

COMMUNITY DISPATCH

August 2022



GOING ON VACATION?

A vacant house—or one that appears to be vacant—is an appealing target to a burglar.

Criminals are opportunist

- Don't broadcast on social media that you are leaving town.
- Don't leave spare keys hidden on your property.
- Make sure all windows, doors, and vehicles are locked.
- Ask a neighbor or friend to stop by your house periodically,
- Place timers on interior lights throughout your residence that are programmed on different schedules.
- Place a hold on your mail to ensure your mailbox is empty while away.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2nd: National Night Out

September 15th-18th: Charles County Fair

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Your neighborhood can start a **Neighborhood Watch**, which encourages residents to prevent crime or reduce crime in a specific area and to report or be the "eyes and ears" for law enforcement! Neighborhood watch:

- Teaches citizens techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized
- Trains citizens on importance of recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them
- Brings citizens together to address needs and issues that concern the entire community

Interested in starting a crime watch? Click [here](#) for more information and contact Gus Proctor at 301-932-3080 or by email proctora@ccso.us



Last months Friday Night Lights & Sirens pop-up block parties were another huge success! Special thanks to Benedict and Pinefield for allowing us to be a part of their community. We had a great turn-out! We appreciate our neighborhoods and their continuous support. These events wouldn't be successful without your participation.

This August we will be hosting our last block party for the year 2022. If your neighborhood wasn't selected this year, don't be discouraged. We will be back in 2023 for more fun and community outreach!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Sheriff's Office is partnered with **Project Lifesaver** and they specialize in "bringing your loved one home."

Do you have a friend or loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or Autism and they wander from their caregiver? If your friend or loved one has been lost in the past, maybe the Charles County Sheriff's Office can help.

If your loved one qualifies to become a client within the program, they will be issued a transmitter. The issued transmitter is about the size of a common wrist watch and emits a frequency that allows a Search Specialist to track the client when they are reported missing.



If you believe Project Lifesaver could assist you or your family, please contact CPL Mark Bourgeois #488 at (301) 609-6233 or bourgeoism@ccso.us for more information.

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