



**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2023**



Meeting Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee:

PRESENT: Amy Brown, Rob Carpenter, Toni Chavis (zoom), David Gorwitz, Beth Hoer (zoom), Jenny Joyner, Kristen Nelson (zoom), Eileen O'Brien, Stephen Roane, Tara Taylor

CHAIR: (D'Shawn Wright not in attendance), Jenny Joiner filled in

YPSO: Sheriff Ron Montgomery, Chief Deputy Thomas West, Lt. Damon Radcliffe

SECRETARY: Linda Hutchinson

BYLAWS & MEMBERSHIP: David Gorwitz

ABSENT: Melanie Bond-Artis, Shana Gist, Amanda Jensen, Krystyn Reid, D'Shawn Wright

Guests: Father Tim Luken of Five Loaves Food Pantry

AGENDA TOPICS

- 1. Call to Order - Jenny Joyner**, filling in for Chair D'Shawn Wright, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
- 2. YPSO Updates** - Sheriff Montgomery moderated discussions on upcoming events as well as giving York County updates. Jenny Joyner announced the Salvation Army Back-to-School Bash on August 26, 2023 from 10am-2pm at the Salvation Army center on 1033 Big Bethel Rd, Newport News. Donations can be delivered to Body by D Gym. Monetary donations can be gifted via check or electronically. Contact D'Shawn Wright or Jenny Joyner for more information.

The YPSO is participating in the Back-To-School event at Rivermeade/Yorktown Square Apartments on August 26, 2023 from 10am-2pm. Bikers Against Child Abuse will also be participating.

YPSO deputies are working with Bright Beginnings to take children shopping for back-to-school supplies.

The YPSO's new canine officer, a German Shepherd, has been named Nitro by a majority of responding YC citizens.

The YPSO is seeking to assist needy YC seniors. Approximately 160 seniors live alone and need assistance. A link to coordinate assistance through helping organizations is a very present need. The CAC could be instrumental in providing this link.

Citizens recently graduated from the Sheriff's Citizens' Academy and the Sheriff's Citizens' Academy for Youth.

Sheriff Ron Montgomery participated in a press conference at the Federal Building in Norfolk to announce the convictions for human trafficking of four individuals who owned and operated the York County based Magnolia Cleaning Services. Approximately 120 undocumented young women and children, ages 14-25, were forced to work extended hours and to live on the business premises. The Sheriff praised the Homeland Security Human Trafficking Task Force and the United States Attorney's Office for their teamwork that resulted in the successful outcome. As the investigation was based on a tip from a concerned county citizen, the Sheriff encouraged anyone with similar concerns to report them to the YPSO.

Three individuals were arrested for the shooting in Kiln Creek. A fourth individual has been identified and is being sought.

An arrest is imminent in the June 30 robbery at Royal Farms on GW Memorial Highway.

Stephen Roane on the Board of Supervisors answered questions about the proposed plan for a cruise line to come to Yorktown. It is a two-year pilot program that will have 3-5 trips per season. Costs to cover YPSO training, etc. have been requested of the state. The goal is for the results of those cruises to exceed the county's expenditures. Yorktown businesses support the program while some citizens show concern.

3. Guest – Father Tim Luken of Five Loaves Food Pantry

Five Loaves provides fresh perishable and shelf stable groceries and meat to over 1300 families in Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and York County. It is 100% volunteer supported, including many students from Grafton High School. Food markets provide 100% of the food stuffs and thus the non-profit does not conduct fund drives. The goal is simply to feed the hungry. It is the only food bank open to the public on Thanksgiving and other important holidays. Fr. Luken personally works with troubled individuals, in particular former felons, to assist them in reacclimating to the outside culture.

Note: Darrien Hines was unable to attend to speak on Restoration.

4. Membership – David Gorwitz

Mr. Gorwitz sent an email to the CAC listing the membership expiration dates of all members. Any member whose terms expires on December 31, 2023 should contact the Chair D'Shawn Wright if that person wishes to be reappointed. The Sheriff can reappoint members for additional two-year terms.

5. **Adjournment:** Jenny Joyner adjourned the meeting at 10:15am. The next CAC meeting will be Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 9am-10am.