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Newport News Sheriff's Deputies Set Sail to Help the Shriners

"When I heard about the 'Apprentice Cardboard Boat Regatta' I knew my division would want to join in on the fun while helping the Shriners Hospital," said Lt. Kandyce Patrick, Commander of Civil Enforcement. "The team building opportunity is great," she added.

This will be the first year for the Newport News Sheriff's Office to enter a boat in the event sponsored by Apprentice School student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME). The object of the competition is to construct a boat out of cardboard, tape, and glue and make it float. The boat actually has to do more than float. It must be sturdy enough to paddle in a race against other teams.

WHO: Apprentice School student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)
WHAT: 4th Annual Apprentice Cardboard Boat Regatta
WHEN: Saturday, August 27th at 10:00 a.m.
(*"extreme" inclement weather rain date, Sunday, August 28th at 10:00 a.m.*)
WHERE: Newport News Park
Lee Hall Fishing Center
BENEFITS: Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Khedive Shrine Patient Transportation Fund where funds stay local.

Deputies with the Newport News Sheriff's Office are actively involved in various community outreach programs and are not afraid to look silly doing it (i.e. the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes). The Cardboard Regatta is a perfect fit for these law enforcement officers. "We play as hard as we work," said Lt. Patrick grinning.

Tracey Scudieri, one of the event planners, said "The event is open to the public and for everyone wanting a good laugh. It is definitely going to be a hoot!" She also noted that concessions will be available. Plus -- and most importantly for a fundraiser -- donations are being accepted.

For more information about the Regatta, contact Tracey Scudieri at (757) 619-4500 or email CardboardRocks@gmail.com.