

# TROOPER TALK

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## Troopers Find Runaway Teens

Virginia State Police found two missing girls after the car they were driving hit a trooper's patrol vehicle during a pursuit on Saturday, May 23rd of this year.

It was around 4:10 p.m. on Route 460 in Sussex County when a 2012 Nissan Versa drove past a trooper's radar going 84 mph in a 55 mph speed limit. The trooper tried to stop the Versa, but the car kept driving, and a police chase began, spokesperson Sgt. Michelle Anaya said.

The police chase ended on Route 258 in Isle of Wight County when the driver hit the trooper's patrol vehicle. Two teen girls, ages 15 and 14, were taken into custody. They were found to be reported as missing juveniles from Raleigh, North Carolina. The parents of the teen girls were called and they immediately traveled to Isle of Wight County to take custody of them.

A collage of six images illustrating recent law enforcement challenges: 1. A person defacing the George Washington monument in Baltimore. 2. Riots in Atlanta. 3. The Thomas Jefferson statue being toppled in Portland. 4. A standoff in Washington D.C. 5. Fires in Atlanta. 6. Protests in Minneapolis.

Protests and riots combined with the threat of the novel Corona virus have challenged all levels of law enforcement in ways unprecedented in recent history.

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## Prayers And Gratitude For Those Who Support Us

We are keeping it simple for our Fall 20 campaign. We have our new 2021 VSPA Support Stickers available now only to those who have supported us in the past. We recognize your courage for standing up and supporting law enforcement at this particular time and we commend you for it.

Anyone who donates any amount to our fall fundraising drive will receive two stickers and will be entered to win our Fall 20 mini-vacation for two to Winridge Manor B&B near Lynchburg ([www.winridgemanor.com](http://www.winridgemanor.com)). With stunning views, impeccable service, and indulgent spa packages,



this newly renovated inn is your own private oasis away from the world. The winner will receive a gift certificate that can be used at any time.

Those who can give \$50 or more will receive four stickers and be entered twice in the drawing. Hundred dollar or more donors will be entered four times into the drawing and will be recognized in our office in Richmond.

If you have questions or any special requests, please contact our Donor Service Center at 888-239-5323. We will do our very best to accommodate you.



# Defund the Police?

*Excerpts from an Article by State Senator Charles Carrico*

As Americans viewed the death of an individual in the custody of police officers, it sparked many emotions. I have watched as Americans have taken to the streets demanding justice for what many believe to be systematic social injustice by law enforcement across the Country.

As the police have been the focal point of protests, it has now become a battle cry to defund them. This is the worst possible response imaginable. In a nation with crimes against children, domestic violence, and property theft and destruction, we need professional law enforcement on the job ensuring public safety. From guarding against terror attacks to providing traffic safety, police are essential to our communities and to ensuring our quality of life. The problem is

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not policing, it is leadership that allows systemic problems to exist.

We have an opportunity to improve this profession. We must begin by rejecting calls to “defund the police,” and instead adequately fund professional law enforcement. Law enforcement officers work long hours, different shifts, and even days off just to make ends meet. They see evil acts that most of us would never want to witness because of the trauma it leaves on one’s psyche. Too often, they are the first to shoulder pay cuts and training budget cuts, and must use outdated equipment because of budget shortfalls. We can learn from this and band together for a more secure Virginia in which all our families can prosper in safety.

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## Troopers Distribute Meals to Needy

Virginia State Police took 120 meals to children and the elderly in need on Saturday, April 11, 2020.

The meals were made possible by a generous donor who originally wanted to provide meals for all of the Virginia State Police Area 35 Troopers. They delivered the food to the communities of Emporia and Greensville County.



## State Troopers Rescue Fawns

Three fawns whose mother was killed in a crash are now in the hands of an animal rehabilitation center, thanks to the work of Virginia state troopers.

According to Virginia State Police, on the morning of May 20th, a deer was struck and killed in a crash in Greene County.

State Troopers J. Reaves & Trooper D. Randall realized the doe had been a mother to three fawns, which were found nearby, safely recovered, and taken to a nearby animal rehabilitation center.

It’s the time of year when white-tailed deer fawns show up in many places – but this was one of few situations in which they actually need to be rescued.

You may see fawns in your yard or hayfield and feel like you should help, but in almost all cases, according to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the best way you can help is to give the fawn space and leave it alone.

Every year, district offices across Virginia and West Virginia receive numerous calls about well-meaning people picking up fawns and other young wildlife they believe to be abandoned.

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VSPA FALL 2020 VACATION DRAWING: Entries will be determined by amount of donation: one entry per household for donations under \$50, two entries per household for donations of \$50 to \$99, and four entries per household for donations of \$100 or more. Only one entry will be drawn. Entries are entered into a random computer selection software program. Winner will be notified after January 22, 2021. VSPA members and their families, VSP employees and their families are ineligible.