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## **PURCELLVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY DAY AND COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. April 13, 2018** – Please join the Purcellville Police Department, along with Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad and Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company in hosting our local, regional, and state public safety partners in a fun day of exploration and learning on Saturday May 12, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Public Safety Center, 500 N. Maple Ave. The event kicks off both National Police Week and EMS Week, which are celebrated across the country. Public Safety Day activities include children’s activities, tours of the Safety Center, a meet & greet with area first responders, along with large equipment displays. We are pleased to have the following agencies joining us: Loudoun County Family Services, Leesburg Police Dept., Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office, Loudoun County Animal Services, Loudoun County Fire & Rescue, Virginia State Police, Middleburg Police Dept., and Virginia ABC.

We look forward to providing our residents and visitors of all ages with activities that are fun and a necessity! There will be many displays of fire, police, and rescue vehicles and equipment. There will also be a moon bounce, music, food for purchase, and much more will be available for the young and adventurous! For questions pertaining to Public Safety Day please contact Christa Kermode at [ckermode@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:ckermode@purcellvilleva.gov) or 540-338-7422.

National Police Week is recognized during the week of May 15. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation naming May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers Memorial Day. The Purcellville Police Department has proudly serviced the residents of Purcellville since 1908; growing into the State Accredited Agency it is today. The Purcellville Police Dept. strives to provide law enforcement services in partnership with the community that provide a safe environment with the highest quality of life for all residents, business owners and visitors to enjoy.

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate Emergency Medical practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. EMS Week allows communities to recognize that emergency medical services are an essential public function and a vital component in the medical care continuum. The Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad (PVRS) provides emergency medical and rescue services for our community, staffed completely by volunteers. PVRS counts on community support for its operations.

Also in conjunction with Public Safety Day, the Town of Purcellville will host a free community shred event on Saturday, May 12, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM/noon at Loudoun Valley High School near the practice turf field. This is an opportunity to recycle your old paper documents and confidential files safely and securely. In order to accommodate everyone; we ask that you

bring no more than four (4) letter size file boxes to shred. For questions pertaining to the shred event, please contact Diana Hays, Town Clerk, at dhays@purcellvilleva.gov or 540-338-7421.

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

Purcellville is an award-winning town of over 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 10th year. The Town was reaffirmed as an AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. 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](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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