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"Making a Difference"

A Message from Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Members of the department and I traveled to Washington to participate in this year's Peace Officers Memorial Day and pay tribute to one of our own, K-9 Deputy Kyle D. Pagerly. My wife and I, along with several members of the BCSD, proudly stood with

the Pagerly family as we honored all fallen law enforcement officers. We shared an amazing and emotional week with officers from all around the world.

Last year our country lost 362 Peace Officers, and the names of these men and women joined the thousands of previously inscribed names on the Police Officers' Memorial Wall in Washington. These 362 names were announced at the 24th Annual Candlelight Vigil, one of the most moving services I have ever experienced.

The week ended with the 31st Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service held at the United States Capital. President Obama was the keynote speaker. At the close of the service, the Memorial Wreath was moved from the United States Capital to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Wall where law enforcement honor guards stood vigil. I was extremely proud to have members of the BCSD Honor Guard take part in that service.



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Deputy Sheriff Brian Boyer, BCSD Chaplain

Deputy Boyer started his law enforcement career as a patrolman for West Pottsgrove Township (Stowe) Police Department where he worked for 15 years. He is a 1978 graduate of the Pennsylvania State Police Municipal Training Academy.

In 1992 Deputy Boyer left the West Pottsgrove Township Police Department to attend Ashland (Ohio) Theological Seminary and graduated in 1996

with a dual Masters degree in Divinity and Counseling. He was a solo pastor for a church in Skippack, Pennsylvania for 10 years.

After leaving the pastorate, he spent a year working for a private counseling agency in Chester County counseling troubled youth before joining the Berks County Sheriff's Department in March of 2007. There, he was assigned to the Courts Division and rotates weekly between courtroom security and state transports.

In January of 2008, Sheriff Weaknecht appointed Deputy Boyer as the Department's Chaplain. Deputy Boyer's mission is to perform Chaplain and counseling duties as needed with all members of the Department and citizens of this community whenever such services are requested.

Deputy Boyer is 54 years old. He is married and has two children and five grandchildren ages 1-7. He enjoys snow skiing and water skiing, and his newest adventure is skydiving with his son. Recently, Deputy Boyer took a camping trip with his son and a friend out west in the deserts of Nevada and Arizona.



Crime Prevention Programs

The Berks County Sheriff's Department is pleased to be able to provide speaking programs on various Crime Prevention topics to those community groups who would like that information. There is no charge for this service, and the topics presented include practical tips on how not to become a crime victim as well as some simple preventative measures to promote personal safety.

A program can be tailored to address a specific issue (such as scams) or be designed to cover a broad range of topics that impact the general population. Typical presentations last between 20 to 60 minutes depending upon the need.

