



COMMUNITY DISPATCH

February 2023



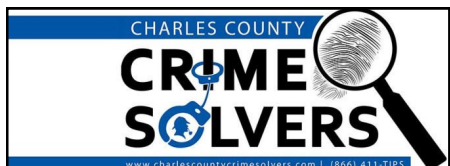
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

On January 10, 2023, The Charles County Sheriff's Office held its Citizens Advisory Council Meeting at the American Legion Post #82, in La Plata.

Members of the community met with Sheriff Troy Berry, their District Commanders assigned to their neighborhoods, as well as officers from the Community Engagement, Community Policing, and Traffic Operations Units. During this meeting, information was shared between our community members and the Sheriff's Office. Issues and concerns were identified, and plans to address them were planned. Gus Proctor and CPL Katie Bottorf #605 provided a presentation on the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Members of Charles County Crime Solvers, were also in attendance with us, to make this event another successful one. We appreciate everyone who was able to attend!



Business Watch

The Business Watch Program is designed to enhance communication between businesses and the Charles County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the Business Watch Program is to support businesses through proactive collaborative efforts to actively reduce and prevent crime impacting the business community. This is achieved by using communication, education, and enforcement.



Information regarding current crime trends and crime prevention tips are shared through an e-mail chain from the Charles County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement Unit to the business owners and business supervisor.

To register your business please contact Mr. Gus Proctor at proctora@ccso.us / 301-932-3080.

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Sarah Vaughn, Teen Court Coordinator

Did You Know?

The Charles County Sheriff's Office participates in several youth programs, to include our Teen Court Program.

Charles County Teen Court is a juvenile justice diversion program in which offenders, charged with misdemeanor criminal offenses, payable traffic citations, civil citations, and must appear traffic offenses, between the ages of 13 and 17 are judged by a jury of their peers and offered the opportunity to accept accountability for their minor crimes without having to incur a permanent record.

The program is designed to reduce the number of youth offenders and educate them in a realistic court environment. Teen Court also gives teens who are interested in the judicial system the opportunity to help their peers while gaining first hand knowledge of the court system, and offers adult volunteer opportunities as well.

Since Teen Court's establishment in March of 2001, over 3,000 cases have been heard. If interested, contact Ms. Vaughn: vaughans@ccso.us OR 301-609-3915/ 301-609-3915

Community Outreach

On January 12th, members of the Community Engagement Unit, Troopers with the Maryland State Police– La Plata Barrack and Lifestyles of Maryland, assisted Mission BBQ-Waldorf, with distributing food and supplies to our homeless residents.

Thank you to Mission BBQ for including us in this thoughtful initiative. #CCSOPRIDE



TAKE OUR COMMUNITY SURVEY



The Charles County Sheriff's Office is constantly looking for suggestions, input and feedback from our community, to help assist us with providing the best police service possible. Please scan the QR code to the left and complete a quick and easy survey. We look forward to hearing from you.

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MEET YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION



Captain Cari Baker #378

The Community Services Division welcomes its newly assigned Commander, Captain Cari Baker #378. Captain Baker joined the Charles County Sheriff's Office in 2002. During her 20 years of service, she has spent 8 years in our Criminal Investigation Division and 11 years in the Patrol Division, prior to her recent transfer. Captain Baker also spent one year in the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), and 12 years as a member/team leader/commander of our Hostage Negotiations Team. Captain Baker is also a founding member of Southern Maryland Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and current CIT Coordinator for CCSO. She is a Graduate of Northwestern University School of Police staff and Command School. After hours, Captain Baker enjoys traveling and spending time with her family.

Captain Baker is looking forward to managing the newly created Community Services Division in concert with the citizens of Charles County.



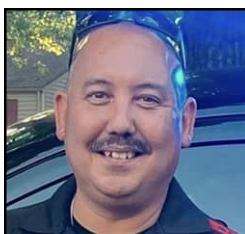
Lieutenant Bill Welch #303

Lieutenant William (Bill) Welch #303, is the Commander of the Community Relations Section under the Community Services Division. Lieutenant Welch is a 25 year veteran with the Charles County Sheriff's Office. He started his career as a Correctional Officer in 1997, and as a Police Officer in 1998. His passion for working with youths and community outreach reflects his career path and personal life. He spent 9 years working as a School Resource Officer (SRO) and an additional 4 years as the SRO Supervisor. After his promotion to Lieutenant, he continued his path as Commander of the Community Relations Section. For the past 28 years, Lt. Welch has enjoyed coaching youth football.

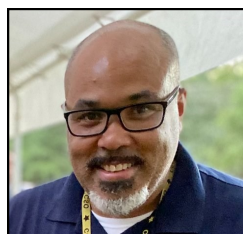
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNIT

The Community Engagement Unit, under the Community Relations Section, establishes and maintains close partnerships with leaders of the community, civic groups, religious groups, businesses, and the general public in regards to proactive and preventive measures to improve the quality of life. The Community Engagement Unit also organizes and participates in several community events, to include, but not limited to; Friday Night Lights and Siren (Block Party), National Night Out, Charles County Fair, CCSO Trunk or Treat, Charles County Shop With A Cop, and the Charles County Christmas Connection.

This unit conducts meetings and presentations with community members and groups for the betterment of their respective situations. These meetings and presentations include Home Owners Associations, Crime Watch Kick Off, Citizens Advisory Council Meetings, Neighborhood Watch, Project Lifesaver, Senior Safety, School/Daycare Safety, and Active Shooter.



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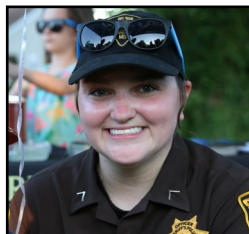
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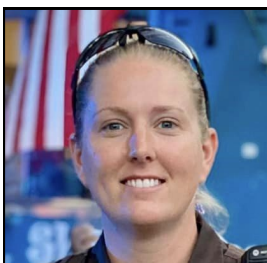
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COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES UNIT (COPS)

The Community Oriented Policing Services Unit (COPS), under the Community Relations Section, performs specialized uniform and plain clothes patrol duties with an emphasis on specific segments of the community. The Community Policing Program promotes preventive measures and safety tools within the neighborhoods in an effort to effectively reduce and deter criminal activity, improving the quality of life, and strengthening partnerships. Some of their duties include but aren't limited to; residential surveys, foot/bike patrols, traffic assignments, enforcement regarding ongoing complaints, high visibility patrols, attending HOA meetings, and acting as a main point of contact to help solve new and ongoing community issues.



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We look forward to seeing you
at the next Community Event!



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