



CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

July 4th:
Independence Day

August 1st:
National
Night Out



WATCH WORKS

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Safety for Children

What would your child do if they were separated from you in a store or shopping center? Are they safe at home when you aren't there? Today children need to know common sense rules that can help keep them be safe and build the self confidence they need to handle emergencies.

- * Teach your child to go to a store clerk, security guard, police officer or a mom with a child for help if lost in a mall, store or on the street.
- * Make sure your child knows their address and phone number by heart and the location

of their home, and name of their neighborhood.

- * Your child should know how to identify community people by badge and uniform.
- * Be certain your child knows that no adult should ask them to keep a secret and to tell you right away if someone does.
- * Meet your neighbors while with your child and introduce yourself and them.
- * Provide and clearly identify trustworthy backup people children can call if you

are away.

- * Make sure your child knows your cell phone number by heart and not a button on their phone.
- * Make sure your children know what the rules are when you are not home.
- * Teach your children to not give out information to callers they do not know. Have them take a message or let the phone take a message.
- * Advise your children to always tell a trusted adult if something isn't right.

Be a Good Neighbor

Take time this summer to check on aging seniors residing in your neighborhood. Invite him or her into air conditioning, offer to take them to the mall, a movie or another cool building. Do everything you can this summer to help seniors beat the heat.

Seniors should:

- Drink plenty of liquids. Drink eight or more 8 oz. glasses a day of water or fruit juices.
- Avoid caffeinated and alcoholic beverages. Alcohol,

soda and coffee and even tea can leave you dehydrated quickly. Plain or flavored water is a good substitute.

- Dress appropriately. Wear loose fitting clothes in natural fabrics like cotton.
- When outdoors wear hats, sunglasses and a sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher.
- If you don't have air conditioning in your home, go somewhere that

does.

- Avoid extreme outdoor heat.
- Keep the house cool, if it gets above 85 degrees, go somewhere.
- Know the signs of heat stroke. Flushed face, high body temperature, headache, nausea, rapid pulse, dizziness and confusion. If you feel this way or are with someone that feels this way, get to a cool area and get medical attention immediately.



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Let it snow, Let it snow.....

Well now that I have your attention we all know that snow is months away, but National Night Out isn't. It is on August 1st and we have registrations coming in as we speak. Last year we visited 52 different celebrations across Charles County. It didn't matter if it was large or small eve-

ryone had the same idea "to show criminals that we will not let you take our neighborhood." That the citizens of Charles County are united with our law enforcement in making this a great place to live. We would like to have more celebrations and more citizens come

outside on August 1st and meet your neighbors. Show everyone that you care about your neighborhood and your neighbors. Register today. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on August 1st to share a conversation and maybe a hot dog.

Vehicles in Hot Weather

Did you know :

- in 10 minutes a vehicle can heat up to 20 degrees?
- Cracking a window does little to keep the vehicle cool?
- With temperatures in the 60's your vehicle can heat up to well above 110 degrees?
- A child's body temperature can rise up to five times faster than an adult's?
- Heatstroke can happen when the outside temperature is as low as 57 degrees?
- A child dies when his or her temperature reaches 107?
- Heatstroke fatalities have occurred even in vehicles parked in shaded areas and when

the air temperature was 80 degrees or less?

- On an 80-degree day, temperatures inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in just 10 minutes? ~(NHTSA)

Between 1998 and June 12, 2017 , 712 children left in vehicles have died of heatstroke .
(noheatstroke.org/)

An examination of media reports about the 700 child vehicular heatstroke deaths for a 19-year period (1998-October 2016) shows the following circumstances:

- 54%- child was "forgotten" by caregiver (376) children.
- 28%- child playing in unattended vehicle (198)

- 17%- child intentionally left in vehicle by adult (120)
- 1%- circumstances unknown (6)

This is true not only for children but for elderly people and pets. Don't let your loved ones become a statistic. Check your vehicle when getting out. Don't leave anyone in your vehicle to run a quick errand. Even if it slows you down, take them with you. More than half of the deaths are children under the age of 2. Slow down, stay alert and don't leave your child, a senior citizen or your pet in your vehicle even for a minute.





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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.