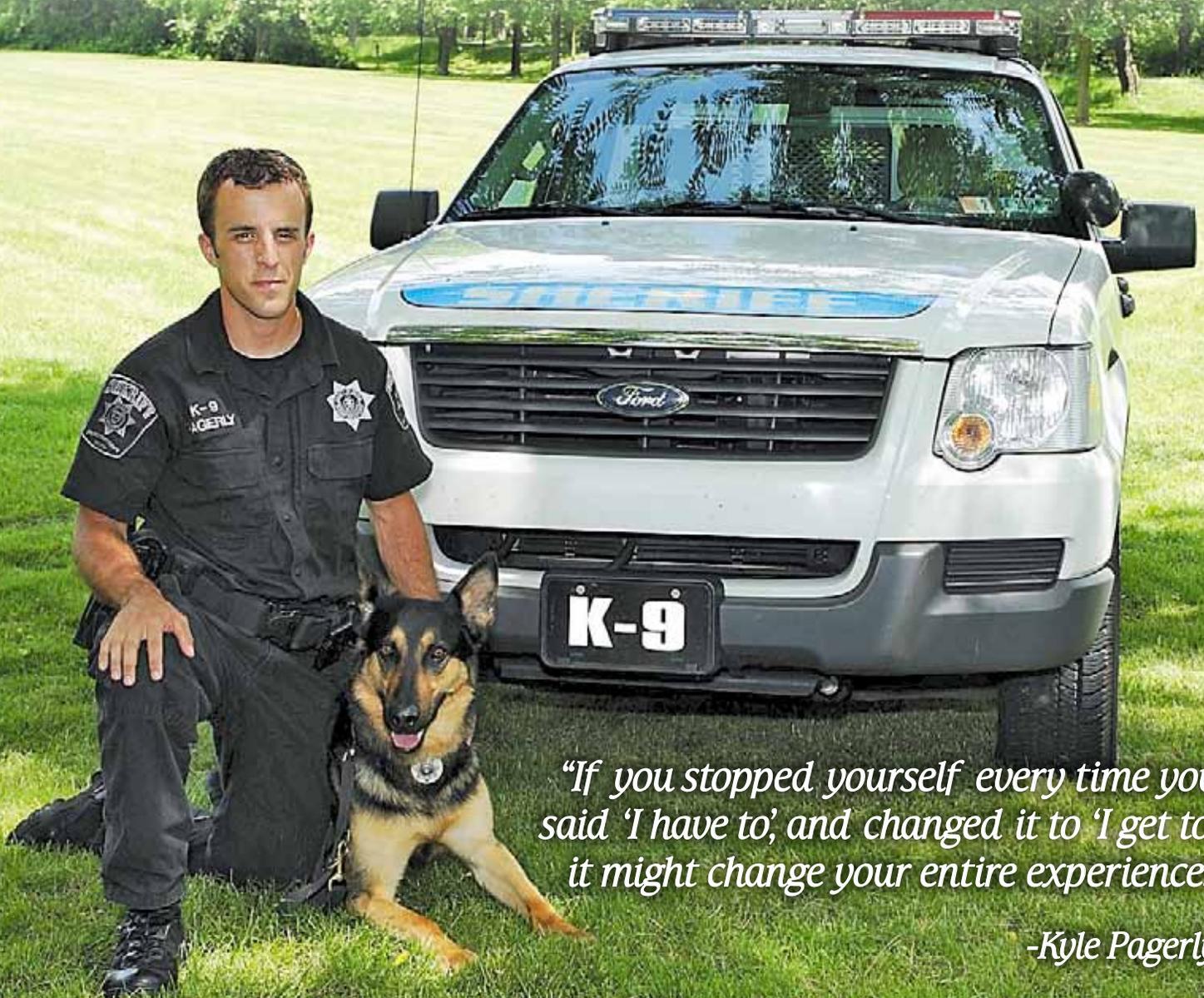
If you or your group is interested in scheduling a presentation, please contact Deputy John Phillips at (610) 478-6240 extension 3231 or by email at jphillips@countyofberks.com.

IN REMEMBRANCE

K-9 Deputy Kyle D. Pagerly
E.O.W 6/29/2011

Kyle D. Pagerly's name carved on the wall of The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The Memorial is located in Washington, DC and is the nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty

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KYLE J. LESHER
KYLE D. PAGERLY ★
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"If you stopped yourself every time you said 'I have to', and changed it to 'I get to', it might change your entire experience."

-Kyle Pagerly

Bicycle Ride Honoring Berks County Deputy Kyle Pagerly May 7, 2012 0900 Hours

On June 29, 2011 Berks County Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly was shot and killed while conducting a K-9 search for a felony suspect. Deputy Pagerly and his K-9 partner "Jynx" were searching a wooded area when the suspect opened fire with an AK-47. Pagerly and the suspect were both killed in the exchange of gunfire. Kyle was the first Berks County Deputy Sheriff killed in the line of duty in the agency's history. Kyle's wife was pregnant with their first child at the time of his death.

Twenty-six hundred miles west, Los Angeles Police Officer Jack Schonely learned of Deputy Pagerly's death while in a roll call at his start of watch. The news hit Schonely hard. As a former K-9 handler himself, he understood the high risk of K-9 searches. Prior to becoming a Los Angeles Police Officer in 1983, he worked as a part time Deputy Sheriff for Berks County and knew Sheriff Weaknecht. Born and raised in Kutztown, Schonely maintained many connections to Berks County, and although he did not personally know Deputy Pagerly, he felt the need to do something to honor Pagerly's sacrifice and service.

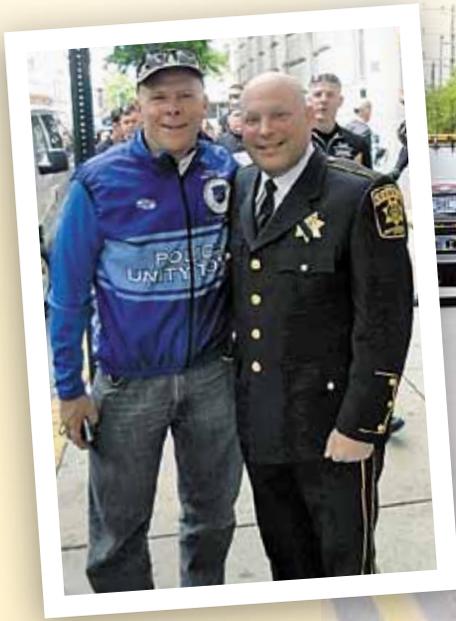
With the support of Sheriff Weaknecht, Deputies from Berks joined efforts with a few of Schonely's Pennsylvania friends to form the "Pagerly Ride." On May 7, 2012, six

