



*Prince George's County
Police Department*

Environmental Crimes Task Force

*A partnership for clean,
“Livable Communities”*

*County Executive
Jack B. Johnson*





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Environmental Crimes Task Force



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★ Cpl. Larry Lawson

★ Prince George's County Police Cadets





Responsibilities



- ★ The Environmental Crimes Task Force (ECTF), through the Youth & Family Services Division, has investigated and prosecuted environmental criminal violations throughout Prince George's County since July 2006.
- ★ ECTF investigates and prosecutes violations of the State's water pollution, air pollution, hazardous waste, **solid waste**, as well as traditional crimes that we may come across.
- ★ ECTF provides community members with environmental education



Partners

★ ECTF partners with:

- Department of Public Works & Transportation
- Department of Environmental Resources
- Department of Corrections
- other state, local and federal agencies
- and community partners





Investigative Techniques



- ★ The ECTF relies upon all the traditional investigative tools used in criminal investigations to detect, investigate and prosecute environmental offenses.
- ★ The ECTF may use informants or rely upon physical and/or electronic surveillance to develop leads provided by these information sources.



How to Prevent Illegal Dumping in Your Neighborhood

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- ★ **Put up signs**
 - ★ **Be mindful of vulnerable areas such as dead-end streets, vacant lots, and abandoned buildings or parking lots, and keep an eye on them**
 - ★ **Talk to your neighbors and share information with them on how to report illegal dumping**
 - ★ **Get suspect information if possible**





Who Dumps Illegally and Why?



- ★ Neighboring County residents
- ★ Home improvement "do-it-yourselfers"
- ★ People who "haul for a nominal fee"
- ★ Construction, demolition, remodeling, roofing, or landscaping contractors
- ★ Automobile repair and tire shops
- ★ Anyone can be a trash dumper





Who Dumps Illegally and Why

- ★ A resident may miss trash collection day and then dump waste. People may also dump wastes that did not get picked up by local waste haulers, such as tires, leaves and brush, or household hazardous wastes.
- ★ Finally, some waste materials are banned from landfills, and residents who don't have access to services to handle these banned materials may dump because they don't want to pay the disposal fee.





Who Dumps Illegally and Why

- ★ An individual may claim to be operating a hauling company and charge a small fee for service. If it seems like the fee is "**too good to be true,**" then it probably is.
- ★ The individual may be illegally dumping your material in someone's neighborhood.
- ★ In many cases, illegal dumpers also are breaking other laws dealing with permits to haul, vehicle licensing, and insurance.





Environmental Crime Stats

★ Since July 2006

– Investigated 12 cases

- 7 arrests made
- 5 arrests pending

- 1 major case being investigated





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★ To report an Environmental Crimes incident impacting Prince George's County, 24-hours a day, please contact the non-emergency number at 301-333-4000



★ Or call your local district station





Local District Stations



★ **District I Station**
5000 Rhode Island
Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20784
(301) 699-2630



★ **District II Station**
601 Crain Highway
Upper Marlboro,
Maryland 20773
(301) 390-2100



★ **District III Station**
7600 Barlowe Road
Palmer Park, MD 20785
(301) 772-4901

★ **District IV Station**
5135 Indian Head
Highway
Oxon Hill, MD 20745
(301) 749-4901

★ **District V Station**
6707 Groveton Drive
Clinton, MD 20735
(301) 856-3130

★ **District VI Station**
4321 Sellman Road
Beltsville, MD 20704
(301) 937-0910



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★ To contact the Environmental Crimes Task Force, call 301-772-4402



★ For more information on County services go to: www.co.pg.md.us



★ Questions: