



CHARLES COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

December 21:  
winter Begins

December 25:  
Christmas

December 31:  
New Years Eve

**TRIVIA:**

What is the  
chemical formula  
of snow?

Brandy is made  
from distilling  
what?

Who is the nar-  
rator in the 2000  
film The Grinch  
Who Stole  
Christmas?

Pine needles are  
said to be a  
good source of  
which vitamin?

What is the  
birth sign of  
people born on  
25 December?

Answers on last  
page.

# WATCH WORKS

SHERIFF TROY BERRY

DECEMBER 2016

## A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF BERRY



Season's Greetings, everyone –

It's the season for lots of lists and plans. What a wonderful time of year to attend family gatherings, go shopping, or head to a holiday party! No matter what you do, though, please make sure safety is at the top of your list. As you know, the malls and roadways get very busy, and it's easy to get distracted. We will have extra patrols throughout the area, and we will always be out there with you and for you.

We sincerely appreciate your spirit of cooperation in joining us in our crime fighting efforts, especially your work in crime prevention. Each and every one of you has made a difference and has helped keep our communities safe. Now I call upon you again to take a few minutes to read over the safety tips in this issue. Share them with your family and friends, and remind everyone you know to always take precautions. Friends, have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy D. Berry".

Sheriff Troy D. Berry



# Words to Live by



Be the kind of person you want to MEET

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- Live beneath your means.
- Return everything you borrow.
- Stop blaming other people.
- Admit it when you make a mistake.
- Give clothes not worn to charity.
- Every day take a 30-minute walk.
- Let someone cut ahead of you in line.
- Listen more; talk less.
- Be on time.
- Don't make excuses.
- Don't argue.
- Be kind to people.
- Take time to be alone.
- Cultivate good manners.
- Be humble.
- Realize and accept that life isn't fair.
- Know when to keep your mouth shut.
- Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.
- Learn from the past.
- Plan for the future.
- Live in the present.
- Don't sweat the small stuff.
- It's all small stuff.

Choose one or two or all for New Year's resolutions.



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## A Word From Your Community Organizer

Merry Christmas! Wow that was a fast year. We have had our Crime Watch Kickoff, two Citizens Advisory Council meetings, NNO, The Charles County Fair and many other talks and events either sponsored by the Charles County Sheriff's office or we attended as invited guests. I hope you at-

tended at least one of these many community events and had a chance to talk to an officer or CCSO employee. We are there for the communities and enjoy speaking to our citizens or answering questions. If you did not attend any of the events and have a question or would like to keep up with what we are doing, go to

our website [www.ccso.us](http://www.ccso.us) or look us up on Facebook. We are always with you. All you have to do is look or call. My wish is that all of you have a quiet peaceful Christmas and that the New Year is one of peace and happiness.

*~Connie*

# Holiday Safety Tips!

## Driving

Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.

If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.

Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.

Park as close as you can to your destination, and take notice of where you parked.

Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.

Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.

Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.

Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag, and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.

When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.

Do not approach your car

alone if there are suspicious people in the area.

Ask mall or store security personnel for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

## Shopping

Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.

Dress casually and comfortably.

Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.

Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.

Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.

Keep cash in your front pocket.

Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.

Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.

Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in

crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.

Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.

Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

## At Home

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.

When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.

Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timers.

Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.

Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.





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### Trivia answers:

- 1) H2O
- 2) Wine
- 3) Anthony Hopkins
- 4) Vitamin C
- 5) Capricorn

## MISSION STATEMENT

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE DEDICATED TO SERVICE THROUGH SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE. WE BELIEVE MUTUAL RESPECT, TRUST AND PRIDE IN OUR ORGANIZATION, COMBINED WITH TRADITIONAL VALUES AND INNOVATIVE TECHNIQUES, WILL ENSURE THE COMMUNITY'S RIGHT TO A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

# Value Statements

**LIFE** We believe the protection of life is our highest priority.

**RESPECT** We believe in individual human dignity and the preservation of human rights under the rule and spirit of law, always treating others as we would like to be treated.

**INTEGRITY** We believe in maintaining the public trust by holding ourselves accountable to the highest moral and ethical standards.

**FAIRNESS** We believe in the delivery of service that provides fair and equal treatment to all citizens without regard to age, gender, race, creed, color, religion or national origin.

**TRUST** We believe in order to provide effective service we must develop and maintain the confidence of the community.

**PARTNERSHIPS** We believe in working in partnership with the community and each other to identify and resolve

problems and issues which affect the safety of our citizens.

**LOYALTY** We believe in an allegiance to the community, to the organization and to each other.

**PROFESSIONALISM** We believe in delivering a level of service which will reflect the pride we have in our community and organization.



Charles County Sheriff's Office  
Honor Guard.