

July 2009

Greetings District Two Residents,

June was a slow month! We've passed the annual budget and everything else is just routine with the normal hearings and policy process; however, unfortunately, we have had a rash of criminal activity lately...

- An 18 year old Ohio man was caught after a police foot chase. Benjamin Williams robbed the Walgreens on Brown Bridge Road & Salem Road. He used a gun to commit his act.
- Five teenagers were shot (non-life threatening injuries) on Sunday, June 28th, in a neighborhood just outside District two, and inside District Three. The incident took place at the Trelawney Subdivision on Brown Bridge Road.
- One man was killed and two others injured Monday, June 29th in the Cedar Creek Subdivision. Some suspects have been identified, but the Newton County Sheriff's Office and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation have made no arrests.

**This is one of the reasons I fought so hard not to lay-off any deputies. District Two is among the largest concentration of people in the State of Georgia. If we were a city, we would be larger than Covington!

**We have some good news to share about the Sheriff's Office receiving a grant (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant) in the amount of \$155, 917.00. With the award of this grant the Sheriff's Office was authorized to purchase two equipped Crime Scene Investigation vans and 30 MACOM hand-held MHZ radios to enhance the capabilities of the Sheriff's Office.

**The county has relaxed our water restrictions. Odd-numbered addresses can wash cars, water lawns, and fill pools on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Even numbered addresses can do likewise on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**There will be a severe summer heat season so make sure with every 20-minutes you are outside in this hazard weather you get 10 ounces of water. Don't wait until you get thirsty, it's too late! (Alternate with Sports Drinks to replace much needed salts and electrolytes. Please use caution and be safe.

Enjoy your summer,

Commissioner Simmons