west coast cops pushed off from the Berks County Courthouse and, escorted by Berks County Deputies to the county line in Kutztown, pedaled 108 miles to Somerset, New Jersey. Once in New Jersey, members of the Pagerly Ride joined forces with other riders and began the start of the 250 mile Unity Tour Ride to Washington, DC [see details in Police Unity Tour article] where Deputy Pagerly's name would be inscribed on the Police Officers' Memorial Wall [see Message from Sheriff Weaknecht].

The Riders:

Officer Jack H. Schonely
Officer Bob Bloore
Sergeant Chuck Buttitta
Officer Dan Skinner
Officer Scott Rate
Captain Marc Shaw
Captain Gary Cirulli
Sergeant Matthew Mendenhall
Sergeant Keith Neiswender
Deputy Kenneth Rice
Deputy Mike Jackson
Deputy Michael Moorman
Deputy Edward Winters
Deputy Guy Lehman

Los Angeles Police Department
Beverly Hills Police Department K-9 (retired)
Los Angeles Police Department SWAT (retired)
Los Angeles Police Department SWAT (retired)
Los Angeles Police Department
California Highway Patrol
Berks County Sheriff's Department
Berks County Sheriff's Department



Law Enforcement United Ride

Sergeant Keith Neiswender and Deputy Michael Moorman participated in the Law Enforcement United Bicycle Ride this past May in honor of fallen K-9 Deputy Kyle Pagerly.

One hundred riders started in Berks County and pedaled to Washington, DC where they joined over 1,000 fellow riders from all over the east coast.

This ride is held as the start of the festivities which begins National Police Week [see Message from Sheriff Weaknecht].

On May 12, 2012 - Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Officers, and their support members and staff from the Virginia Division and the Pennsylvania Division, arrived at the site of the White House Ellipse after having bicycled from Chesapeake, Virginia, and Reading, Pennsylvania. These officers delivered checks to the Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) for \$150,000 and the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP) for \$80,000.



Police Unity Tour

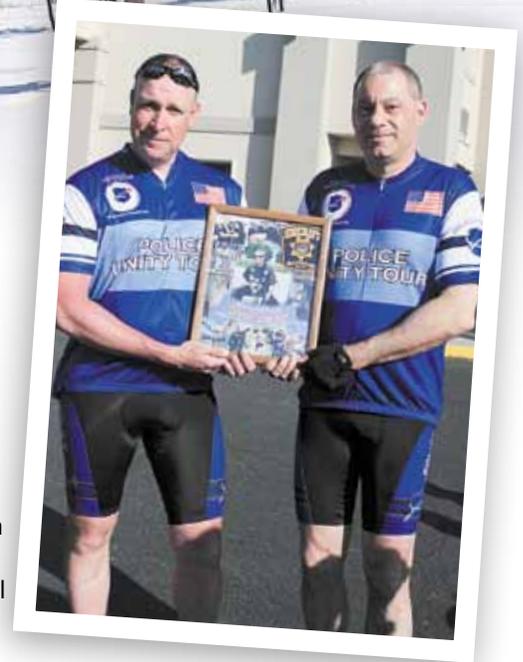
May 9, 2012 began as a gloomy and chilly spring day for the nearly 300 mile bike ride that took Berks County Captain Gary Cirulli and Sergeant Matthew Mendenhall from Toms River, New Jersey to Washington, DC for National Police Week.

Both members of the Berks County Sheriff's Department were part of "The Police Unity Tour" whose primary purpose is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty. The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial and Museum [see Message from Sheriff Weaknecht].

The field of riders made their four day journey to the Capitol, trailed by dozens of police cars, motorcycles, support vehicles and trailers of equipment. The Berks County team of two rode to honor the memory of one of their own, Deputy Kyle D. Pagerly, who was killed in the line of duty on June 29, 2011 while attempting to serve a felony warrant in Albany Township.

The Police Unity Tour was organized by Officer Patrick P. Montuore of the Florham Park Police Department with the hope of increasing public awareness of police officers who have died in the line of duty, to honor their sacrifices, and to ensure that they are never forgotten. This year, more than 1,500 law enforcement officers from across the nation made the trip and raised \$1.5 million for the Memorial and Museum.

