

**POLICE**

**3/6/08 - 3/12/08**

*Traffic Summons - 78*

*Calls for Service - 506*

*Incident Base Reports - 24*

*Reportable Criminal Arrest - 22*

Chief Mike Rogers, Sgt. W. M. Farley, Officer C. A. Gravely and Officer T. J. Slaughter attended a "CHILL Community Briefing" at Liberty Fair Mall on March 6. The topic of the briefing was "Take It Back". According to their website [www.utakeitback.org](http://www.utakeitback.org), "Take It Back" is a national youth-directed movement to reduce alcohol-related problems. Speakers included members of the CHILL youth group, MPD Chief Mike Rogers, VA ABC Special Agent Jay Engstrom, VA State Police Trooper Brian Cline, and others. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.

Martinsville Police Dept. Cop unit officers C.A. Gravely and Sgt. Farley, along with Henry County Sheriff's Office Cop Unit officers held the Martinsville/Henry County Senior Police Academy at the Henry County Administration Building. This week's lesson was on Martinsville & Henry County Joint E-911 Dispatch Center, taught by J. R. Powell and Tina Stone. Those in attendance received a tour of the Communication 911 Center. Twenty five citizens attended this class.

Martinsville Police Dept. Cop unit officers C.A. Gravely and Sgt. Farley presented a crime prevention presentation of "McGruff on Dangerous Strangers" at Patrick Henry Elementary School to kindergarten through fifth grade students of the Boy's & Girl's Club. This program helps students learn ways to protect themselves from potentially dangerous strangers. Students were taught the buddy system and other techniques for avoiding trouble and instructed that it's better to yell for help and risk embarrassment than to say nothing when they think they might be in danger.

Cop unit officers C.A. Gravely and Sgt. Farley attended the Southwest Regional Crime Prevention Association Meeting in Rocky Mount, Va. The group discussed plans for the

30th Annual Crime Prevention Conference to be held March 15 - 19 in Fairfax, Virginia. Twenty-five area law enforcement officers attended this meeting.

A customer service and hospitality training session was held at Patrick Henry Community College on March 12. Seven employees of the Martinsville Police Department attended this training.

*-Amber Fulcher*

**PUBLIC WORKS**

The department is continuing work developing the spring paving schedule; continuing to assist the Electric Dept installing new lights in the Uptown area; continuing to assist Gateway Streetscape in putting down new mulch in the Uptown area; building maintenance personnel worked on installing new lights and ceiling tile in an office in the Finance Department; also working with the Electric Department and the tree contractor regarding removal of a number of trees that are leaning toward the street and utility lines; and arranging for repairs to the roof at the Health Department.

*--Leon Towarnicki*

**SENIOR CENTER**

The Senior Center and Patrick Henry Community College started a 4-week Oil Painting Class at the Artisan Center on March 6, 2008. Five seniors are participating.

The Plantation Band entertained thirty-three seniors on Tuesday, March 11, at the Rangeley Ruritan Building.

The Senior Center sponsored an evening trip to Mill Mountain Theatre on Thursday, March 13, 2008 to see the hilarious southern comedy "The Foreigner". The group ate supper at the Hotel Roanoke before the play.

The Senior Center would like to invite all seniors to join the spring bowling session which begins on Friday, March 28th at Druid Lanes Bowling Alley. Also, the walking group will begin their spring walking session at the Rail Trail on March 18. Call the Senior Center for more information. The number is 403-5260.

