



CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WATCH WORKS

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AUGUST 2018

August 27

First day
for school
for teach-
ers.

**Septem-
ber 4.** First
day of
school for
students.

School Shopping Safety

Shopping Safety Tips:

- Shop during daylight hours. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Avoid being targeted—don't wear expensive jewelry.
- If possible don't carry a purse or wallet. Put the credit cards you will be using in your pocket.
- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- If you must carry a purse, keep it on you at all times. Do not rest it in your cart.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have a clear sight line.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Any time of the year, con-artists may try various methods to distract you.
- Keep a record of your credit cards at home in a safe place.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and take the keys with you when you leave.
- Place shopping bags, gifts and other valuable items in the trunk before you arrive at your destination.
- Shopping with the kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security person if you get separated.
- Remember where you parked your vehicle.
- Have your car keys in hand when approaching your vehicle.

See Something, Say Something

While vacationing during the last month of summer, going to an amusement park or just staying at home getting things ready for the end of summer, look around, if you see something that looks

strange or out of place to you, "Say Something." We can't be around every corner and need your eyes to help us prevent or stop something bad from happening. If something is happening now and you need

immediate assistance dial 911. If you see something that looks suspicious to you call the non-emergency number 301-32-2222. Together we can keep Charles County safe.

Soon Back To School

School will start on September 4th. Parents, I know you are jumping up in down with excitement. No more summer camps or daycare. Back to the routine you had before summer break. Everyone up early and off to school or work.

If this is the first day for your child make sure you have registered them early. See that they have all their immunizations needed to attend. Teach your little ones school bus safety.

- Walk to the bus stop.
- Be at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- If you are late, NEVER run to catch a moving bus.
- When the bus arrives, stay away from the danger zones.

WHAT ARE THE

DANGER ZONES?

The danger zone is the area on all sides of the bus where children cannot be seen by the bus driver and are in the most danger of being struck by the bus.

Front Danger Zone: the area which extends ten feet in front of the bus.

Side Danger Zone: The area which extends ten feet on each side of the bus.

Rear Danger Zone: The area which extends ten feet behind the bus.

If you can touch the bus, you are **TOO**

CLOSE!!

- Make sure the bus is stopped and the red school bus warning lights are flashing and the stop and crossing arms are extended before getting on the bus.
- If you have to cross the street, go at least 5 big steps in front of the bus and wait until the driver signals for you to cross the street.
- When entering the bus, hold the hand-rail. Watch out for dangling pieces of clothing, draw-strings on hoods or backpack straps that could get caught or tripped over.

Stay seated, facing front to avoid injury. Keep all body parts inside the bus.

Be respectful of others: use inside voices and keep your hands to yourself.

No eating or drinking on the bus.

No large musical or sports equipment on the bus.

Follow the directions of the driver.

- When exiting the bus, look to the right before stepping onto the curb.
- Never go back to the bus after you get off it. If you drop something, wait until the bus is gone.

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Are You Really Prepared?



On a clear Tuesday morning on September 11, 2001, 19 militants hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Almost 3,000 people were killed. If you are old enough to remember this you might recall the weeks and months, maybe even years after, you looked around and saw American flags everywhere. We will not forget was on everyone's hearts and minds. We stood together and most homes had an emergency kit. Now most of the flags are gone and probably most of the emergency kits have been dismantled and put away. We have forgotten. We go along with our lives everyday like it could never happen again. Not only a terrorist attack but a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, tornado or flooding. It happens all around us and we need to be prepared.

Talk to your family about the disasters that can happen where you live. Establish responsibilities for each mem-

ber of your household and plan to work together as a team.

Choose two places to meet after a disaster:

Right outside your home, in case of a sudden emergency such as a fire.

Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate your neighborhood.

Each adult in your household should **Learn** how and when to turn off utilities such as electricity, water and gas. Learn to use a fire extinguisher.

Build an Emergency Kit. What you have on hand when a disaster happens can make a big difference. Check your supplies and replace water and food every six months.

Have at least one gallon of water per person per day.

Pack non-perishables, high-protein items like en-

ergy bars, ready to eat soup, peanut butter, etc. Select items that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water.

Include a **Flashlight** and extra batteries.

Make sure you have a **First Aid Kit**, along with any prescriptions or medications you will need.

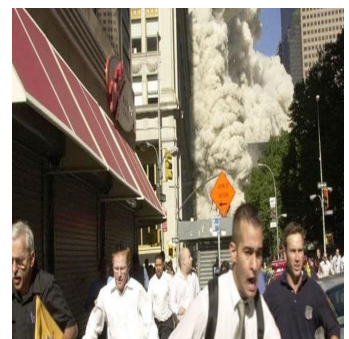
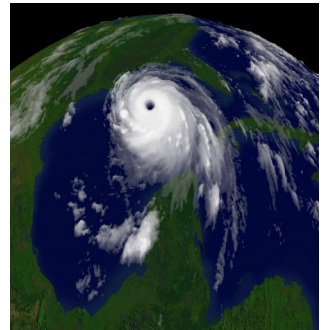
Remember eyeglasses or contact lenses and solution, copies of **Important Papers**, including identification cards, insurance policies, birth certificates etc.

You will need **Personal Items**, toilet paper, soap, feminine supplies, diapers for baby, a bucket, and bleach.

Keep some **Cash** on hand in smaller bills.

A **Map** of your area marking an evacuation route would be helpful.

Practice evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned evacuation route and plot alternate routes on a map in case main roads are impassable. Be prepared—it can happen again.





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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.