

THE COALITION CHRONICLES NEWSLETTER

“PATHWAYS TO SERVICE”



**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY
FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT**



**GRADUATION
CEREMONY**

The Coalition for Public Safety Training in School, Inc. (CPSTS) would like to extend a special congratulations to the graduates of Career Recruit School #72! Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to serving our community are truly commendable. As you embark on this new chapter in your careers with the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department, remember that you have the power to make a difference. Embrace the challenges ahead, support each other, and always strive for excellence.

We are proud of you and cannot wait to see the positive impact you will bring. As you step into your roles, keep in mind the values of compassion and teamwork that define this noble profession. Each call you respond to offers an opportunity to serve and uplift those around you. Stay safe and make each moment count! All the best as you start this incredible journey!



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CPSTS CONGRATULATES ONE OF OUR OWN

Diel M. Rhinehart

Graduate of the PGCPS Fire Cadet Program

Gwynn Park HS



believe
IN



YOUR
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AND
thrive



NATIONAL READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY MARCH MONTHLY AWARENESS

Read Across America Day is a nationwide initiative aimed at fostering reading, motivation, and awareness among children, organized by the National Education Association (NEA). Celebrated annually on March 2nd, this special day encourages every child across diverse communities to engage with the joy of reading. The choice of March 2nd is significant, as it coincides with the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the beloved children's author known for his whimsical stories and imaginative characters that captivate readers of all ages.

On this day, schools, libraries, and community organizations often host events and activities to promote literacy, including read-aloud sessions, book fairs, and themed storytelling workshops. The goal is not only to celebrate reading but also to highlight the critical importance of literacy in a child's educational journey. By making reading fun and accessible, Read Across America Day aims to inspire a lifelong love of books and learning.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MARCH MONTHLY AWARENESS

Women's History Month is a special time to celebrate and appreciate the amazing contributions women have made throughout history and in our world today! Each March, communities in the United States, Germany, and Australia come together to honor women's achievements, aligning with International Women's Day on March 8. In Canada, the celebration takes place in October, coinciding with Persons Day on October 18, which marks the historic moment when women were recognized as "persons" under the law.

The origins of Women's History Month date back to a weeklong celebration in Sonoma County, California, in 1978. It was due to the hard work of historian Gerda Lerner and the National Women's History Alliance that this week was transformed into a national month of recognition in 1987. Since then, the celebration has spread globally, inspiring people everywhere to acknowledge and appreciate the vital roles women have played in shaping our history.

During this month, schools, organizations, and communities host fun events, educational programs, and activities to shine a light on women's achievements and to promote gender equality. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn, reflect, and get inspired by the powerful stories of women from all walks of life. Women's History Month serves as a joyful reminder of the importance of continuing the journey toward a fair and equal world for everyone!

As Women's History Month comes to a close, it serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing journey toward equality and recognition for women everywhere. It encourages us to continue learning about and sharing the stories of remarkable women who have shaped our past and are influencing our future. Let us carry the lessons of this month forward, advocating for gender equality and supporting the achievements of women in our communities and beyond. Together, we can create a world where the contributions of all individuals are celebrated, and where future generations can thrive in a more equitable environment.



CPSTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Recently, CPSTS joined Madam Speaker of the House, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and other dignitaries to celebrate her appointment and Women's History Month.



V&P Community Magazine hosted this private event, highlighting a front cover featured story exclusive and a live interview with Madam Speaker.



CPSTS IS IN THE NEWS WITH DREW FREEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Prince George's County Public Schools invites Community Partners out for a special Meet & Greet to launch their Attendance Ambassador Initiative as part of their Truancy Reduction Collaborative efforts.



During the meeting, we learned that the students created their own mascot, "Princess Present," to raise awareness about absenteeism in Prince George's County school system.



FREE DRIVERS EDUCATION

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

COALITION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING IN SCHOOLS, INC.

in partnership with

Linnel Driving School

sponsors a

DRIVER'S EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The scholarship offers:

- Tuition paid in full for a 2-week virtual driver's education course.
- Instruction adhering to the requirements with the State of Maryland Vehicle Administration. (MVA)
- Required Behind-the-Wheel Evaluations
- Up to \$50 reimbursement for the cost of the driver's license fee.

Applicants who meet the criteria will receive a scholarship on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:
Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc.
at info@cpsts.org

REQUIREMENTS:

Maryland High School Students
11th or 12th Grade
15 years and 9 months years old



Apply by: May 15, 2026



CONDUCTORES GRATIS EDUCACIÓN

AÑO ESCOLAR 2025-2026

**COALICIÓN PARA LA
CAPACITACIÓN EN
SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA EN LAS
ESCUELAS, INC.**

en asociación con

Escuela de manejo Linnel

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PROGRAMA DE BECAS DE EDUCACIÓN PARA CONDUCTORES

La beca ofrece:

- Matrícula pagada en su totalidad para un curso virtual de educación para conductores de 2 semanas.
- Instrucciones que cumplen con los requisitos de la Administración de Vehículos del Estado de Maryland (MVA).
- Evaluaciones obligatorias detrás del volante.
- Reembolso de hasta \$50 por el costo de la tarifa de la licencia de conducir.

