



CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WATCH WORKS

SHERIFF TROY BERRY

JUNE 2018

June 1st: -

Graduation
-Westlake,
Lackey,
McDonough.

June 2nd -

Graduation:
St. Charles,
Stone, La
Plata

June 14th-

Flag Day

June 17th-

Father's
Day

June 21st-

Summer
Begins

June 28th-

Full Moon

Congratulations Graduates!

Yes it's that time again. Young adults will be graduating from high school and heading out to college or a job. From kindergarten to first grade, fifth grade to middle school and eighth grade to high school. This is a time of change for lots of families in Charles County. Getting a diploma is not getting a license to drink.

If your high school graduate is celebrating after the ceremony, talk to them about underage drinking and drinking and driving. Don't hesitate to discuss your expectations and how to avoid

dangerous situations. National surveys show that a majority of high school teens get alcohol at their home, with or without their parent's permission. House parties are the primary place that teens drink. If a teen finds themselves in an uncomfortable situation, let them know they can call you no matter the time.

Make sure your child knows not to get in a car with someone who has been drinking or doing drugs even if they seem ok.

Know where the parties are and make sure there

will be adults present. If hosting a party don't allow water bottles and backpacks into the party. Ensure that the teens know areas they are not allowed to be in your home. Lock all liquor and medicine cabinets. Have a responsible adult at the door to enforce the guest list. Call another child's parents if he or she brings alcohol to your home.

Saying no doesn't mean you love your child any less. **Be the Parent!** Your children already have enough friends.

Graduation Ceremonies

All graduations will be held at North Point High School. You will need a ticket to get into the ceremonies. Roads near

North Point High School will be shut down for all graduation ceremonies. These will take place on May 31st,

June 1st and 2nd. Look for signs, officers and traffic patterns during these 3 days.





Friends Don't
Make Friends...
Wait in Hot Cars



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Never Leave a Child Alone In a Car.

As summer temperatures continue to go up, it's important to remember that while these summer days are great at the pool and the beach, they're not so good for the inside of cars, which can raise to deadly temperatures in a very short period of time. Children have been left in vehicles when the temperatures were as hot outside as 100 degrees and as mild as 76 degrees and have died. Losing even one child after being left in a vehicle is unacceptable. Many people are shocked to learn how hot the inside of a car can actually get. On an 80 degree day, the temperature inside of a car can rise 19 degrees in 10 minutes and keep getting hotter with each passing minute. You can only imagine what happens when the temperature outside is 100 degrees or

more. Cracking the window doesn't help. Heatstroke sets in when the body isn't able to cool itself quickly enough. Young children are particularly at risk, as their bodies heat up 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's. When a child's internal temperature reaches 104 degrees, major organs begin to shut down. When that child's temperature reaches 107 degrees, the child can die.

At least two children die per week in hot vehicles on average during the summer months, the National Safety Council says. The majority of children who die of heat-related complications from being inside a hot car were left there by parents who forgot about them. But a startling number-17%-died because they were left in those vehicles intentionally.

Thirty-nine children died of heatstroke after being left in vehicles in 2016, up from 24 the previous year, NHTSA reported.

Protect children by remembering ACT:

- A.** Avoid heatstroke related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.
- C.** Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination.
- T.** Take action. If you see a child, older adult or pet left alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel are trained to respond to these situations.

**JUST ONE CALL
COULD SAVE A
LIFE!**

National Night Out-August 7, 2018



playing, etc.)

10. Make community connections.

So gather a few neighbors and start knocking on doors.

Find out if there is enough interest. Decide on a few activities, food, etc.

Recruit volunteers. Register with the Charles County Sheriff's Office so that an officer will stop by your celebration. We also send out your information to our elected officials and Fire and EMS stations.

Some NNO Activity Ideas:

- Bicycle parade
- Chalk art
- Face painting
- Talent show
- Cake walk
- Musical chairs
- Decorated lawn mower
- Parade
- Water balloons

Simple refreshments:

- Water melon
- Cookie exchange
- Hot Dogs
- Ice cream cones/make

your own sundaes

- Root Beer floats
- Everyone bring their favorite dessert to share.

Contribute to your community:

- * Plant flowers
- * Plan a fall clean-up
- * Plan fall bulb planting
- * Welcome new neighbors

In case of bad weather have an alternate plan in place. Will you be able to hold it indoors at a community center? Do you have tents?

If you would like more information or to register please contact: Connie Gray

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Crime Solvers and CCSO Officer enjoying NNO!



What a group!



National Night Out is always the 1st Tuesday of August. It's a time when neighbors get out and spend some time together. It tells would be criminals this is your neighborhood and you won't let them take it.

The top 10 reasons to host a National Night Out party:

1. Have Fun!
2. Meet your neighbors.
3. Organize a watch program on your street.
4. Increase the sense of belonging in your neighborhood.
5. Share crime prevention and safety information.
6. Create a neighborhood e-mail directory.
7. Start a tradition.
8. Learn about your neighborhood's history.
9. Discover your neighbor's hidden talents (line dancing, guitar



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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.



Charles County Sheriff's Office
Honor Guard.