As the group of officers pedaled through the Memorial's "Pathways of Remembrance" that flank the Memorial wall, they were greeted by cheers from thousands of survivors, family members, friends and supporters.



Berks County Sheriff's Department K9 Division

K-9 Deputy Troy Wolf

Deputy Troy Wolf graduated from Upper Perkiomen High School and the Montgomery County Police Academy. He has worked for the Penn Ridge Regional Police Department and the Brecknock Township Police Department. In January of this year, he and his K-9 partner Rokk graduated from the Al Gills Von Der Haus K-9 Academy in Wapakoneta, Ohio. He is currently working



for the Berks County Sheriff's Department. He is also sworn in as a U.S. Marshal Task Force Officer and assists in serving warrants with the Warrants Division of Berks County. Deputy Wolf has been with the Berks County Sheriff's Department for nearly eight years.

K-9 Deputy Perry Taglienti

Deputy Perry Taglienti is a 1999 graduate from Lancaster High School in the Buffalo, New York area. He studied Criminal Justice at Buffalo State College and University at Buffalo where he excelled as a college football athlete. In 2004 he attended the NFL Football Combine and played in the European Football League. He finished his football career after completing two seasons for the Reading Express Indoor football team. While here in Reading, he met his wife of four years.

Deputy Taglienti has prior law enforcement experience through the Pennsylvania State Police and was hired by the Berks County Sheriff's Department in 2010. He graduated from the Deputy Sheriff's Academy at Penn State where he earned the Defensive Tactics and Best Overall Student awards. He is currently a K-9 handler with the Sheriff's Department and part of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force. His new K-9 partner, Blitz, is a two-year-old German Shepherd who specializes in narcotics detection and patrol.



To join your friends and neighbors in supporting the Friends of the Berks County Sheriff's K-9 Association, go to www.CountyofBerks.com/Sheriff and become a member



Safety Tips

At Home Alone

Don't hang a house key around your child's neck. It's a telltale sign that you won't be home when your child returns from school. Put it inside a pocket or sock. Make sure your child can reach you by telephone, wherever you are. Have your child check in with you at work or with a neighbor when he or she gets home. Caution your child about answering the phone and accidentally letting a stranger know he or she is alone. The child should say that parents are busy and take a message. Post the following important phone numbers near ALL your home phones – police, fire department, emergency, poison control center, mom or dad's work phone number, and a neighbor's phone number. Agree on rules for having friends over or going to someone else's house when no adult is present. Work out an escape plan in case of fire.

Tell your child never to open a door to a stranger at home. Once the threshold of safety is open, a child's weight will not hold back an adult intruder. Consider the height of your child when installing a peephole in your front door. Teach your child how to work the door and window locks and make sure to use them.

Discuss fun ways to be home alone. For example: feed pets, read books, or write a letter to a friend or relative.

Vacation and Travel Tips

The vacation season is here, and we all are looking forward to some well deserved time for relaxation. With that in mind, we would like to offer a few suggestions that may be of use in helping to keep your vacation plans enjoyable.

- Be cautious not to discuss your vacation or travel plans in public. You never know who will overhear you, and all they need do is to follow you home to learn where you live and then return while you are away.
- Inform your trusted relatives and friends of your itinerary so that you can be contacted for emergencies.
- Clean out your wallet or purse before you go and take along only essential credit cards. Plan to use credit cards or traveler's checks instead of cash wherever possible.
- Make a photocopy of the front and back of all important cards in your wallet or purse and store that copy in a safe place. If your wallet or purse is lost or stolen, you'll have a quick and easy reference for the missing cards.
- When traveling, don't display expensive jewelry, cameras, bags or other luxury items that might draw unwanted attention to you. Try to keep a low profile.
- Marking your luggage with a tag to identify you as the owner is a good idea in the event the airline would lose your luggage. Do not attach this tag to the outside of the luggage as it alerts anyone handling the luggage that you are away from your home. Instead, put the tag inside of your luggage. The airline will open your bag to identify the owner.
- Give your home a lived-in look when you are away. Use multiple timers set to go on and off at differing times in various locations about the home to help create the illusion that the home is occupied. Having a radio tuned to a talk station and attached to a timer will further enhance this perception.
- Also when traveling, be sure to pack sufficient prescription medications as refills may be difficult to obtain, especially if traveling abroad.

