

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



Vernonia area. The leaves are changing to create a cascade

I have said it before, that this time of year is extremely beautiful in the

of colors to entertain our eyes. Unfortunately the scene is short-lived and the leaves soon fall to the ground. I would remind everyone that wet leaves soon form a slick paste that can cover the roadway. Be cautious and patient while driving on wet roads, especially when covered with wet leaves.

Recently I have been asked several questions about juveniles being out late at night and the Vernonia Curfew Ordinance.

To review, Vernonia City Ordinance #313 addresses the City Curfew. The main points to remember are: It is unlawful for children under 18 years old to be on the streets, alleys, parks, or other public place unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other person 21 years or older who is authorized by a parent or by law to have custody of the minor between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day (Sunday

through Thursday) and 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day (Friday and Saturday). This does not include a child traveling to or from work, school, or a religious function, an emergency, or going to or from legally an established place of recreation with consent of the above mentioned adults. The ordinance also addresses officer and parental duties. An offending juvenile is to be taken into custody and re-

ferred to the juvenile department as well as parents who knowingly allow children to violate this ordinance. The fine can be from \$100 to \$1000.

Most everyone has heard about McGruff the Crime Dog and many of you met him at the Vernonia Night Out. McGruff is now launching a new campaign to help families with one of the largest problem facing America: cyber crime. McGruff has

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