

Loudoun Crime Commission Update – October 2012

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October Luncheon Speaker:



Mr. Frank Phillips, President and CEO of *Golden Seal Enterprises, Inc.* based in Winchester, VA. Frank is the Vice Chairman of the Virginia Private Security Services Advisory Board (PSSAB) The Private Security Services Advisory Board is established as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. This 13 member board advises

the Criminal Justice Services Board on all issues relating to regulation of private security services businesses in Virginia. Frank is a plank owner (founding member) of the US Navy's distinguished first counter-terrorism team (SEAL Team Six) and the first anti-terrorism team (Red Cell - Naval Security Coordination Team). He is internationally recognized as a leader, manager, and trainer in maritime security, physical security, special weapons and tactics, protective driving, surveillance detection, and improvised explosive devices. Following his naval career, Mr. Phillips founded Golden Seal Enterprises, Inc where he provides training and personnel for a number of security related

missions. He will speak about his experiences as well as discuss in detail what is required to make the successful career transition from the public to private sector. We are very happy Mr. Phillips will be able to speak before us and hope everyone will join us for what will definitely be an interesting presentation.

The lunch is from 12:30pm to 2:00pm at Belmont Country Club (Doors open at noon for registration and networking the cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests).

RSVP to collins@loudouncrimecommission.org

PROGRAM CORNER: Director Rich Claar

Closing out the fall series will be our luncheon on **November 9, 2012** where we will hear about the issues of **criminal fraud and con games** that are directed at various segments of our community particularly the youth and elderly. The expert presentation will be given by members of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. More details will be forthcoming. Given the increase in these crimes as the holidays draw close this should prove a very valuable presentation to all. Please mark your calendars.

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Program Corner Cont.

The Loudoun Crime Commission does not meet in December so our first luncheon of the New Year will be on **January 11, 2013**. The Loudoun Crime Commission would like to thank all of our presenters as well as our loyal membership for their support of our mission. Should you have any thoughts about future speakers or topics please don't hesitate to contact our Program Chairman, Director Richard Claar at:

Claar@loudouncrimecommission.org. We look forward to seeing you all at the luncheons.

September Luncheon Review:



Delegate J. Randall Minchew
10th District, Virginia House of Delegates

Delegate J. Randall Minchew was our guest speaker. His topic ***"Criminal Justice Legislation in Virginia: Procedures; Why Bills Fail and Succeed"***. Delegate Minchew's presentation was well received by all. He has provided a slide presentation – anyone wishing a copy may request it by email to: Steven Collins, collins@loudouncrimecommission.org



September Luncheon Speaker Delegate Randy Minchew



ERICA SMITH REWARD FUND -

LCC and LCSO coordinate on an Erica Smith Reward Fund

Upon request from the Loudoun County Sheriff’s office, the Loudoun Crime Commission Board established a reward fund beginning on this year’s Child Victim Awareness Day to help encourage persons who may have information leading the arrest and indictment of the murderer(s) to come forward.

At the 10 year anniversary of the violent murder, the Sheriff’s office is committing its newly formed cold case division to aggressively pursue a resolution to this tragic crime. Many law enforcement organizations participated in the Child Victim Awareness Day on August 3rd to commemorate the 14-year old victim. The Loudoun Crime Commission collected donations and allocated additional funds from the Loudoun Crime Commission reserves toward this fund. Private parties and businesses in the community are contributing with pledges, and additional funds are being actively sought for this cause.



Donations may be sent payable to:

Loudoun Crime Commission, PO Box 650277, Potomac Falls, VA

(Indicate on the check that it is a donation for: Erica Smith Reward Fund)

This address is a direct address to the LCC Treasurer, Director Steven Collins. Please include contact information in your donation and a receipt will be generated and sent to you. **The LCC is a 501c3 Charity and all donations are tax deductible.**

Some background on the Erica Smith Case

On July 29 2002, 14-year-old Erica Heather Smith of Ashburn, VA, left her home after a phone call and stated that she was going to meet a friend. She disappeared and a police and family search ensued; after eleven days, the search for Erica ended in a secluded area of Northern Virginia, near Redskins Park where two hikers came upon the shallow grave of Erica. On August 19, 2002, Erica was laid to rest, just days before she would have started her freshman year of high school.

The person(s) responsible for this crime have not been caught and justice has not been found for Erica and her family. The LCC and LCSO working in conjunction with the community, hope that someone comes forward with new details that will contribute to resolving this case.

Members of the public who know anything about the case are urged to come forward. They can contact the sheriff’s office at 703-777-1919, or call Crime Solvers at 1-877-777-1931. There is also a county website for updates and tips on the case go to www.loudoun.gov/ericasmith where anonymous tips will be accepted and privacy is assured.