The Berks County Sheriff's Department is dedicated to "Helping Keep Berks Safe," and we hope these tips are of value to you.



Softball Tournament for Berks Connections

The Berks County Sheriff's Department came out on top of the dozen squads competing in the sixth annual softball tournament for Berks Connections to raise money for children of incarcerated parents and at-risk youth in the community.

The Sheriff's Department team was undefeated and beat the team from Berks County Prison 14-2 in the final game. All of the teams were from local government agencies that function in the judicial system.

Other than a soggy start to the morning, the weather was beautiful! Players' great spirits and friendly competition made for many great games.

Congratulations to the Sheriff's Department, this year's Tournament Champions!! All teams should be proud of their efforts!

This year's event raised \$7,000 for our youth programs, beating last year's total of just over \$6,000!!

The Sheriff's Department team will be ready to defend their championship at next year's event.

Most Wanted



Barry Milligan
5ft 11in 190lbs
8/5/1990 21yo
LKA: 300 block of Lackawanna Street, Reading
Wanted for: RAPE



Jesus Martinez-Espinal
5ft 8in 150lbs
2/5/1988 24yo
LKA: 1300 block of Church Street Reading
Wanted for: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT



Enrique Cortes
6ft 1in 175lbs
4/8/1990 22yo
LKA: 200 block of Jamison Place, Reading
Wanted for: Probation Violation
Original charges: FIREARMS NOT TO BE CARRIED WITHOUT A LICENSE



Reginald Butler
6ft 1in 170lbs
8/14/1983 28yo
LKA: 500 block of N. 10th Street, Reading
Wanted for: POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

If you have information that can help apprehend any of the fugitives in this publication, call the Berks County Sheriff's Department Fugitive Tip Line at 610-478-6390 or Crime Alert Berks at 1-877-373-9913.

All your information will be kept confidential.

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BCSD Explorer of the Quarter



My name is Tyler James Shriver, (LT is my nickname). I'm 15 years old and attend Schuylkill Valley School District as a junior. My school and family are the most important things in my life. My 79-year-old grandmother is my biggest supporter. She calls all the time and encourages me to do more things. My parents got me where I stand today; they care to my needs and are hard, non-stopping workers. My 8th grade science teacher Mrs. Dana Gilbert was the most supportive teacher and my favorite. I plan on getting a 4-year criminal and public safety degree at a local college. I'm a hard worker and reach goals I set for myself. I want to become a deputy for the Berks County Sheriff's Department or State Trooper for the Pennsylvania State Police or the Maryland State Police as a K-9 officer. Every day I recite Kyle Pagerly's motto, "If you stopped yourself every time you said 'I have to', and changed it to 'I get to', it might change your entire experience," and it's true.

I found out about Explorers by a friend who is in the Pasco County Sheriff Explorers in Pasco, Florida. His name is Jeremy Hixson who just finished his probationary period. It was around the time of the death of Deputy Pagerly that I decided on some type of career in law enforcement. A month before the first Explorers post meeting, I called the Sheriff's Department to see if they had an Explorers post. I was quickly informed that they were just starting one, and I jumped for joy. I love the Sheriff's Department and their Deputies, and I am now a Bravo squad leader. I am proud to be a Berks County Deputy Explorer!



I.D. Me is a child identification program that enhances the Code Amber Alert System. The Berks County Sheriff's Department captures a digital photo of the child and stores it on the County of Berks secure computer network.

If the child would become the victim of an abduction, the digital photo along with the child's demographics would be sent to the Pennsylvania State Police for submission to the Pennsylvania Code Amber Alert organization, provided that the Activation Criteria would apply.

Upcoming ID Me's

- **7/21/2012** Fleetwood Community Carnival 18:00 to 21:00, Fleetwood Community Park, W. Main Street, Fleetwood.
- **7/28/2012** Fred Beans Safety Day 12:00 to 15:00, Fred Beans Ford, 524 Rt. 100, Boyertown
- **8/11/2012** The Reading Fair 13:00 to 17:00, County Welfare and Hilltop Rd., Leesport
- **8/18/2012** The Kutztown Fair 14:00 to 17:00, 450 Wertz Street, Kutztown
- **9/1/2012** The Hamburger Festival 10:00 to 14:00, Main Street, Hamburg
- **9/22/2012** The Oley Fair 12:00 to 16:00, 26 Jefferson St., Oley
- **11/3/2012 & 11/4/2012** Redners Family Expo 10:00 to 14:00, Reading Expo Center, 2525 N 12th Street, Reading