



CHARLES COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**May 29th-**  
Memorial Day

**June 14-**  
FlagDay

**June 18th-**  
Father's Day

**June 21st-**  
Summer Be-  
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**July 4th-** In-  
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Day



# WATCH WORKS

SHERIFF TROY BERRY

JUNE 2017

## Vacation Time

- Travel can be great, but it can also make you extra vulnerable to identity theft.
- Clean out your purse or wallet. Remove all unnecessary cards or items.
  - Make sure nothing has your social security number on it.
  - Be extra careful in tourist areas.
  - Avoid public or shared computers.
  - Do not take your checkbook. Your checks show your name, address, bank name and checking account number.
  - If someone from the front desk calls and asks for your credit card number, hang up and visit the front desk yourself to make sure it isn't someone scamming you.
  - Don't order food from flyers placed under your door or on your vehicle window. Check with the hotel clerk to see if places are real.
  - Check your bills, statements.
  - Make sure you are not getting bills for accounts you didn't open or medical services you didn't receive.
- Early detection can help limit the damage done by an identity thief.
- Check your bank account on a secure site.
- If you know you are a victim of identity theft call your bank and credit card companies.
- File a police report.
- You may want to place a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is good for 90 days and may be renewed.
- Enjoy your vacation, but don't let your guard down.

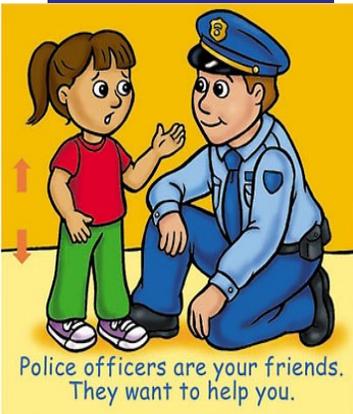
# School's Out for the Summer

Not yet but soon. The children in your neighborhood will be out riding bikes and scooters, playing ball in their yards and running all over the place.

Please drive carefully! Be on the lookout for children in the roadway, running to chase a ball or riding their bikes and not paying attention. If you have little ones, teach them the importance of looking both ways before crossing the street. Show them that running out in the street to chase a ball or animal can be dead-

ly. Let older children know it's not smart to play in the streets. Most neighborhoods offer swimming pools, tennis courts and basketball courts that they can use. If your children are stopped and questioned by a police officer, teach them that respect goes a long way. Being courteous and answering questions does not take much time and when you show respect you get respect in return. Teach younger children that police officers are there to help them and

they can go to them in times of trouble. Show your child how to greet an officer and don't tell your child you will ask the officer to lock them up if they don't behave. This just makes them afraid to approach an officer if they need help. Instead, introduce your child to an officer and carry on a conversation. Let them know that officers are husbands, dads, brothers, sisters and moms. Just like everybody else. Being a police officer is their job and that job is to protect them.



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# National Night Out

August 1, 2017 neighborhoods all over the United States, Canadian cities and military bases around the world will join forces to celebrate National Night Out. National Night Out is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and

participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. From 6 to 10 on August 1st residents in neighborhoods

throughout Charles County are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. This is a night for citizens and police to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. See you on August 1st.

# What to do, What to do!

- This is the time of year when the weather service seems to announce severe thunderstorm watch, or warnings. We are also going into hurricane season. Are you prepared for you electricity to go out or even worse, a flood or high winds. The first thing to do is listen to your local forecasters and stay up to date with the news. Do you have a contact list of all your local emergency management like Charles County Sheriff's Office, Fire and Rescue, local hospitals, local utilities and your insurance agent? Do you have a meeting place away from home where you can be

found if phone service is out? You should have a basic disaster supplies kit ready to go: Water, one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.

- Food, at least a three day supply of non-perishable food.
- Battery powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert and extra batteries.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- A whistle to signal for help.

Dust mask to help filter contaminated air, and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.

- Moist towelettes, gar-

bage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.

- Tools (wrench or pliers to turn off utilities).
  - Manual can opener for food.
  - Local maps.
  - Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger.
  - If you have pets, supplies for them.
  - Infant formula and diapers.
  - Cash in small bills.
- A little planning can make a disaster easier to maneuver around.





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## 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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Honor Guard.