITH D. JOHNSON, JR. (*)

MYA A. LOWE
COREY R. NOCHOLAS
TOCHI S. NGOBILI
MARYAM T. OFFORD
AARON E. PAIR (*)
CHAD G. RAMDEEN (*)
SHOLLETTE J. RAWLS (*)
KAYLA M. REID
KENAYA W. SCOTT
TRINITY S. STEWART (*)
CLINTON E. VASQUEZ, JR.
KARLA B. VILLANUEVA

(*) HONOR STUDENTS

2018 FIRE CADET GRADUATION PHOTOS



(Pictured) Fire Cadets accepting award



(Pictured) Fire Cadets accepting award



(Pictured left to right) William Taylor, CPSTS President, Fire Chief Benjamin Barksdale, and CEO, Prince George's County Public Schools, Dr. Kevin Maxwell

DRIVER'S EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATION

The purpose of the driving program is to equip students with the skills required to operate a motor vehicle safely and defensively, as they prepare for testing to obtain a driver's license. Emphasis is placed on the importance of following the "rules of the road". In addition, students also learn that a driver's license is a requirement for employment for many careers in Public Safety. Students representing Gwynn Park HS, Charles Herbert Flowers HS and the Police Explorers who successfully completed the training, attended the graduation ceremony at Prince George's Community College on March 30, 2018.



(Pictured in grey shirts, seated) **Graduating Fire Cadets.**

(Pictured in dark shirts, standing) **Graduating Police Explorers.**

DRIVER'S EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATION

The 3rd Annual Public Safety Driver's Education Scholarship Graduation was held on March 30, 2018. The Cadets from the Fire Science Program at Charles Herbert Flowers HS, Gwynn Park HS and the Police Explorer Program completed a 10-week course at the Linnel Driving School. This



(Pictured last row) Corporal Kenneth Hibbert, Jr. with the Police Explorer Graduates.

course was sponsored by the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc., in conjunction with the Linnel Driving School. The ceremony took place at the Prince George's Community College (PGCC) Student Center in the Rennie Forum. Holding the ceremony on the college campus during the evening enabled parents and family to witness the Cadets take another step forward towards career readiness as they pursue a career in Public Safety. Those

Cadets and parents who were interested in having a Community College experience had a brief look at how the campus has expanded and the new programs available at PGCC. Representatives volunteered to share their experience while enrolled in the programs offered; Brandon Dorsey repre-

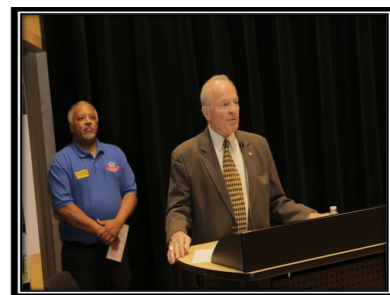
sented the Fire Science Program, Joshua Zuniga, the Police Explorer Program and Maya Mclin represented the Fire Department Program. On hand to witness and celebrate the occasion were several leaders from Prince George's County; Carolyn Boston, Vice Chair, Board of Education, Fire Chief Benjamin Barksdale, Corporal Kenneth Hibbert, Jr., Police Department and Sheriff Melvin High.



(Pictured left to right) Linwood Nelson of the Linnel Driving School and CPSTS Board Member, Maya Mclin and William Taylor, CPSTS



(Pictured at the podium) Fire Cadet Brandon Dorsey and William Taylor, CPSTS President.



(Pictured at the podium) Tom Martin, CPSTS Vice President.

CAMP SPRINGS ELKS LODGE #2332 GRANT DONATION

The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Elks Lodge of Temple Hills, Maryland on May 19, 2018. The grant was given to support the ongoing efforts and contributions of CPSTS as they forge “Pathways to Success” for students interested in Public Safety Careers. CPSTS was delighted to have been recognized by the Elks and to have received a grant from such a noteworthy local organization.



(Pictured above L to R) Tom Martin, CPSTS Vice President, C. Anthony Muse, Maryland State Senator, William Taylor, CPSTS President, Charles Spadone, Elks Board of Directors, Walter Benson, Elks President and Exalted Ruler

CAREER RECRUIT SCHOOL GRADUATION

Henry Wise HS was the site chosen to host and celebrate the graduation of the Career Recruit School (CRS) Classes 54 and 55. Members of these elite classes took the giant leap from Fire Recruit to Fire Fighter. Each Recruit completed a year-long, exten-

sive training program and met the mandatory requirements of Fire Fighter 1, Fire Fighter 2, Hazmat, Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Vehicle Operation, Rescue Technician, and Vehicle Machinery. These graduates will be stationed at various Fire Stations within Prince George's County. They will be assigned regular shifts and, most importantly, will be rec-



(Pictured left to right) Fire Fighter John Burgess, CRS 54, poses with Fire Chief Barksdale.

ognized as Fire Fighters. Former Cadets John Burgess, James Lewis and Kirk Spencer participated in the Fire Science Program at Charles Herbert Flowers HS and are proud graduates of CRS 54. CRS 55 also boasted about two graduates, Kishon Godfrey and

Dushawn Spencer, Jr., former students from the strongly rooted Fire Science Program at Charles Herbert Flowers HS. The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. was proud to have participated in every step of the process, witnessing the movement from student to Cadet to achievement of the ultimate career position of Fire Fighter/EMT!



(Pictured) CRS 54 Fire Fighter James Lewis



(Pictured left to right) Deputy Fire Chief Tiffany Green, CPSTS President William Taylor, and Assistant Fire Chief David Wilson at the graduation of CRS 54 and 55.

SIXTH ANNUAL EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS

Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. supports Prince George's County Drug Policy Coalition, Inc. at its Sixth Annual Empowering Future Leaders Scholarship Breakfast.

The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) continues its support of community programming which benefits the youth of Prince George's County.

The Prince George's County Drug Policy Coalition, Inc., in partnership with Council Member Obie Patterson, District 8, the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc., and other supporters joined forces to make scholarships available to 31 new and continuing college-bound students. The recipients were scholars and leaders in their respective schools and had demonstrated, through their actions, the essence of leadership. The very capable *Ebony* *McMorris*, *National News Correspondent for Reach Media Radio One*, carried out the Mistress of Ceremony duties impeccably. A

profound message was delivered by Keynote Speaker, *Calvin Hadley*, *Strategic Initiatives Advisor to Howard University President Wayne Frederick and Student Ombudsman*, who challenged the scholar/recipients to persevere beyond failure, choose the difficult, unpopular choices, ignore the "haters," put in the work to show their championship pedigree, and accept that "you are enough—be the best version of yourself."

CPSTS is proud to be among the supporters of this spectacular event. In attendance were Board Members William "Bill" Taylor (Founder/Vice President), Norma Bullock, Laura Ellsworth, Thomas Martin, and Linwood Nelson. We congratulate the student recipients and commend the outstanding work of the Prince George's County Drug Policy Coalition, Inc., whose recipient base has grown twofold, from 15 in 2012 to 31 in 2017.



(Pictured Left to Right): State Delegate Tony Knotts, Valencia Campbell, Executive Director Prince Georges County Policy Drug Coalition, Norma Bullock, CPSTS; Laura Ellsworth, CPSTS, Bill Taylor, CPSTS President

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