



**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office  
Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2023**



**Meeting Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee: Approved**

**PRESENT:** Robert Carpenter, David Gorwitz, Jenny Joyner, Kristen Nelson, Stephen Roane, Tara Hassan Taylor (viz zoom)

**CHAIR:** D'Shawn Wright

**STAFF:** Sheriff Ron Montgomery, Chief Deputy Thomas West

**SECRETARY:** Dr. Linda Hutchinson

**ABSENT:** Melanie Bond-Artis, Amy Brown, Toni Chavis, Shana Gist, Beth Hoer, Krystyn Reid

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**1. Call to Order** – Mr. D'Shawn Wright called the meeting to order at 9:07am at the YPSO office. Mr. Wright called for the reading of the agenda by the secretary. Guest Gracyn Carpenter, daughter of Rob Carpenter, was welcomed.

**2. Report on the Sheriff's Forum March 22,2023**

Information was provided on YPSO community services with a focus on services for those with mental health challenges. The feedback was very positive. A recommendation was made for subsequent forums to focus on a theme. The results of a survey conducted at the conclusion of the forum requested that future forums address neighborhood patrols and school resource officers. A forum will be held in mid-summer. Prior to that another survey will be taken to assess which topics and/or themes should be discussed.

### **3. YPSO Updates: Sheriff Ron Montgomery and D'Shawn Wright**

On May 20, 2023 from 10:00am-2:00pm a Public Safety Health Day will be held at the Grafton High School/Middle School complex. The YC Fire Department, the YPSO, including YPSO canine officers, will participate.

The potential dangers to adolescents of social media and phone apps was emphasized. Although the FBI monitors apps, new ones provide a constant challenge. Having this be a topic for a future sheriff's forum will be seriously considered.

Mr. Wright attended CRASE (Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events) at the YPSO. The training emphasized the importance of being observant and aware, to recognize and trust our instincts rather than assuming the best.

Sheriff Montgomery will be the first candidate in York County to be on both the Democrat and Republican sample ballots in the November election. Sheriff Montgomery emphasized that the CAC is a non-partisan committee; therefore, he is not requesting or expecting committee involvement or endorsement. Deputy West stated that the CAC's responsibilities are to promote forums, bring opposing concerns and strong opinions to the YPSO.

At the Crime Stoppers conference at the Marriott on May 25, 2023 the York County Citizen of the Year award will be presented to D'Shawn Wright.

Other YPSO events were discussed, including the Sean Daugherty case.

4. Application Review: David Gorwitz

Five applications from Poquoson residents were reviewed. YPSO information officer Shelley Ward will notify Amanda Jensen of her selection.

5. **Adjournment:** D'Shawn Wright adjourned the meeting at 11am.