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Raleigh Police Department Community Newsletter

This newsletter is produced by the Public Affairs Unit of the Raleigh Police Department. It provides Raleigh citizens with crime prevention tips, seasonal information, and upcoming RPD community activities.

In this edition of the RPD Community Newsletter, we share information about how to recognize and report scams, National Women's History Month, some endearing photos of some of RPD's canine friends as well as a story about an Animal Control officer who rescued an eagle. We hope you will share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND REPORT TEXTING SCAMS

Texting has become a way of life for many people and it most likely used multiple times a day to communicate with familiar people. But have you ever gotten a text message from an unknown sender? Earlier this month, a text message promising COVID-19 vaccine appointments at Raleigh Fire Station 9 was blasted out to an unknown number of recipients. It ended up being a scam and the RPD was able to notify people before anyone showed up at that location.

So what should you do if you receive a text like this in the future? Here are a few tips to follow:

- If you get a text message that you weren't expecting and it asks you to give some personal information, don't click on any links. Legitimate companies won't ask for information about your account by text.
- If you think the message might be real, contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real. Not the information in the text message.
- Filter unwanted text messages or stop them before they reach you.

If you get an unwanted text message, there are three ways to report it:

- Report it on the messaging app you use. Look for the option to report junk or spam.
- Copy the message and forward it to 7726 (SPAM).
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

Wednesday 10:29 PM

New Appointment Confirmation Number gy5qfdzjyc. Saturday March 13 2021, 07:00PM. Fire Department- 4465 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609. Click <https://static.ga.vax-us3-prod-005.sk1.io/cancel> to cancel



Text Message



Learn more about how to recognize and report scams: consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-report-spam-text-messages

Please call 911 if you have experienced a crime or if you want to report any suspicious activity.

MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month is an annual month-long celebration that highlights women's contributions to history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8.

In honor of Women's History Month 2021, the Raleigh Police Department highlighted real stories from our women officers and civilian staff about the importance of the strong and courageous women who work for the agency, celebrating their contributions, accomplishments, and commitment to equality in law enforcement.



A video series on this subject has been posted on our social media channels. [Click here](#) to see a few of our RPD personnel discuss what it's like to be a woman in law enforcement.

RALEIGH ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER HELPS SAVE EAGLE



On March 12, one of the Animal Control officers had the opportunity to help one of our city's wildlife residents.

Animal Control Officer Kostka was called about an injured bald eagle on the off-ramp at I-540 and Aviation Parkway. Upon arrival, Kostka located the eagle approximately 15 feet from the edge of the road unable to fly away.

He then wrapped the eagle in a towel and took it to a veterinary facility on Vick Ave. The vet treated the bird and passed it off to a licensed rehabilitator.

The eagle, which Animal Control nicknamed "Airie," is now recovering at the American Wildlife Refuge in Raleigh.

RALEIGH POLICE RECOGNIZE NATIONAL PUPPY DAY

March 23 is designated as National Puppy Day. To celebrate the adorable observance, the RPD put together a slideshow of some of RPD's proudest pups and their humans. Here are some of our four-legged family members who support us in the field and at home. [Click here](#) to see the slideshow.

