



CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WATCH WORKS

SHERIFF TROY BERRY

MARCH 2018

March 1st

Full Moon

March 11

Daylight

savings

time begins

March

20th

Spring Be-
gins

March 17

St. Patrick's
Day

March 25

Palm Sun-
day

March 26

Maryland
Day

March 30

Good Fri-
day



Can You Use a Fire Extinguisher?

Seems like a silly question. You just pick it up and put out the fire, right?

Did you know:

- It is dangerous to use water or a Class A extinguisher on a fire involving flammable liquids or energized electrical equipment.
- Class D extinguishers require specialized training.
- Class K extinguishers are used for fighting fires in commercial kitchens where combustible cooking oil is used.

- The dry chemical discharged from multipurpose extinguishers is corrosive. It can damage electronic components if it is not cleaned up immediately.

To use your extinguisher, remember "P.A.S.S."

Pull the pin that unlocks the lever. (Some models may have another lever-release mechanism.)

Aim low, pointing the extinguisher nozzle or hose at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever above the handle to discharge the

extinguisher agent. To stop the discharge, release the lever. (Some models may have a button instead of a lever.)

Sweep the nozzle or hose from side to side. Moving carefully toward the flames, keep the nozzle aimed at the base of the fire and sweep back and forth.

For more information go to www.nfpa.org/fireextinguishersatwork

Move Over Law

Yes, it's a law. All drivers approaching a stopped emergency vehicle must "make a lane change into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle." In other words, MOVE OVER. Drivers who move

over avoid potentially endangering themselves, a police officer or others by steering clear of police activity occurring on a stretch of roadway. If it is not legal or practical to move over, the law says

slow down with due regard for safety and traffic conditions. Please obey the MOVE OVER LAW not just because it's the law but because it's safe. We'll thank you, and so will our families.



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Walkers' Safety

With new walking and bike paths, it's easier to find a place to walk. Following some common sense rules can make your walking adventure more fun.

Find a buddy. Walking with someone can be a great motivator and make the time more enjoyable. Don't walk alone.

Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Look people in the eye as you pass them. This lets others know that you are aware of their presence.

Don't wear headphones. Being able to hear your surround-

ings will allow you to notice someone you don't see.

Carry a cell phone and ID.

If you have a dog, bring him along, but on a leash.

Be considerate of others.

Use authorized trails. Respect closures.

Lock your vehicle. Do not leave anything in site of others. Lock valuables in the trunk.

If approached by a stranger don't allow yourself to be distracted. Reply from a distance and keep responses to questions

brief and businesslike.

Watch for ice, water, bike riders, debris on the path.

If you see suspicious activities, vandalism or problems call the Sheriff's Office. 301-932-2222 or 911 if it is an emergency.

Don't litter. Bring home anything you took onto the trail.

Bring water and a snack if you are going to try a long trail for the first time.

Get out of the house and enjoy some of the wonderful parks and trails in our area.

Playground Safety

Test the temperature of the playground equipment and surfacing before use. When exposed to direct sunlight, they may reach temperatures high enough to cause serious contact burn injuries.

Before kids get on the equipment test the surface with your hands. Don't let kids run barefoot on the playground. Not only can the surface (sand, cement) get hot but there may be articles hidden in the sand

(rocks, sticks etc.). Don't let a happy trip to the playground turn into tears. Have fun!

Are you Prepared?



What a crazy wind storm! Some lost trees, others their shingles. I hope you came through it with not much damage. The weather has us thinking it's almost spring and then it turns cold again. Winter isn't over yet and the weather can turn fast in the summer. Are you prepared in case you have to leave your house? What if the electric is off for a week? It's always good to have a basic emergency supply kit. Listed are a few things you should include but is not a complete list.

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day.
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Battery powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather radio. (extra batteries).
- A couple of flashlights and extra batteries.
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air.
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- A wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- A can opener for food.
- Local maps.
- Prescription medications and non-prescription medications, e.g., aspirin, stomach relief, cold medicine.
- Infant formula and diapers.
- Pet food.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- Complete change of clothing for each person.
- Household chlorine bleach— When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency you can

use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

- Fire extinguisher.
- Matches in a water-proof container.
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items.
- Paper plates, cups and plastic utensils.
- Paper towels, bucket and trash bags.

Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers. Replace items as needed.. Rethink your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.

Don't wait until the last minute and run around looking for things to build your kit. Have it ready for you in case of emergency.

Make a family emergency plan-where to meet, who to call, etc.

Make a smaller more portable kit to take to work.

BE PREPARED!





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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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