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

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. May 1, 2019** – 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 18, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Safety Center at 500 N. Maple Ave and kicks off both National Police Week and EMS Week, which are celebrated across the country. There will be displays of rescue, police, and fire vehicles and equipment. Other activities include 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 540-338-7422. For questions pertaining to EMS Week and PVRS Open House, please contact David Swartz at 540-454-6333.

In conjunction with Public Safety Day, the Town of Purcellville will host a free community shred event on Saturday, May 18th, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM/noon in the parking lot of Fireman's Field. This is an opportunity to recycle your old paper documents and confidential files safely and securely. Right before your eyes, you can watch your documents shred! 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 540-751-2334

National Police Week is the week of May 15th. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation naming May 15th, 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. Purcellville PD 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 and supported completely by volunteers for the last 50 years.

### ***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 antiques, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).*

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