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HOW IS A PURCELLVILLE POLICE OFFICER DISPATCHED TO YOU?

PURCELLVILLE, Va. July 12, 2016 – The Town of Purcellville Police Department would like to share important information about reaching an officer for law enforcement response in the Town of Purcellville. Recently, the Town revised its internal procedures to ensure that all calls are answered in a timely and professional manner.

The Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Communications Center (ECC) serves as the dispatch center for all calls for law enforcement response in the Town of Purcellville. As always, if you have an emergency, dial 911. A Purcellville Police officer will respond, and a Sheriff’s deputy may be dispatched if all local units are unavailable.

If you need a Purcellville Police Officer dispatched to your location for a *non-emergency* situation, the number to call is 703-777-1021, which is the Sheriff’s Non-Emergency number. This number is monitored constantly and can be called 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. The caller should not be confused when the call-taker answers, “Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office.” Once they confirm your location in the Town of Purcellville, they will be sure to dispatch a Purcellville Police Officer to you!

There are many benefits to using the ECC for dispatching Purcellville Police. First, the Town shares a Computer Aided Dispatch and Radio system with the County, which means dispatch can always reach an officer in your location. Second, calls to the ECC are recorded and date/time stamped, which ensures that an accurate record of calls for service are maintained. Third, these records help us maintain a clear history of police response to calls within any given time period so that we can track trends in law enforcement needs.

If you have a police concern or question that does not require an officer dispatched to your location, calling the Purcellville Police Department administrative phone number is recommended. This number is 540-338-7422. Please note that this number is only monitored during regular weekday business hours, excluding holidays.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,500 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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