

COMMUNITY DISPATCH

July 2022



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th, 2022: Fireworks

August 2nd, 2022: National Night Out

September 15th-18th, 2022: Charles County Fair

This school year has officially come to an end! That means kids are out and about within the community! Let's keep our children and the community safe. Slow down when driving in the neighborhood, look out for each other, and if you see something suspicious contact the Charles County Sheriff's Office! Together we can make our community a safer place to live.

CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS & SIRENS

Another two block parties in the books! Special thanks to Lancaster and Fieldside for allowing us to host our Annual Friday Night Lights & Sirens block party in their neighborhoods!

There was a tremendous turn-out from both neighborhoods. We had a great time getting out in the communities and meeting and engaging with everyone!



4TH OF JULY SAFETY!

- It is extremely dangerous and illegal to discharge firearms in celebration. What comes up, must come down and people can be seriously injured or killed.
- Never allow kids to play with fireworks!
- The best way to protect your family is to not use any fireworks at home. Instead, attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.
- Animal safety: Animals have sensitive ears and can easily be stressed or frightened on the 4th of July. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk they'll run loose or get injured.

Click [here](#) for information from the Maryland Fire Marshal regarding firework safety, the difference between legal and illegal fireworks, list of approved retail sites and a list of firework public displays.

Did You Know?

The Charles County Sheriff's Office has launched a new Voluntary Registry Program with the goal of providing law enforcement with identifying information for individuals with autism or developmental disabilities. The program is intended for:

- Individuals who may be unable to respond appropriately or identify themselves to law enforcement;
- Individuals who may wander as a symptom of a disability and get lost; and
- Individuals who are nonverbal or unable to communicate.

This voluntary program gives citizens an opportunity to provide law enforcement with pertinent information ahead of time about their loved one(s) should they become involved in an incident where officers are present.

The information provided by citizens will be stored privately in our Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) program. When officers respond to a scene where the individual is present, or to their address, dispatch will be able to provide them with the information that is in the CAD.

Any Charles County citizens who are interested in submitting information for the Voluntary Registry Program are asked to contact Corporal Bourgeois by phone at (301) 609-6233 or by email at bourgeoism@ccso.us. For more information click [here](#).

TRAFFIC COMPLAINT LINE: 301-932-3062 or trafficoperations@ccso.us

IMPORTANT WEBSITES



Questions, comments, complaints?

Please contact our Civilian Community Coordinator
Mr. Gus Proctor: (301) 932-3080 / proctora@ccso.us