



Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc.

“Pathways to Service”

Greetings from the President



This is another of what the Coalition considers its most remarkable milestones: Our second newsletter! As you will see from the articles and photos in this second edition, the Coalition has continued to be engaged with County youth and their families. As we do so, we move forward to map out pathways to a gainful employment future for young adults who possess and demonstrate an interest in public safety careers.

We thank all of our partners, the corporate level (MGM), the educational partners (Prince Georges Community College and the University of Maryland’s Fire Protection Engineering Department, and the drivers education partner (Linnel Driving School). Linnel is one of the local community businesses that has had a monumental impact on CPSTS. We hope you enjoy reading the articles in this edition. More to come!

Darrell C. Odom
President
“Creating Pathways to Service”

Message from the Founder/Vice President



As we reflect upon our accomplishments in 2016, it is heartwarming to see that our efforts have promoted student development in Prince George’s County. The resources we have provided has led to opportunities for our youth to pursue careers as Firefighters, Sheriff’s Deputies, Police Officers, Corrections Officers, as well as other careers in public safety. Several of the accomplishments are listed below:

- ◆ Provided CPSTS Driver’s Education Scholarship Program funding for 58 students enrolled in the Fire Cadet Program at Charles Herbert Flowers and Gwynn Park High Schools.
- ◆ Provided mentoring and the Fire Fighter Prep Exam practice test package to students as a study guide to use in preparing for the Fire Fighter Examination.
- ◆ Provided tee shirts, sweat shirts, and jackets so the students could be dressed uniformly.
- ◆ Participated in the Prince George’s County Public Safety Career Day, Northwestern High School Career Day, College Readiness Summit, and other community events in the County.

My personal thanks to you for your support of CPSTS. Your donations help us to continue the programs and activities that position Prince George’s County youth for public safety careers. Donations may be made through the CPSTS website at www.cpsts.org.

William (Bill) C. Taylor
Founder, CPSTS
“Service to Others”

Driver's Education Scholarship Training Program



The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS), in partnership with Linnel Driving School held its second 10-week Driver's Education Scholarship Training Program for Fire Science Cadets. The purpose of the program is to educate students on the importance of operating an automobile safely and defensively.



There were 58 students from Gwynn Park and Charles Herbert Flowers High Schools who participated in the training. A graduation ceremony was held on December 11, 2016. The guest speakers were Fire Chief Marc Bashoor and Council Member Andrea Harrison.



CPSTS Physical Fitness Training and Scholarship Program

CPSTS developed and implemented a 12-week Physical Fitness Training and Scholarship Program to help prepare the Cadets to pass the mandatory Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) that is a requirement for firefighters.

CPSTS purchased and donated training equipment to the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department. We also provided funding for a CPAT Certified Trainer for seven Cadets enrolled in the Fire Science Programs at Charles Herbert Flowers and Gwynn Park High Schools. This trainer will provide physical agility training so the Cadets are better prepared to pass the mandatory CPAT.

Parents and Cadets attended a demonstration of the tools and equipment that will be used for the training. The first training session was held on February 11, 2017, at the Prince George's County Fire Department Fitness Center located in Hyattsville, Maryland, Station 30.



Congratulations Darius White!

Mr. White graduated from the Fire Science Cadet Program, Class #53. The graduation was held on February 15, 2017 at Dr. Henry Wise, Jr. High School, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. He attended Charles Herbert Flowers High School, and was enrolled in the Fire Science Cadet Program there.



Community Outreach

Glassmanor and Birchwood Community Day



Back to School Fair

CPSTS participated in and served as a sponsor of the Back to School Fair hosted by the Prince George's County Board of Education. The Fair was held on August 6, 2016 at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD. Book bags and school supplies were distributed to students.



Public Safety Student Career Awareness Day



CPSTS partnered with the Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program and the Prince George's County Community College to share information about careers in public safety. CPSTS Vice President, Bill Taylor, was the keynote speaker. He impressed upon students the importance of choosing careers in public safety. Sixty (60) youth attended this event which was held on July 28, 2016.

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