



CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dates to re-
member:

January 1:
New Years
Day

January 16:
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

February 2:
Groundhog
Day

February 14:
Valentine's
Day

WATCH WORKS

SHERIFF TROY BERRY

JANUARY 2017

Operating Off-Road Vehicles

You live in the country and your children got ATV's for Christmas. Before letting them ride all over the neighborhood, make sure you know who owns the land and get their permission. Obey "No Trespassing" signs. Always leave gates and fences the way you find them.

Know the Law....Be familiar with the consequences of breaking the following laws before operating your off-road vehicle:

Trespassing

- \$500.00 Fine
- Jail Time— 60 Days

Destruction of Property

- \$500.00 Fine

- Jail Time— 60 Days

Disorderly Conduct

- \$500 Fine
- Jail Time—60 Days



Operating an unregistered motor vehicle

- \$290.00 Fine

Driving an uninsured motor vehicle

- Up to \$500.00 Fine

Safety tips

Always wear your helmet

- One person at a time
- Ride the right size machine
- Always wear protective gear
- Never ride on the road
- Take a safety course
- Tell someone where you are going
- Respect private property
- Always obey the law

Safety after Christmas

It's time to take down the tree. Take all the decorations down around the house and put everything away until next year.

If you are throwing away boxes from Christmas gifts don't set them out on the sidewalk with your trash. This is just advertis-

ing what you got for Christmas to the bad guys. A new large screen TV, laptop and other electronics might be just what they are shopping for. Cut your boxes up and put them in a dark colored trash bag. Don't let your children leave their tablets or electronic games in the car.

Make sure the new bikes, scooters and skateboards are put away in the evenings. Lock up your power tools, ATV's and drones. All these new items could make someone else's after Christmas list. Enjoy your gifts. Be careful taking those lights off the house.



CHARLES COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS



Submit A
Text Tip

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Charles County Crime Solvers

Crime Solvers helps Charles County residents keep their community safe by providing a way to anonymously report information about crimes. Crime Solvers is community based and pays cash rewards for tips that lead to arrests and help solve crimes.

Crime Solvers is funded through private donations and fundraisers. No government funding is provided. Crime Solvers holds two annual fundraisers—a trap shoot and golf tournament. Additionally, in 2013, the Board of Directors launched a general membership campaign to attract outside members.

There are four membership classes: business, individual, civic organization and patron. Membership dues and benefits vary depending on class.

How Crime Solvers Works:

Information about a crime may be reported in any of the following ways:

Call 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

Send a text message to Crimes (recipient) and start your message with the word Charles.

Send a tip through a secure website,
www.tipsubmit.com

The call center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a

week, and it is staffed by people who personally answer your call. You will not be asked for any personal information. There is no caller ID and your name cannot be traced. Callers receive a confidential, unique identification number to use when checking the status of a case. If your tip leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward. If you are eligible for a reward, you will be given a location to pick up your reward by simply giving your assigned code. No questions are ever asked. Reporting crime to Crime Solvers is safe, convenient and easy.

National Night Out 2016

Congratulations Charles County! Once again we received an award for outstanding participation in National Night Out 2016.

The citizens of Charles County are Awesome. The way everyone comes together for this one night is nothing short of amazing. I

hope to see you this year on August 1st for another award winning Night Out.

A WORD FROM YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

What a wonderful Christmas. It's hard to believe it's been here and gone. The tree and decorations are still up and gifts need to be put away but that's the only reminders that the season was here and now gone. I

hope everyone had a memorable holiday. Now the weather will be getting colder. Please remember to check in on your elderly neighbors. Make sure they have heat and other essentials to help them get

through the cold months. Bundle up when going outside and be careful when driving. Spring will be here before you know it. Stay warm, stay safe!

Connie

Check To Make Sure You Are Prepared!

Being Prepared means being equipped with the proper supplies you may need in the event of an emergency or disaster.

The beginning is always the best place to start. It's January (the beginning of the year) so it's a good time to check on your emergency preparedness. Do you have a plan in place? Do you have an emergency kit ready? If you have a kit is everything still in date? If your kit was prepared for the spring and summer you might want to add a few items to help get you through the colder weather.

At a minimum, you should have the basic supplies listed below:

- ⇒ Water: one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home).
- ⇒ Non-perishable food, easy to prepare items (3 day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home).
- ⇒ Flashlight and extra

batteries.

⇒ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio.

⇒ First aid

kit.

- ⇒ Medications (7-day supply) and medical items.
- ⇒ Multi-purpose tool.
- ⇒ Sanitation and personal hygiene items (bucket, toilet paper, bleach).
- ⇒ Matches.
- ⇒ Can opener.
- ⇒ Extra cash.
- ⇒ Cell phone with charger.
- ⇒ Family and emergency contact information.
- ⇒ Blanket.
- ⇒ Maps of the area.

Each family is different and you may need to add supplies to your kit such as:

- For babies, formula, diapers, baby food, bottles.
- Small children, games and activities.
- Pets, collar, leash, ID, food, bowl.

- Medical supplies (hearing aids, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.).
- Extra set of car keys and house keys.

Other items that may be useful:

- ◇ Whistle.
- ◇ Rain gear.
- ◇ Towels.
- ◇ Work gloves.
- ◇ Tools.
- ◇ Plastic sheeting.
- ◇ Duct tape.



We live in times when you can buy supplies that will last a long while. It doesn't hurt to keep some on hand. You might be glad you did.





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Charles County is the Winner of the
2016 Outstanding Participation in
National Night Out Award!

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.



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