

9/11 - A Day of Remembrance, A Day of Service for CPSTS

D. Robinson, September 12, 2021



With honor and thanks for all first responders and in memory of those whose lives were taken in an act of unfathomable hate, members of the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) participated in a Day of Service on September 11th. President Bill Taylor, Board Member Carolyn Boston, Community Outreach Coordinator and Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator, Debbie Robinson and JaiSun McCormick represented CPSTS at the inaugural Day of Service hosted by Delegate Darryl Barnes (D-25) and Mayor Johnathan M. Medlock (City of District Heights). The day began with a food distribution followed by an ice cream social.

The fresh produce was a welcomed addition to families in search of healthy options for dinner. They were thankful for the food to supplement their family meals. After the food distribution, vendor quickly moved to setup information tables



before the ice cream social. Strong gusts of wind made for a difficult time for the tents. Many were lifted up and had to

be held down by vendors until weights or weighted items could be secured to the tent poles.

This Day of Service brought many vendors looking to be of service to the community. The Go-VAX mobile clinic was there to offer vaccine information and choices of vaccine shots. There were school supplies, tee shirts, wrist bands, and literature handed out by three church organizations. Prince George's Department of Health had a robust display on drug prevention and Employ Prince George's was there with information about the job readiness programs offered. Those who attended were treated to a history lesson on the Buffalo Soldiers courtesy of a soldier in period dress. There were books and artwork about these remarkable fighters of the west.



There was a steady flow of interested individuals to the CPSTS table. A number of Driver Education Scholarships were handed out. Ms. McCormick roamed through the crowd to hand out informational cards and brochures about the organization. Ms. Boston had family members on hand to help pass out information at the table. Ms. Robinson talked to the crowds as they lined up for ice cream; while she was there, she got ice cream too. Ms. Robinson also spoke with high school students about the 2021 Transportation Careers/Competition.

Community Service events tend to bring out the

politicians and this event was no exception. In addition to Delegate Barnes and Mayor Medlock, there were a number of politicians who visited the CPSTS table. Delegate Dereck Davis (D-25), Tom Perez, candidate for Governor, Stanford Fraser, candidate for State's Attorney, Barbara Holt Streeter, Denise Smith and Wala Blegay, candidates for County Council for District 6.



For some, eating ice cream, Italian ices, sundaes, milkshakes, ice cream floats, and funnel cakes topped off a wonderful day/event but...there was great entertainment as well. The DJ kept our feet tapping and had many dancing and singing along to current songs. The District Height Step Team and an interpretive dancer brought a positive message to the day. The young ladies and one young man were kicking high and stomping hard. The young lady who performed an interpretive dance was introduced by her mother and has danced since age two and it showed.



**ALL IN ALL,
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