Los solicitantes que cumplan con los criterios recibirán una beca por orden de llegada.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, comuníquese con la Coalición para la Capacitación en Seguridad Pública en las Escuelas, Inc. a info@cpsts.org

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**Presentar solicitud antes del:
15 de mayo de 2026**

ON THE WATCH WITH CPSTS PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS

Public Safety Tips on Phone Scams Impersonating Law Enforcement:

Residents should remain vigilant against scammers impersonating deputies and police from Prince George's County. These criminals have been known to call individuals, falsely claiming that they owe money due to outstanding warrants or missed court dates. Here is how to protect yourself:

Recognize the Scam:

Caller ID Spoofing: Scammers often use technology to display fake numbers that appear to be from legitimate law enforcement agencies.

Threatening Tactics: Victims may be pressured with threats of arrest or detention if they refuse to comply or hang up the call.

Common Payment Methods Used by Scammers:

Unconventional Payments: Be wary if the caller requests payment via Bitcoin, cash apps, or prepaid gift cards, as these methods are commonly used by scammers to conceal their identities.

Key Statistics:

Financial Impact: In late 2025, reports indicated that over \$12,000 was stolen from victims within a single week due to this scam.


Stay Informed:

Ongoing Alerts: Law enforcement agencies issued multiple warnings throughout 2025 and early 2026 regarding this scam, emphasizing the need for public awareness.

How to Protect Yourself:

1. **End the Call:** If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately. Do not engage with the caller.
2. **Verify the Information:** Independently contact the Sheriff's Office or Police Department using a trusted phone number found on their official website to confirm any claims.
3. **Avoid Payment:** Remember, legitimate law enforcement will never request payments or personal information over the phone.
4. **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you believe this scam has targeted you, report it to the Prince George's County Police Department's Financial Crimes Section immediately.

By gaining knowledge and staying informed, you can help protect yourself and your community from these fraudulent schemes.



Knowledge is power.

CPSTS MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT

Scholarship Committee Report

March 17, 2026

The Scholarship Class Updates:

	Class Start Date	School District	Registered	Completed	Comments
1.	9/15/2025	AACPS	24	16.1	2 students failed final exam; 2 dropped
2.	10/13/2025	PGCPS	30	19	4 no shows; 1 dropped;
3.	10/27/2025	AACPS	33	17	8 no shows
4.	11/10/2025	PGCPS	28	28	
5.	12/1/2025	PGCPS	31	31	
6.	1/5/2026	PGCPS	32	24	
7.	1/20/2026	PGCPS	24	14	
8.		AACPS	8	6	
9.	2/17/2026	PGCPS	36	21	
10	3/2/2026	AACPS	6	4	
		PGCPS	26	21	
11.	3/16/2026	AACPS	7		5 in class
		PGCPS	29		25 in class

Updates:

Maryland State Department of Education awarded additional grant funds to PGCPS in January 2026. Total grant amount is now \$471,500 instead of \$243,034.

PGCPS will pay for all PGCPS students who want to take driver's education until funds are exhausted. The scholarship portal was reopened Thursday, March 12, 2026. |

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PROGRESS UPDATES

- Selected by CTE Directorate as the vendor under the MSDE driver education grant award.
- Received 413 driver education scholarship applications.
- Awarded 230 driver education scholarships as of 3/9/26.
- 141 students completed driver education classroom instruction as of 3/9/26.
- An additional 200 students are expected to complete driver education instruction by June 25, 2026

CPSTS SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

- Prince George's County Council
- Crescent City Charities
- Anne Arundel Local Development Council
- Anne Arundel County Executive (Community Support Grant)

R E P O R T

From the President's Desk



Hello everyone, this is President Carolyn Boston of the Coalition for Public Safety Training in School, Inc. (CPSTS). We are excited to welcome you to the inaugural edition of our newsletter, the Coalition Chronicles! It is a privilege to connect with you as we embark on this important journey together.

As someone deeply passionate about strengthening our youth and our community, we believe that education and safety go hand in hand. Our mission is to empower students with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate challenges and thrive in an ever-changing world.

We thank our founders, whose vision and purpose brought CPSTS. to life. Their unwavering commitment has established the groundwork for our mission. It is because of their passion and commitment that we are able to pursue this important work and to build upon their extraordinary legacy. The team and I are fully prepared to embrace this opportunity!

In this newsletter, you will find stories about our initiatives, upcoming events, and opportunities for you to get involved. We encourage everyone to share their thoughts and ideas with us. Your insights are invaluable as we work to create a safer environment for our youth and community as a whole. Together, we can make a significant impact and forge a brighter future for generations to come.

