The Salisbury Police Department (SPD) has reinstated its popular ride-along program that allows civilians to shadow a police officer. In 2017, the program was temporarily suspended in order for SPD officers to train with veteran officers in an accommodating and conducive work environment. Now that the department is fully staffed, Lt. Joe Miller requested that the program be reinstated for the police department.

“We are appreciative of Lt. Miller’s efforts to reconstruct the ride-along program for our residents,” said Police Chief Jerry Stokes. “The program will allow community members to ride as passengers in the departmental vehicles to observe police officers engaged in the performance of their duties. The reinstatement is a key element in our department’s commitment to raise community awareness of police operations while enhancing police and community relations within Salisbury.”

The purpose of the Salisbury Police Department’s ride-along program is to provide participants with an opportunity to learn about the department’s mission goals and the many services SPD offers. Participants can also experience firsthand the decision-making processes officers utilize in addressing the various crime and quality-of-life issues affecting the Salisbury community.

In order to participate, interested participants must complete the online application or stop by the Salisbury Police Department. The program is designed for individuals 18 years of age or older. After being cleared and signing a liability waiver, the participant will pick a date and the adventure will begin.

For more information or to complete an application, please contact the Salisbury Police Department at (704) 636-5333 or visit www.salisburync.gov/Police-Ride-A-Long.

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911
Fire Department (non-emergency)
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Hurley Park
(704) 636-4459, danielle.cutting@salisburync.gov
Inspections/Permits/Zoning
(704) 636-3206, insp@salisburync.gov
Leaf Collection
(704) 636-5331, leafsalisburync.gov/leaf
Parks and Recreation
(704) 236-7138, pr@salisburync.gov
Police Department (emergency)
911
Police Department (non-emergency)
(704) 636-5331, salisburync.gov/police
Public Services
(704) 636-3100, publicservice@salisburync.gov
Stormwater Division
(704) 636-5430, storm@salisburync.gov
Recycling Pickup
(704) 236-8216, salisburync.gov/recycle
Traffic Signal Problems
(704) 636-3135, salisburync.gov/Engineering
Traffic Signal Problems (emergencies)
911
Transit (Buses)
(704) 636-5252, salisburync.gov/transit
Trash Pickup
(704) 636-3215, salisburync.gov/trash
Water/Sewer (SUE)
(704) 636-3100, custserv@salisburync.gov

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Salisbury Proud to be a Runner-Friendly Community

The City of Salisbury has been designated one of two cities as a Runner-Friendly Community by the Road Runners Club of America. To obtain this designation, the City was evaluated in three primary categories: community infrastructure, community support and local government support.

“We are excited to be recognized with the Runner Friendly Community designation,” said Salisbury Parks and Recreation Director Nick Acese. “The continual expansion of our greenway system allows us to promote health and wellness opportunities to our residents. The partnership with Salisbury Rowan Runners (SRR), city departments, local businesses, The Carolina Thread Trail and the community as a whole has been supportive and involved in ensuring our runners have the most accessible and enjoyable experiences in our parks, trails and sidewalks. This designation is truly the accomplishment of everyone in our city.”

According to a press release from the Road Runners Club of America, the designation is awarded to communities that have “shown they have an infrastructure that can foster physical activity in a safe environment. They have a proven track record that organizations and businesses can work together to promote running as a healthy exercise and sport. With the most important criteria being, there are positive relationships between the running community and local government.”

The City of Salisbury was nominated by the Salisbury Rowan Runners, one of the largest running clubs in the state. SRR is made up of individuals with a passion for running and whose motto is “A place for every pace” which speaks to its robust work with beginning runners, and its commitment to help build a more healthy and fit Salisbury.

“Salisbury Rowan Runners club has a long standing relationship between the city officials, city departments and the runners and walkers who are fortunate to live here,” said David Freeze, president of the SRR club. “I think the Runner Friendly Community designation magnifies how fortunate we are to share the community with so many interested businesses helping to support running and racing. The effort of working together made this all possible and the national recognition is well deserved.”

For more information on the Salisbury Rowan Runners, please visit www.salisburyrowanrunners.org or call (704) 310-6741. To learn more about Salisbury Parks and Recreation and open spaces, visit salisburync.gov/parksrec.

Benefits of Running:

- makes you happier
- helps you lose/maintain weight
- strengthens knees and other joints
- improves mental functions
- reduces risk of cancer
- adds years to your life

#PositiveGossip

EARLY BLOOMS AT HURLEY PARK
Look at what is blooming in the park! #hwchaze #pretty #bloom #sailubyncc #hurleyparknc #parkandrec

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY
We have so much love for our residents, visitors and employees. #HappyValentinesDay, everyone! - City of SalisburyNC

COFFEE WITH A COP AT STARBUCKS
SPO and Starbucks partnered to host Coffee with a Cop on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019.

OFFICER TAYLOR SNAGS AWARD
Congratulations to Officer Taylor for being named officer of the month for February by the Salisbury NC Neighborhood Action Group (SNAG). She recovered a car before it was listed as stolen in our system and arrested the subject in it.

NEW RECRUITS STAYING FIT
New SFD Recruits getting their morning workout in before diving into another day of EMT coursework.

MICHAEL COTILLA, CODE SERVICES COORDINATOR

Michael Cotilla is the code services coordinator for the City of Salisbury Community Planning Services, specializing in minimum housing. Michael has been employed with the city since 2010, starting in Salisbury-Womol Utility before transitioning to code services.

His duties include enforcing the city’s minimum housing ordinance, overseeing the code services division, conducting minimum housing hearings with property owners and responding to concerns from tenants.

“The favorite part of my job is serving our citizens, although, I couldn’t do it alone but with the help of my fellow code officers and other city departments. It honestly brings me great pleasure to know that code services plays a part of securing our city and making it safer. This affects me and my family because I live in the city limits as well.”