Free On-line Law Enforcement-related Training

There are several free on-line courses that are open to the public that we wanted you to know about:

- Interested in learning more about "Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts" or preparing for disasters, please follow the link below for free, online courses. These are courses are specially designed by FEMA and Louisiana State University for the community as well as for law enforcement. The courses can be taken at any time by logging on to the [eLearning Website](#).
- The Fraternal Order of Police provides free law enforcement and counter-crime webinars through their [Educational Services](#) webpage. In addition to upcoming live webinars, archived webinars can be viewed at your leisure.

Recommended Crime-Related Literature and Commentary

By: LCC Director Lloyd Reese

13 things we wish the general public knew about police work

Tim Dees, Police Tech & Gear, Police One

8) High-speed chases look like fun because they are

13.) Take away alcohol and stupid, and the world would require about 90 percent fewer cops.

<http://www.policeone.com/columnists/tim-dees/articles/5990275-13-things-we-wish-the-general-public-knew-about-police-work/>

Likely more than you ever want to know about psychopaths.

<http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/law-enforcement-bulletin/july-2012>

Budget cuts mean many crooks will not be prosecuted in San Francisco area.

<http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Many-Contra-Costa-crooks-won-t-be-prosecuted-3243986.php>

Federal court rules that open Wi-Fi networks do not fall under wiretap laws.

<http://www.cybercrimereview.com/2012/09/federal-court-addresses-applicability.html>

LCC Membership Benefits

A \$5 LCC Luncheon Discount is an ongoing benefit of your membership! These luncheon meals catered by the Belmont Country Club are superb!

Sterling Shoe & Luggage/Safety Footwear and Apparel is offering a 15 percent discount on all 5.11 items to any LCC member, who presents their LCC membership card at purchase. [Safety Footwear and Apparel](#) although small is a well stocked 5.11 Signature Store and already offers a 15 percent discount to all law enforcement officers, who have credentials. LCC members now receive the same discount, which may be of particular interest to officers who are undercover as well as contractors and security personnel. Please stop by and check out the company.

Chairman's Report:

Help us welcome two new members of the Loudoun Crime Commission Board of Directors:

Dan Wright is a former FBI agent with 29 years of experience in Federal and state law enforcement, including 20 years with the FBI as a Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent. Mr. Wright's law enforcement career was followed by three years of management consulting experience with a major government consulting firm in northern Virginia, and he then founded and currently operates National Consulting & Investigative Services LLC, a security firm located in northern Virginia and licensed by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. We welcome Dan's help chairing our soon to be formed Youth Victim Awareness Task Force. You may contact Dan at: (703) 405-4599 dwright@ncis-usa.com



John Steigerwald is a citizen member of the Crime Commission and CEO of a successful business in Leesburg; Steigerwald, Gordon, and Koch LLC offering wealth management services and has an extensive background in business management. He is an involved member of the community helping with fundraising activities. We welcome his expertise to take on Treasurer responsibilities and helping with our fundraising activities. You can reach him at: (703) 777-8828 john@sgkwealthadvisors.com

Brian Reynolds has joined our Communications Committee and is responsible for the new newsletter format and an updated webpage that will be forthcoming. Please thank Brian for donating his services and time from his Design B studios an internet communication company.

Mental Health Task Force: The Mental Health Task Force applauds Loudoun County agencies for their commitment and support for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. This coordinated effort trains law enforcement and first responders to recognize people in a crisis mental health situation and how to respond constructively for the safety of the individual and those around them. CIT is now a part of training available for credit at the Northern Virginia Law Enforcement Training Academy.

The Mental Health Task Force meets monthly and invites anyone interested in joining our effort. Watch for more information on the new Loudoun Crime Commission Web page.

Have fun! Help promote the Loudoun Crime Commission and Have great fun! Join us in the Leesburg annual Halloween Parade. Past Chairman Bugs Forsythe will drive one of his antique cars while we walk along side and distribute candy.

Chairman's Note: It's exciting to be part of a vibrant growing organization. Thanks to each of you for helping the Loudoun Crime Commission fulfill its networking goals by attending our monthly luncheons. We invite you to forward our luncheon meeting announcements to your co-workers and associates to attend our luncheons and join the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Phillips". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Patricia Phillips
703-450-2880

Acknowledgement and Links to LCC Law Enforcement Member Contributors

Thank you to our Law Enforcement Members:



LCC Sponsors and Business Member Contributors

Thank you to Small Businesses members that support the LCC
(Small business membership is \$50+ annually)



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Thank you to organizations that provide ongoing non-financial support:

- Robert J. Ohneiser, Attorney at Law



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